



PRESS RELEASE

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RHS Garden Bridgewater celebrates its third anniversary by extending Free Entry Tuesdays for Salford Residents

Salford residents are invited to enjoy another year of free Tuesday entry to RHS Garden Bridgewater, as the RHS celebrates its third anniversary by extending the popular scheme until May 2025.



Since the Worsley garden opened in May 2021, more than 61,000 Salfordians have taken advantage of the free entry day to explore the 154-acre grounds and garden centre. In total, RHS Bridgewater has welcomed more than 1.4 million visitors and thousands of local schoolchildren have benefitted from its green learning resources.

Situated beside the Bridgewater Canal, the former Victorian estate has been transformed into a series of stunning formal gardens, surrounded by extensive woodlands and lovely lakeside walks. It represents one of the largest horticultural projects undertaken in Europe in recent years.

Richard Green, Head of RHS Garden Bridgewater said: “Over the last three years, the RHS’s fifth national garden has gone from strength to strength. Our extensive formal gardens, meadows, woodland and orchard are looking better than ever, and the introduction of the Music Pavilion in the Chinese Streamside Garden looks simply brilliant.

“I am particularly delighted that nearly a quarter of Salford people have enjoyed a free visit here since we opened. It is great that we have been welcomed with open arms by our city neighbours and we hope many more local residents will take advantage of the free Tuesday entry over the next year.”

Salford City Council, which invested £19 million in the garden project, are delighted the free entry scheme has been extended by another year.

Mayor Paul Dennett said: “RHS Bridgewater goes from strength to strength, and it is fantastic news that free Tuesdays for Salford residents has been confirmed and continuing for another 12 months.

“Local people have really connected with the garden, and I would urge anybody who has not been to take a visit to this great asset on their doorstep, which can be accessed on the RHS Greenway on foot or by bike.

“I would encourage any Salford resident who has not been to take advantage of free Tuesdays and make a visit.”

Entry to RHS Garden Bridgewater usually costs £15.85 for adults and £7.95 for children (age 5-16). RHS members and guests can enter for free. Until 18 May 2025, entrance is free for Salford residents every Tuesday. Pre-booking is required and proof of address for each resident must be shown on arrival.

Anyone arriving car-free on public transport is entitled to a 30% discount on the normal entry ticket. The X50 bus service now provides a direct half hourly daytime connection from central Manchester via Imperial War Museum North and the Trafford Centre to RHS Bridgewater. This will operate throughout the summer until 29 September.

For more information, including how to book and ticket prices, visit:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/bridgewater>

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About the RHS

Since our formation in 1804, the RHS has grown into the UK’s leading gardening charity, touching the lives of millions of people. Perhaps the secret to our longevity is that we’ve never stood still. In the last decade alone we’ve taken on the largest hands-on project the RHS has ever tackled by opening RHS Garden Bridgewater in Salford, Greater Manchester, and invested in the science that underpins all our work by building RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science.

We have committed to being net positive for nature and people by 2030. We are also committed to being truly inclusive and to reflect all the communities of the UK.

Across our five RHS gardens we welcome more than three million visitors each year to enjoy over 34,000 different cultivated plants. Events such as the world famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show, other national shows, our schools and community work, and partnerships such as Britain in Bloom, all spread the shared joy of gardening to wide-reaching audiences.

Throughout it all we’ve held true to our charitable core – to encourage and improve the science, art and practice of horticulture –to share the love of gardening and the positive benefits it brings.

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