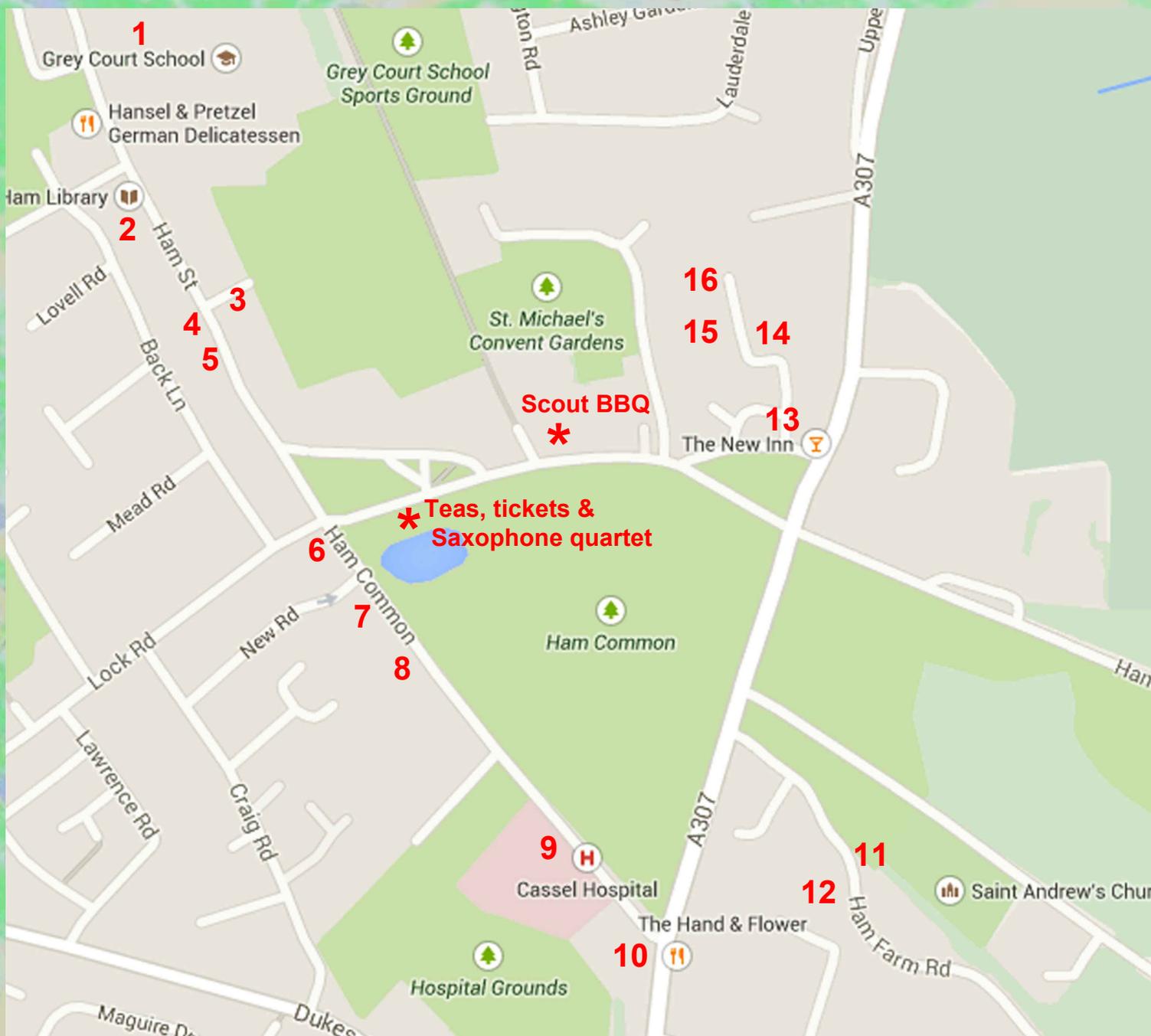


# Ham Open Gardens

Sunday 19 th May, 1- 5 pm

Garden locations:



1. Grey Court School Allotment and Grounds
2. Ham Library and Butterfly Garden, Ham St
3. Evelyn Rd Nos 12, 13 and School Cottage
4. Stokes House Ham St
5. Bench House, Ham St
6. 26 Ham Common: **first opening**
7. The Little House, Ham Common
8. Flax Cottage, Ham Common
9. The Sanctuary Garden at The Cassel, Ham Common
10. The Gate House Garden
11. 4, Ham Farm Road
12. 11, Ham Farm Road: **first opening**
13. 68, Ham Common
14. 29 Bishops Close
15. 13 & 14 Bishops Close
16. 19, Bishops Close

1. **GREY COURT SCHOOL GROUNDS, Ham Street:** The Community Allotment at Grey Court is now well established with excellent raised beds, a fruit cage and recycled lorry tires. It has been the starting point for judging Ham and Petersham in London in Bloom 2017 and 18 and the RHS Britain in Bloom 2018. The allotment and its presenter, one of the students and Mary Pitteway were highly acclaimed. The allotment was an essential part of the campaigns and rated as inspirational. The allotment is cared for by SEN students at the school and volunteers from the community. Volunteers are always welcome.
2. **HAM LIBRARY BIRD AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN, Ham Street:** The Bird & Butterfly Garden was established by Ham United Group in 2008 and later extended to include a mini-orchard of apple trees, a tree seat, and stag beetle logger. It was extended again to reference Ham House with the topiary and planter, and Richmond Park with an ornamental loggery. It is also regarded as a great feature in the "In Bloom" campaigns and is cared for by volunteers.
3. **EVELYN ROAD:** You can read the interesting history of Evelyn Rd on the walls of Nos 1 and 9. Visit the superb smaller gardens at Number 12 and 15 and the mystery garden belonging to School Cottage the elevated box hedge and balls
4. **STOKES HOUSE, Ham Street:** Open the doors to find a large walled garden with mature trees, ancient mulberries, and wisteria. There are abundant herbaceous borders, roses, clematis and unusual perennials with box and yew hedging, a formal brick garden and a wild garden. A happy hedgehog has lived in this garden keeping slugs and snails under control for 6 years.
5. **BENCH HOUSE, Ham Street:** "Often the sun is in our garden when it seems dark outside. Then, when you open the gate it seems as if you are coming into another world. People have thought of it as a place of magic-a secret garden".
6. **26 HAM COMMON (first opening):** This garden flows and extends life inside the house outside in a seamless way. English flowers with influences from Africa and Asia. Summer colours are bright and it is flooded with flowers until the end of October. The property was part of the old Malt house which may have affected the soil hence the decking and plenty of pots.
7. **THE LITTLE HOUSE, Ham Common:** The house was built circa 1780. This peaceful garden has recently been renovated and continues to develop including the restoration of the conservatory. Enter in New Road
8. **FLAX COTTAGE, Ham Common:** The house was called Flax Cottage because, apparently, there was a field of flax in the back garden area. The garden is at its best in late spring with predominantly grey, blue and mauve flowers. "I have retained the original shape but created a wild area at the bottom and formality and structure elsewhere. It's a haven".
9. **THE CASSEL HOSPITAL, Ham Common:** Originally a late 18th Century house known as Morgan House with 10 acres of grounds and wonderful mature trees. The building was bought by the Cassel Foundation in 1947 and is a psychotherapeutic community. The Sanctuary garden designed by Tom Massey was exhibited at the Hampton Flower 2017. Intriguing spiral paths lead into the centre of this garden as they intersect beds of colourful planting that create appealing plant combinations between grasses and perennials. A central area behind a bamboo screen creates a sense of calm from the turmoil of the world outside
10. **GATE HOUSE GARDEN, Ham Common:** Situated at the corner of Ham Common the garden is owned by Ham Amenities Group. It is maintained by Ham Amenities Group helped by local contractor Martin Russell-Jones.
11. **4 HAM FARM ROAD:** In August 2014 the garden was overshadowed by large Leylandii, the lawn was in a very bad state and shrubs lacked water and sunlight. Since the removal the trees, the lawn has dramatically improved and the existing shrubs, well-pruned have thrived. There are TPOs on a rare Irish Yew and Norwegian Maples. Perennials such as lupins, delphiniums, lavenders and grasses support the focus on white, blues and purples. Bamboos, acers and a stone and water feature establish Japanese influence to the side of the house. "The garden has been a steep learning curve for us but we feel we have now put our own stamp on it"
12. **11 HAM FARM ROAD (first opening):** A secluded and quiet south facing family garden with enough lawn for children's games and secluded places and chairs for adult inactivity. A mixture a shrubs and herbaceous for easy upkeep. Best in Spring and early summer.
13. **68 HAM COMMON:** From 2007-17 this amazing garden won 10 gold medals in Richmond and London in Bloom, the London Garden Society and was awarded the Richmond and Twickenham Times Trophy. Please walk around the outside of the garden to view clearly from the pavement
14. **29 BISHOPS CLOSE:** A small L shaped garden, with lawn and paving, including a pond and around nine beautiful mature acers and other unusual trees.
15. **13 & 14 BISHOPS CLOSE:** The back gardens from two maisonettes are joined into a single family garden. Designed in 2007, with a central lawn, borders, a small fountain and beds with a mix of flowers and shrubs for all year round interest.
16. **19 BISHOPS CLOSE:** This is a relatively new garden. The hard landscaping was completed in November 2015. "I started planting up in the Spring of 2016. I love herbaceous plants and shrubs and adore clematis of which I have quite a few. My roses will take a few more years to get established. I enjoy taking cuttings and sowing seeds to increase my plant base".