Plant Heritage Speakers List 2011

Plant Heritage (National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens) was founded in 1978 and today manages in excess of 650 National Plant Collections. These collections are grown and conserved by botanic gardens, National Trust and English Heritage properties, nurseries and private individuals, in their home, garden or allotment. This diversity makes Plant Heritage a unique organisation; it is the only one of its type in the world. We are fortunate to reside in a geographical location with a temperate climate where a considerable proportion of the world's flora can be grown. Over the centuries, scientists, botanists and gardeners have introduced new plants which have then been grown in our gardens. Today we hold an amazing library of plants.

Growing and conservation of these plants is only part of a National Plant Collection Holder's role. All possess a detailed knowledge of their subject. The variety of topics on offer extends from an overview of the work of Plant Heritage to a specific National Plant Collection or collections. We hope you will find this directory helpful in preparing your meetings and events offering an insight into our rich and diverse plant heritage.

NCH- National Collection Holder
Schools /FE (Further Education)/HE (Higher Education)/Clubs/Prof (Professional) - Will talk to the indicated types of audience.

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Talks
NPC Juno Iris. Alpines, dwarf bulbs, propagation, gardens and digital photography

Equipment needed
Screen

Fees
£60 standard, £100 conference

Travel
25p per mile

Distance
UK/International

Availability
Evenings and weekends

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
N	N	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Iris (subgenus Scorpiris)

Title
Mr

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Anderson

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County
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Talks
Exbury Gardens, Chile, Trees (including Nyssa & Oxydendrum colls) & Shrubs, 3 Gulf Stream Gardens, Australia & Tasmania and many others

Equipment needed
Screen, extension lead, table

Fees
Please check

Travel
Depends on distance

Distance
Nationwide & Ireland

Availability
Any time

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Nyssa & Oxydendrum, trained at NBG Glasnevin and RBG Kew

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County
Surrey

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Talks
Gooseberry, Red & White Currants, Collection & Cultivation

Equipment needed
Screen

Fees
£80

Travel
30p per mile

Distance
Within 60 miles of Wisley, further considered

Availability
November - April

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Ribes rubrum & R. uva-crispa

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Last Name
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Lancashire

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Talks
Arisaema, Larger Fungi

Equipment needed
Screen, projector stand or table

Fees
£50

Travel
20p per mile

Distance
UK

Availability
Anytime

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs
Y

Prof

Notes
NCH Arisaema

Title
Mr

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Last Name
Bailes

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Corybas, 21 Highfield, Northam, Bideford, EX39 1BB

County
Devon

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Work Phone

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Talks
Pedigree Plants: Dogwoods (Cornus) in the garden. Not just for Christmas: Hollies (Ilex) for the year-round garden.

Equipment needed
Screen and projector stand

Fees
£100 - £250 depending on distance

Travel
40p/mile, subsistence at cost

Distance
Nationwide and overseas

Availability
Year round

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes

Title
Mr

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County
Dumfries & Galloway

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Talks
Trees and Shrubs;Collecting in Turkey & Chile; Logan Botanic Garden

Equipment needed
Screen

Fees
Please check

Travel
Yes

Distance
Nationwide

Availability
Please check

Schools
N

FE/HE
N

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Leptospermum, Griselinia & Gunnera, Curator Logan Botanic Garden; ex-lecturer in Horticulture

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Merseyside

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Talks
Bromeliads: Liverpool Botanical Collection

Equipment needed
Screen

Fees
£70 minimum

Travel
35p/mile

Distance
National

Availability
On request

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes

Title
Mr

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Chris

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Talks
Spring Flowerin gof Crete;Bulb hunting in the Western Cape; Plant hunting in the Drakensburg; Winter in Madeira; Northern Portugal;Herbaceous Plants for Shade, Autumn/Winter interest etc; NPC Rhodohypoxis

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£60

Travel
Dependant on distance

Distance
Most areas

Availability
Dependant on distance

Schools
N

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Rhodoxis & x Rhodoxis, 25 years in nursery business,12 years with East Devon Parks, 3 years as Superintendat RHS Rosemoor

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Martin

Last Name
Blow

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Cheshire

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Talks
Heleniums - Culture, History and Use. Hemerocallis - Culture, History and Use. Late Blooming Perennials. Using Hot Colours in the Garden.

Equipment needed
Electricty supply

Fees
£60 further distances by quote

Travel
25p/mile (current prices)

Distance
Normally 1 hour travel, futher by quote

Availability
March to October

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes
NCH Helenium cvs.

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Mr

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Mike

Last Name
Brown

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County
Oxon

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Talks
All aspects of Clematis culture

Equipment needed
none

Fees
£95

Travel
35p per mile

Distance
100 mile radius of Oxford

Availability
Widely

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Clematis (herbaceous), 40 years of growing clematis

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Mike

Last Name
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County
Staffs

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Talks
Hellebores- species & hybrids, distribution, biology, propagation etc

Equipment needed
data projector for laptop/pc

Fees
£20 per hour

Travel
Mileage charge

Distance
West Midlands

Availability
By appt, but plant samples only
Feb-April

Schools
N

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
N

Notes
NCH Helleborus spp. BSc, PGCE, MMEDSCi. Teacher for 32 years

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Carter

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County
Devon

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Talks
National Collections of Caltha, Ranunculus ficaria, Water iris, and Polygonum, Gardening with Water, My favourite plants

Equipment needed
projector screen and stand

Fees
£250

Travel
20p per mile, but negotiable over long distances

Distance
within 250 miles of Devon

Availability
Not winter

Schools
Y

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Caltha, Iris (fulva, pseudacorus, versicolor, virginica & laevigata cvs.), nurseryman, Ex-president of Devon NCCPG, author of 'Water in a Small Garden' for RHS, lecturing for 20 years

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Dr

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Simon

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Charlesworth

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County
Kent

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07956 101252

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Talks
NPC Lavender and all aspects of lavender growing, showing, cultvation, distillation and breeding

Equipment needed
2 tables (6ft x 2ft)

Fees
£80

Travel
40p per mile

Distance
South East

Availability
Sept - March

Schools
Y

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Lavandula (Scientific)

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Barry

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County
Hants

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Talks
The role of PH, NPC Rubus, NPC Asclepidaceae, Hillier Gardens, Propagation, Trees & Shrubs

Equipment needed
Screen

Fees
£60

Travel
if local no charge, dep on distance

Distance
Hants, Wilts, Dorset

Availability
Evenings/Weekends

Schools
Middl

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Rubus and Asclepias & Gomphocarpus, Propagation Officer for Hillier Gardens

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Cox

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County
Perthshire

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Talks
Rhododendrons & Azaleas. Woodland Gardening. Riddle of the Tsangpo Gorges. Scotland for Gardeners.

Equipment needed
PowerPoint computer, remote control, large wide screen

Fees
£100 plus travel

Travel

Distance
Worldwide

Availability
Anytime

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes
Kenneth is an experienced lecturer on rhododendrons, horticulture and exploration and has lectured in the UK, Europe, USA, Australia and New Zealand. He is managing director of the family firm Glendoick Gardens Ltd in

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County
Herts

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Talks
For the Love of Thyme (what is involved in having a NPC), Thymes for the Garden, Thyme in the wild; Thymus nomenclature & research; Thyme in Beijing; Herbs in the Garden; The Garden in Autumn and Winter; Plants for the Summer Border

Equipment needed
Large screen

Fees
from £70 with plants for sale, without plants- by arrangement

Travel
45p per mile

Distance
50 miles, other by arrangements

Availability
By arrangement

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Thymus, (Scientific), Hyssopus and Satureja, backgarden nursery LW Plants, experienced
garden photographer, author of The Thyme Handbook, International Thymus

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County
Worcestershire

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Talks
Ivies in the Garden; Broadleaved Evergreens; In the Footsteps of EH Wilson (China); Plants and People on the Roof of the World (Tibet); Aucuba Adventures in Japan (or 80 Years a Virgin); Old plants, New plants, who cares?.

Equipment needed
Table for computer and Digital Projector or 12 ft table for live specimens

Fees
£45

Travel
25p/mile

Distance
80 mile radius

Availability
By appointment

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes
NCH Aucuba

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Mr

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Raymond

Last Name
Evison

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CI

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Talks
Clematis, The role of PH on Guernsey

Equipment needed
Slide projector or powerpoint

Fees
£300 per talk

Travel
expenses + accom if needed

Distance
Worldwide

Availability
Throughout

Schools
N

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Clematis, VMH, OBE. Multiple Gold Medal winner at Chelsea, Vice President of the RHS

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County
Gloucs

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Talks
Flowers flamboyant to demure; North American Plants in British Gardens; Mediterranean plants in our gardens; The hidden world of pollen grains; Trees, shrubs & climbers;Trilliums & the woodland plants of N America;Travelling for plants in S America;+ more

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£60-£100 negotiable

Travel
30p per mile. 25p per mile over 50 miles

Distance
Anywhere in UK if accomodation offered for journeys over 100

Availability
Throughout the year by arrangement

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
N	Y	Y	Y

Notes
29 years at RBG Kew, retiring as Deputy Keeper of the Herbarium and Head of the Pollen Unit; Collections Coordinator for Gloucestershire, member of Plant Conservation Committee

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Mrs & Mr

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Pat & Robin

Last Name
Fisher

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County
S Wales

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Talks
History of the Florists' Auricula, Border Auriculas

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£45

Travel
over 20 miles- £20-30

Distance
Mid & South Wales, borders and sometimes Sout West England

Availability
Most evenings, occasional Saturday

Schools
N

FE/HE
N

Clubs
Y

Prof
N

Notes
NCH Primula auricula (Border), Member of National Primula & Auricula Soc

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Mrs

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Fox

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County
Cheshire

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Talks
Starting the Nursery and Life as a Child on a Nursery; Heuchera, Heucherella & Tiarella; Shows and the Heucheras; The Road to Chelsea Gold; Heuchera Heucherella and Tiarella a beginners guide; Plus others. Nursery visits £5/head.

Equipment needed
2 tables for plant sale if required

Fees
£70

Travel
30p/mile

Distance
Anywhere as long as costs are covered

Availability
October - November, February-March

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes
NCH Heuchera, x Heucherella

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Cambriddgeshire

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Talks
Plant Heritage and its National Plant Collections. The History, Plants and Features of Madingly Hall Garden. The West Coast Gardens of Scotland

Equipment needed
Screen, projector stand, extension lead, table

Fees
£60

Travel
40p/mile

Distance
60 mile radius of Cambridge

Availability
Evenings and weekends by arrangement

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes

Title
Mr

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Andrew

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Gaunt

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County
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Talks
International and EC trade in plants; Quarantine Plant Pests & Diseases, eradication and containment; Hedychium spp. all aspects

Equipment needed

Fees
Generally none

Travel

Distance
Sussex, Hampshire, Derbyshire- other areas by agreement

Availability
Hedychium spp
Evenings/weekends, Plant

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Hedychium; FERA Plant Health & Seeds Inspector,

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County
Norfolk

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Talks
A gardner's guide to Crocus; Flora Helvetica; From the Mountain to the Garden

Equipment needed

Fees
£40 upwards depending on size of audience

Travel
25p/mile petrol; rail/air at cost

Distance
Anywhere

Availability
Anytime by arrangement

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes
NC Crocus

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Talks
Abbotsbury SubTropical Gardens, past present and future; Exotic plants, travels and people of Borneo; Adventure plant hunting in the Chilean Andes; The wild flowers of Crete; Travels,plants and culture of Northern India; Tropical St Lucia.

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£90-150 depending on audience size

Travel
30p/mile. Accommodation if needed

Distance
Worldwide

Availability
Throughout the year

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
N	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Hoheria, Curator Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens

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Janine

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Harland

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CI

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Talks
Cordylines, culinary herbs

Equipment needed
Projector screen, power point capable

Fees
Depends on location

Travel
expenses

Distance
Channel Islands

Availability
Any time

Schools
Y

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Cordyline, BSc, MSc.

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Mr

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Steve

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Hickman

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County
South Yorkshire

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Talks
Cultivation and Propagation of Agapathus and Tulbaghia, National Collection Holder of both genera

Equipment needed

Fees
£50

Travel
40p/mile

Distance
Widely

Availability
Anytime

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes
NCH Agapanthus, Tulbaghia

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Talks
Belsay Gardens

Equipment needed
None

Fees
Entry to site + £5 per head

Travel
at Belsay only

Distance
none

Availability
Mon-Sun 1100-1400

Schools
Y

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Iris (series spuriae) Head Gardener

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County
Notts

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Talks
Catasetinae

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£30

Travel
expenses

Distance
UK

Availability
Most days

Schools
N

FE/HE
N

Clubs
orchi

Prof
N

Notes
NCH Catasetinae

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Mr

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County
Shropshire

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Talks
Carnivorous Plants

Equipment needed
Tables, power supply

Fees
£50

Travel
30p per mile

Distance
Shropshire, West Midlands,Worcestershire,

Availability
Evenings and weekends

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs
Y

Prof

Notes
NCH Dionaea, Sarracenia spp. & hybrids

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Talks
Fuchsia species, Flora of the Andes, Botanising in the Andes

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£50

Travel
30p per mile and accomodation if needed

Distance
Any distance

Availability
Most days

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs
Y

Prof

Notes
NCH Fuchsia spp.

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Cheshire

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Talks
Discovering New World Orchids; Orchid Hunting in Ecuador; How to get an orchid Pregnant; Orchids - Hobby or Obsession?; Introduction to Orchids & my National Collection; Masdevallias & some other Pleurothallids; James Bateman, his peers and his orchids.

Equipment needed
None

Fees
50

Travel
expenses

Distance
UK & Europe

Availability
Any time

Schools
Y

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Pleurothallidinae (Scientific). Author of "Discovering New World Orchids". Many articles published

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County
Flintshire

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Talks
Creating a hardy Fuchsia collection; Fuchsias in general

Equipment needed
A good audience!

Fees
Donation to Alzheimers Research Trust

Travel
£5 per 40 miles

Distance
100 miles each way

Availability
not the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Fuchsia (hardy), 35 years growing and showing Fuchsias

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Mrs

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Jan

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Miller

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County
Flintshire

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Talks
Gardening for Butterflies; Eupatoriums; Natural Dye Plants; Work of Butterfly Conservation; Wildlife Gardening

Equipment needed
Wall, tables for plants, books and leaflets

Fees
£35 + travel`

Travel
Dependant on distance

Distance
North Wales and Cheshire but can travel further

Availability
Any time

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Eupatorium, Volunteer for Butterfly Conservation, Garden Designer, Writer

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Talks
Acanthus;Propagation; Primulas & Auriculas

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£60

Travel
30p per mile

Distance
Any

Availability
By arrangement

Schools
N

FE/HE
N

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Acanthus, in horticulture all his working life. Hillivew Hardy Plants (RHS Partnership Nursery)

Title
Mr

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Neil

Last Name
Munro

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County
Warks

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Talks
What the Seed Library does; Saving seed from Vegetables; General organic gardening

Equipment needed
White area for projecting on

Fees
Variable according to audience and time

Travel
40p/mile first 100 miles and 25p thereafter

Distance
Midlands but negotiable

Availability
Any time

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Heritage Seed Library; Seed collection of rare vegetable vars. supplied through a membership scheme.

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Mrs

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County
Co Durham

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Talks
Polemoniums; the National Collection of over 70 different kinds. Plant Hunting in Colorado. Others on request

Equipment needed

Fees
£35

Travel
P.O.A.

Distance
Contact us

Availability
Contact us

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes
NCH Hakonechloa, Polemonium, Collomia, Gilia & Leptodactylon

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Tom

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Oliver

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County
Heref

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Talks
Pyrus communis- Perry Pears, Production and Tasting Cider and Perry

Equipment needed
Glasses

Fees
£50 + sample costs

Travel
30p per mile and accommodation if applicable

Distance
Any

Availability
When available

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
N	N	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Pyrus (perry pears),

Title
Mr

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Roger

Last Name
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County
Sussex

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Talks
National Collection of Sweet Peas and other Lathyrus. Various sweet pea talks including: general; history; exhibiting; garden decoration; beginners

Equipment needed
Screen or suitable wall. Two large tables for seed/plant sales

Fees
£50

Travel
By negotiation

Distance
Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire, further by negotiation

Availability
September to April

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes
NCH Lathyrus

Title
Mr & Mrs

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Peter & Jill

Last Name
Pitman

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County
Dorset

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Mobile

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Talks
A Quart in a Pin Pot the changes at Mews Cottage over the years; Gardens Great & Small

Equipment needed
Large screen

Fees
£45

Travel
40p per mile

Distance
45 miles radius of Portland

Availability
By arrangement

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
N	N	Y	N

Notes
NCH Penstemon; founder member of Dorset NCCPG

Title

First name
Lesley & Gil

Last Name
Roberts & Dawson

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County
Wilts

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Talks
Auriculas- history, introduction to, care of, cultivation of, and exhibition of.

Equipment needed
Power supply

Fees
£100 unless very local

Travel
Yes unless local

Distance
Central southern England

Availability
Not April or May

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Primula auricula (show, alpine, doubles & striped) Chelsea Gold Medallists

Title
Mr

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Last Name
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County
Dorset

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Mobile

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Talks
Iris cultivation, 100 years of breeding

Equipment needed
none

Fees
£60

Travel
40p per mile

Distance
Anywhere if expenses covered

Availability
Not May/June

Schools
N

FE/HE
N

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Iris (Bearded Space Agers), British Iris Society President, Joint Iris Committee Chairman

Title

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Christine

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County
Somerset

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Talks
Bulbs, Miniature Daffodils, Peony species, History of our Garden Plants, Species Iris from around the world. More on the website

Equipment needed
Screen

Fees
£80-200 depending on distance. Overnight

Travel
25p per mile/2nd class travel/air fare as appropriate

Distance
Anywhere

Availability
September - April

Schools

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Narcissus (Alec Gray hybrids), ex-teacher, lecturer for 20 years

Title
Mr

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Ray

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Stephenson

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County
Northumberland

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Mobile

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Talks
All my talks are about succulent plants and last 2 × 35 minutes (except where stated otherwise) allowing for a break. Please email for a full list of talks

Equipment needed
Screen and suitable extension lead

Fees
None

Travel
Evening meal and accommodation (most likely for

Distance
UK

Availability
most times

Schools
Y

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
Holder of the National Sedum Collection (scientific status); Chairman of the Sedum Society; Editor of the Sedum Society Newsletter; Member of the BCSS Conservation Committee; BCSS (national) judge for cacti and succulents other

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Kent

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Talks
Plant Heritage; Practical Propagation; Colourful Bulbs for all Seasons; Scottish Gardens; Perennial Plants for Continuous Colour; Bernes Oberland; Managing without Weeds; Plants of S Africa; All talks illustrated with slides.

Equipment needed
Screen

Fees
£25

Travel
£5-£25 depending on distance

Distance
Kent

Availability
Anytime, April to September. Morning/Afternoon, October to

Schools

FE/HE

Clubs

Prof

Notes

Title
Mr

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Terry

Last Name
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County
Lancs

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Talks
Begonia species and hybrids from all over the word including growing and showing double tuberous begonias.
(Talk is about 2.5 hours long)

Equipment needed
screen and extension cable

Fees
£70

Travel
yes, please ask

Distance
UK

Availability
October-May

Schools
N

FE/HE
N

Clubs
Y

Prof
N

Notes
NCH Begonia, 25 years lecturing,showing and judging begonias, Horticultural adviser to Southport Flower Show

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Mrs

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Thomas

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County
Swansea

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Talks
NPC Aquilegia, Cottage gardening, Growing from seeds, Gardens through the year, Botany, Wildlife, Unusual Plants and much more

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£50- £75 approx

Travel
25p per mile plus £6 per hour (depending on fuel prices)

Distance
UK

Availability
Most days, evenings and weekends

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Aquilegia, Complementary Therapist

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Gloucs

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Talks
Westonbirt Arboretum, plant trips to New Zealand and Japan

Equipment needed
Screen, extension cables

Fees
Expenses

Travel
Public transport or 40p per mile

Distance
30 miles from Westonbirt fror general talks, further for

Availability
Various

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
N	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH 5 tree collections, Aboretum curator for 7 years

Title
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County
Oxford

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Talks
Plant conservation in general (very long list of talks!)

Equipment needed
none

Fees
Depends on day, time and size of audience fees start at £115

Travel
train fare or 50p per mile

Distance
UK & Ireland

Availability
Any time

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH, Euphorbia (Scientific), Director of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Title
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Simon

Last Name
Weeks

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Suffolk

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simonweeks@oakcottage.org.uk

Talks
NPC of Erysimums

Equipment needed
None

Fees
By agreement

Travel
30p per mile

Distance
East/central/south east

Availability
Daytime and evening

Schools	FE/HE	Clubs	Prof
Seco	Y	Y	Y

Notes
NCH Erysimums

Title
Mrs

First name
Susie

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White

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County
Northumberland

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Talks
The Natural Garden: A Blank Canvas: gardening from scratch; Herbs in the ornamental garden; Organic and biodynamic gardening; Wild herbs: food, healing and folklore; Wildflower Gardening; Antique Flowers; Gardens of Northumberland and the Borders.

Equipment needed
Screen & tables

Fees
£120

Travel
Dependant on distance

Distance
Within reason

Availability

Schools
N

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
Susie is a member of the Garden Media Guild, author of seven books on gardening, lecturer and course tutor. NCH Sanguisorba

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Talks
NPC Corydalis; Colour for all Seasons; Winter gardening; Gardening in the dark (plants for shade); Around the world in 74 days (plants and scenery); From field to NGS open garden in 3 years; The Spring Garden.

Equipment needed
Table

Fees
£50

Travel
expenses

Distance
South East, East Anglia, London

Availability

Schools
Y

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Corydalis, Keen amateur gardener

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Charles

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Williams

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Cormwall

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Talks
Magnolias, rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias as well as woodland garden and coastal planting topics

Equipment needed
None

Fees
By agreement

Travel
Yes

Distance
England

Availability
Need plenty of notice

Schools
N

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Magnolia

Title
Mr & Mrs

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Howard & Sally

Last Name
Wills

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County
Devon

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Talks
Various plant/garden/botany related topics. See website

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£65

Travel
35p per mile

Distance
Any

Availability
Any time

Schools
N

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Jovibarba, Phormium, Rosularia, Sempervivum BSc Zoology, Botany, Dip Ed.30 years teaching experience

Title
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Witton

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County
Yorkshire

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Talks
Long list of talks (see website) Early booking advisable as I do 80+ talks per year

Equipment needed
None

Fees
£40-70 dependant on group size

Travel
30p per mile

Distance
Anywhere

Availability
Any time

Schools
N

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Euphorbia , 30 years as teacher, 10 years as a garden lecturer

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Worth

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County
Hants

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Talks
Papaver orientale & companion planting; Papaver Super Poppy collection & it's place in the future of plant breeding; All you want to know about ponds; Perennials through the seasons; Hands on propagation; the Cottage Garden

Equipment needed
Large screen if possible, we will provide other equipment

Fees
£75

Travel
45p per mile

Distance
Midlands and South from Cornwall to Kent

Availability
Most evenings of the year

Schools
Y

FE/HE
Y

Clubs
Y

Prof
Y

Notes
NCH Papaver orientale and Super Poppy