

BOSLEY OPEN GARDENS

On Saturday and Sunday, the 4th and 5th September 2021, visitors headed to our pretty village for the Open Gardens event. This was the 4th time the village has held this popular attraction; 10 gardens were open to the public, of varying designs & sizes, each with its own individual interest and character. We had ponds & pagodas, orchards and bonsai, rows of vegetables and wildflowers.

Much tea & refreshments were consumed, plants & produce bought, and gardening knowledge shared and learnt! We were pleased that although the event had been postponed until September, that there was still lots of colour and interest in our gardens.

It was a great weekend, and much thanks goes to all our amazing hosts for been kind enough to open their gardens for the general public to wander around. They all worked hard to get the gardens looking their best, so "Thank you!" The weather was gorgeous for us and meant that we had over 140 people over the weekend and raised over £1200.

The proceeds will be used for the St. Mary's Church Improvements Project – we have already completed Phase 1 of the improvements – new kitchen & accessible toilets in an extension and a new heating boiler. Our further plans to enable the building to be used more as a Community Hall for the village include changes to the seating, flooring and new radiators. We shall also be investing in some projection and sound equipment to enhance the services and activities.

We now have several groups using the church for their weekly or monthly activities including Pilates, Crafts & Spinning, together with the Primary School having better access for their use too. Recent one-off events have also been held in the church now that we have the space and facilities to do so; a Harvest Supper & Auction and a Luncheon for COP26 visitors.