

**GARDEN OUTINGS GROUP VISIT TO
ACORN BANKS GARDEN IN CUMBRIA**

Wednesday, 2nd September 2026

September's outing (the final outing of the year) is to Acorn Banks Garden which is a National Trust property situated in Temple Sowerby, near Penrith in Cumbria. We have been to Acorn Banks about two years ago but it was a day that the heavens opened and it rained constantly all day. Hopefully, we will be lucky this time!

The garden is very beautiful in the summer months consisting of a lily border which leads to the orchard which is overflowing with colour and bursting with fragrance at this time of year. There are highly fragrant shrub roses outside the dovecote and you can find climbing and rambling rose varieties in the walled garden. Also discover sweetpeas, jasmine, Virginia creeper, climbing Hydrangea, wisteria and chocolate vine amongst other plants. There is a lily pond and orchards to explore and there is a working watermill only a short walk away from the main garden.

Two 16 seater mini buses are available for this outing which will pick up behind Costa Coffee in Seaham Harbour at 10.00 a.m. As Acorn Banks does not have refreshments available on Wednesdays we will be stopping for 'brunch/snack' at a farm shop on the A66 on the way over. After visiting Acorn Banks we will spend some time in Penrith again to have refreshments, do some shopping or just having a stroll.

The cost of the outing is £35 (National Trust Members will get in free therefore, they will only pay the £24 for transport). We will be taking names for this trip at the monthly meeting at the end of June and the full amount must be made at the monthly meeting at the end of July.

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