

**By becoming a Friend of York Gate you will be helping Perennial to preserve and develop this beautiful garden.**

**To set up today**

Please complete a form provided by the admissions office at the main entrance.

**To set up a direct debit via post or online**

Please either call us on **0113 267 8240** or visit **www.yorkgate.org.uk**

**Friends of York Gate Garden**

Help to preserve one of the country's most important small gardens for future generations and support people in horticulture.

Annual membership costs just £25 and admits you and a friend.

Friend of York Gate membership includes:

- Free entry into York Gate for you and a guest on all our public open days.
- Invitations to private Friends viewings for you and two guests.
- Advance information about special events at York Gate.
- Priority booking for Perennial's national special garden events.
- Twice yearly newsletter.

**Our 2019 Friends only garden viewings:**

<b>Monday 25 March</b> – 10.00am – 12.00pm <b>Private opening – Preview morning</b>
<b>Monday 20 May</b> – 10.00am – 12.00pm <b>Private opening - Spring into Summer</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 June</b> – 6.30pm – 9.00pm <b>Private summer evening viewing</b>
<b>Wednesday 26 June</b> – 6.30pm – 9.00pm <b>Private summer evening viewing</b>
<b>Monday 19 August</b> – 10.00am – 12.00pm <b>Private summer morning viewing</b>
<b>Monday 14 October</b> – 10.00am – 12.00pm <b>Private autumn morning viewing</b>

**Admission Details 2019**

**1 Apr – 30 Sept: Sun to Thurs 12.30pm – 4.30pm**

Groups are warmly welcomed by prior arrangement.

Free guided heritage tours around the garden run during busier times.

**Adults Standard £6.00 / Gift Aid £6.60**

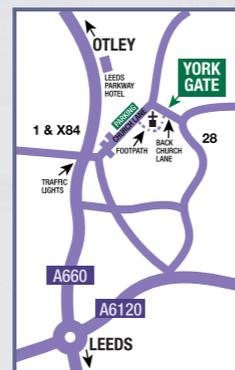
**Children (16 and under): Free**

To help us preserve its charm, the garden does not permit dogs, other than assistance dogs.

**Finding the garden**

York Gate Garden is just 15 minutes drive from Leeds city centre, within 30 minutes drive of Harrogate, Bradford and Ilkley and only 45 minutes from York.

The garden is 2¼ miles southeast of Bramhope, just off the A660. Please park in the lay-by opposite the church on Church Lane, then walk through the churchyard, and continue straight on with the church hall on your left. You will come out opposite York Gate Garden. Please do not walk along Back Church Lane itself as the road has no footpath.



**Bus Services**

**No.28 Leeds, Liberty Dock - Adel**

Stay on the no.28 until it terminates at the Adel village shop. Continue down the hill on foot until you get to Back Church Lane on your left. York Gate is 110m down there on the right. It is a pleasant 5 minute walk from the bus stop.

**No.1 Leeds Centre - Holt Park & No. X84 Leeds - Skipton**

Outside Davino Restaurant, alight at Otley Road, Lawnswood, Greenfield Court.

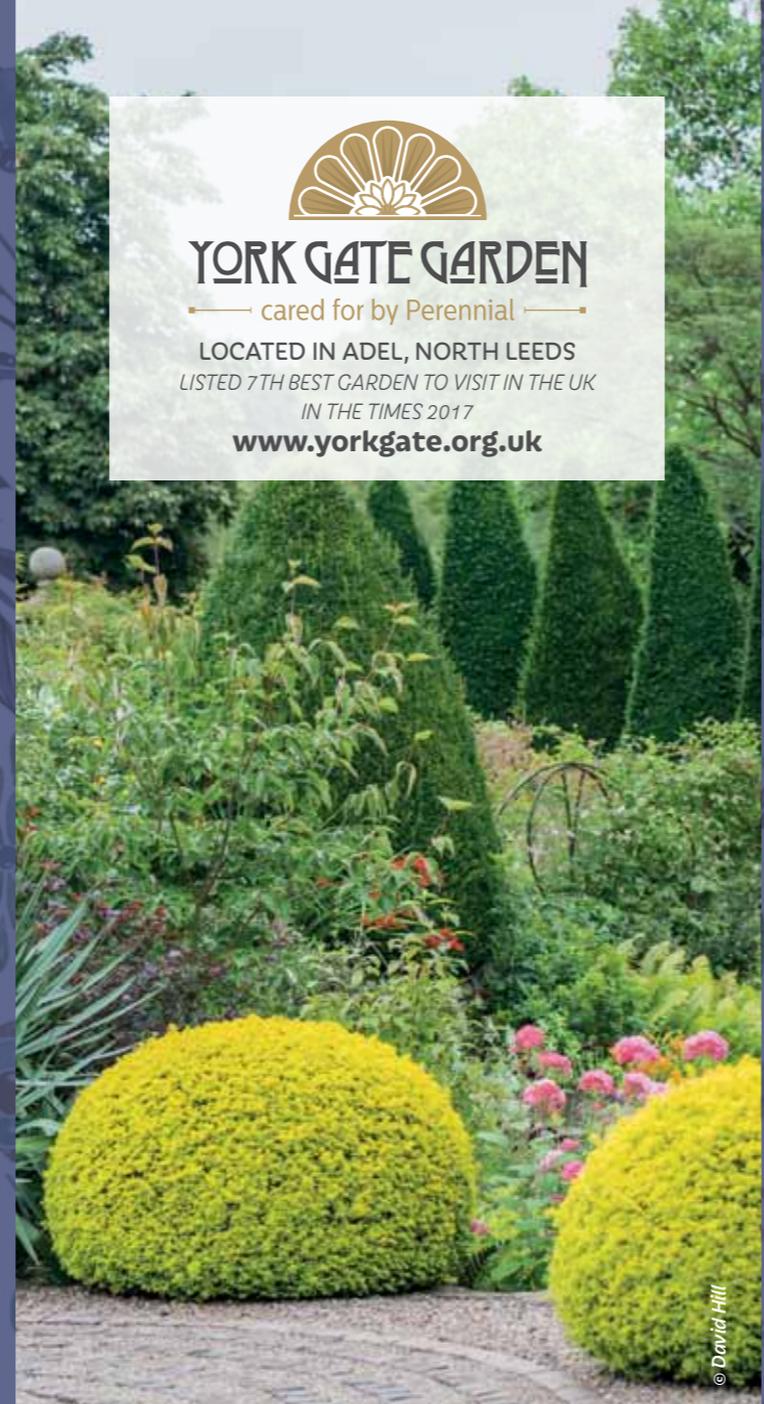
Walk south down Otley Road for 70m then turn left onto Church Lane and turn left again at the T junction.

When you see the church on your right, follow the path through the churchyard, and continue straight on with the church hall on your left. You will come out opposite York Gate garden.

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**York Gate Garden**

**York Gate is a one-acre garden created by the Spencer family between 1951 and 1994. Frederick and Sybil Spencer purchased the property in 1951 when their only son, Robin, was 17 years old. Until that time it had been a farm; initially they kept a small amount of livestock, but immediately they started to create a garden. The garden was laid out over a period of 30 years.**

Frederick Spencer laid down the bones of the garden but after his death in 1963, it was Robin who was largely responsible for its development. Robin was not trained in horticulture but had a flair for design which he combined with an inspired use of materials and plants.

The design of 'rooms' interlinked through a succession of vistas and executed with meticulous attention to detail owed much to the Arts and Crafts movement, but was created in an original way and complemented by Sybil's skills as a plantswoman. Unfortunately Robin died suddenly in 1982 at the age of 47. During the next twelve years Sybil cherished the garden, adding to the already considerable plant collection, without changing the overall layout.

In accordance with Sybil's wishes, on her death in 1994 York Gate was given to Perennial. Whilst acknowledging that some change is inevitable, the charity continues to maintain the garden in sympathy with the Spencers' design and strives to retain those qualities that make it so special.



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**Information about Perennial**

Perennial helps anyone who creates or maintains gardens, parks, sports facilities and other green spaces. Everyone working in or retired from all branches of horticulture is eligible for our range of free and confidential services, including one-to-one advice, support and financial assistance.

We have an experienced team of friendly, professional advisers who understand the challenges and financial pressures that people working across the industry can face. We offer a lifeline, delivering tailored financial, practical and personal support and advice directly to people in trouble. People we help have often experienced a life-changing event, for example serious injury, long-term illness, family bereavement, redundancy or family breakdown. Many people simply cannot afford to live on their regular wage and face no choice but plunging themselves into debt to supplement their income. Our team has the knowledge and experience to help through a whole range of issues and we will stay with them for as long as they need us.

Perennial believes no-one should be denied help simply because they do not know how to access it and during 2019 we want to reach more people in horticulture than ever before.

**Perennial and York Gate**

On Sybil Spencer's death in 1994, the garden was bequeathed to Perennial, so that it could continue to live on and be enjoyed by the garden-loving public.

This generous gift allowed the Spencer family legacy to live on, and has provided the charity a direct means to help people in horticulture with apprenticeship schemes and training. All whilst increasing awareness of Perennial so we can help more people.

Since 1994 Perennial has overseen new developments and growth at York Gate. In 2019 there are big plans, including: new garden rooms, a larger tearoom, a new car park and plant nursery.

If you need help or know someone who does please call **0800 093 8543**.

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## Tea Room

Treat yourself to afternoon tea or a light lunch in the tea room. You will be seated in what was once Sybil Spencer's drawing and dining room, with delightful views of the garden.

Our cakes are fresh, homemade delights, created by our talented catering manager. Service in the tea room is run by a wonderful team of volunteers. The tea room is open during garden opening hours.



## Volunteers

York Gate's team of garden volunteers assist the professional horticultural team with weekly jobs, and play a huge role in maintaining the garden's immaculate presentation so you always have the chance to see it at its very best. Our amazing team of volunteers are passionate and knowledgeable about the garden and its history. They will welcome you at the admissions desk, shop, tea room, plant sales area, and at busier times, will give guided history tours of the garden.

If you would like to join the tea room volunteers, we are recruiting throughout 2019. Please contact: [yorkgate@perennial.org.uk](mailto:yorkgate@perennial.org.uk)

## Shop

We have a beautiful range of gifts from the Perennial online shop, as well as locally produced gifts and our own York Gate range. Volunteers run the shop and are also on hand for advice and assistance.

## Nursery

The plant nursery is located through the Nut Walk (no.8 on map) and offers a selection of plants for sale, all grown on site by our Head Gardener and team.

## Wildflower Meadow

The traditional wildflower meadow is open for families to enjoy the wilder areas of York Gate. Mown paths lead you through the tall grass, interspersed with winter flowering fruit trees with the ancient Adel woods as your backdrop. Swathes of pignut take hold in May, followed by knapweed, vetches and achillea throughout the summer.



## The Young Ones

We love to see children of all ages enjoying the garden. Help spark their interest by picking up a garden quiz, or an i-spy sheet at the admissions desk.

## Field Classroom

Hire our purpose built event space with full projection, audio and basic kitchen facilities included. Seats approximately 30 people theatre style.

## Contact us

**York Gate, Back Church Lane, Leeds LS16 8DW**  
**T: 0113 267 8240 E: [yorkgate@perennial.org.uk](mailto:yorkgate@perennial.org.uk)**  
**W: [www.yorkgate.org.uk](http://www.yorkgate.org.uk)**

York Gate Garden is compact and easy to get around, however narrow gravel paths make most of the garden unsuitable for wheelchairs. Please get in touch if you have any questions about access.

## Stay Social with the Garden

### York Gate Garden

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Trip Advisor: York Gate Garden Perennial Charity



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| 1 Driveway      | 8 Nutwalk – Plant sales | 15 White & Silver Garden |
| 2 Pavement Maze | 9 Sybil's Garden        | 16 Kitchen Garden        |
| 3 Old Orchard   | 10 Canal Garden         | 17 Paved Garden          |
| 4 Arbour        | 11 Fern Border          | 18 Front Garden          |
| 5 Pinetum       | 12 Herb Garden          | 19 Tea Room              |
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3 Old Orchard



7 Folly



8 Nutwalk



9 Sybil's Garden



10 Canal Garden



14 Sundial

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# Marek & Ann Marie's Story

**Marek worked as a tree surgeon and conservation manager at a golf course. He had a young family, with a baby on the way. Marek fell from a tree while helping a friend at the weekend. His fall resulted in a severe brain injury and a medically induced coma.**

In our short film, available to watch on the Perennial website, his partner, Ann Marie, talks about how the family was supported by Perennial - a charity she had previously never heard of - helping with financial arrangements and navigating the benefits system, as well as being there for emotional support.

Watch now at [perennial.org.uk/marek](http://perennial.org.uk/marek)

*"They were like cuddly arms, giving you a big hug and taking away all the pressure of everything else that you have to deal with to survive. I can live this life day in day out as we are, but they're in the background there, so if I ever feel that I need some guidance, I've got them there as support"*

Ann Marie, Marek's partner

## Please help us spread the word....

**Perennial is the only UK charity dedicated to helping all people working in or retired from the horticulture industry and their families.**

We want everyone who works in the horticulture industry to know Perennial is there for them, offering free and confidential advice and support when times get tough. Below are the contact details for our services team.

**Please add a Perennial contact in your phone** and pass it on to as many horticulturists as possible; you never know if they or their friends may need us in the future.

**General Advice line: 0800 093 8543**  
**Debt Advice line: 0800 093 8546**  
**[services@perennial.org.uk](mailto:services@perennial.org.uk)**