

Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales
Swansea, Bridgend & Cardiff Groups

**“Growing the Future” at the National Botanic Garden, Llanarthne
Coach Outing, Saturday 20th July 2019**

The National Botanic Garden of Wales has embarked on a five-year project to champion Welsh horticulture, plants for pollinators, the protection of wildlife and the virtues of growing plants for food, fun, health and well-being – this is “Growing the Future.” Our visit, which should appeal equally to gardeners and naturalists, will give us an insight into some of the initiatives being carried out under this programme.

In the morning there will be two organised workshops / walks:

- (1) Looking at the role of Honeybees at the Botanic Garden, and
- (2) The Wildflowers of the Waun Las National Nature Reserve and the National Seed Bank of Wales project. **If there are sufficient numbers**, there will be a third workshop:
- (3) Gardening for Health and Wellbeing, including a tour of the Growing the Future garden, and some practical gardening advice.

For lunch you can either take your own picnic or make use of the restaurant on site.

The afternoon will be free time to explore as you wish. In addition to the established attractions the Botanic Garden now houses a Bird of Prey Centre and a Butterfly House. There is also an orchard growing a large collection of traditional Welsh apples, as well as extensive vegetable gardens which should be at their best when we visit.

- 1) Booking for the trip is essential. **Please use the form below, and return to Jane Morgan, Bridgend Group Treasurer, no later than 22nd June. Jane’s address is below and her telephone number is 01656 656113. The charge for the coach trip is £22 per person.**
- 2) This is a joint activity of the three Glamorgan Local Groups. The coach will pick up first on Longwood Drive in Cardiff, off Junction 32; then from Parc Slip; and finally from Lezzett’s café on the A48 near the entrance to Penllergare Gardens, Swansea.(see itinerary overleaf).
- 3) We will confirm your booking by e-mail or telephone, or by post if you provide s.a.e.

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To: Jane Morgan, 16 Protheroe Avenue, Penyfai, Bridgend CF31 4LU

Please reserve _____ places on the coach @ £22.00 per person for the outing on 20th July.

Total Enclosed £ _____

[Please make cheques payable to *Wildlife Trust of S&W Wales - Bridgend Group.*]

We will board the bus at **Cardiff, J32 M4 / Parc Slip / Lezzett’s café off J47**

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From: *name* _____ *address* _____

post code _____ *tel no.* _____

e-mail _____

Outing to National Botanical Garden (continued)

The coach price includes a tip for the coach driver and a group payment to the Botanical Garden.

The itinerary for the day will be as follows.

- 0820 Pick-up off Junction 32 (Coryton interchange). Leave cars on Longwood Drive, and wait there for the bus. [To reach Longwood Drive, leave the motorway interchange at the exit for “Superstore” and “Forest Farm”. Go past the mini-roundabout at the entrance to *Asda* and continue to Longwood Drive, where there is ample parking space.]
- 0900 Pick-up from Parc Slip
- 0925 Pick-up from the lay-by outside Lezzet’s café near J47 on the M4. [Lezzett’s café is a short distance from the entrance to Penllergare Valley Wood, on the A48 which runs from J47 on the motorway towards Llangyfelach.]
- 1030 - 1045 Arrival and welcome. Divide into two groups [three groups if numbers allow]
- Group 1
- 1050 - 1150 Honeybees at the Nat Bot Gdn
- 1155 – 1255 Waun Las NNR
- Group 2 as Group 1, but activities in reverse order.
- 1300 onwards Lunch and free time
- 1545 Depart Nat Bot Gdn
- 1630 (approx.) Arrive Lezzet’s café, near J47, Swansea
- 1700 (approx.) Arrive Parc Slip
- 1730 (approx.) Arrive Longwood Drive, near J32, Cardiff