

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our third Open Gardens Day. Friends of Berwick Castle Parks have once again teamed up with friends and neighbours who have kindly offered to open their gardens to the public for a day. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us this year.

This is a great opportunity to have a good look around the town into all sorts of nooks and crannies that you wouldn't normally see and have a nose round other people's gardens. You might pick up ideas for your own garden or simply enjoy having a look. We have some new gardens this year at Bankhill and on Castle Terrace. Berwick Youth Hostel have also come on board with a nautical-themed display! Berwick & District Camera Club are putting on a photographic exhibition for us of the Parks throughout the year at the William Elder Building: enjoy the photos and vote for your favourite in a People's Poll.

Castle Vale and Coronation Parks are maturing nicely and this year we are delighted to have a new wooden sculpture trail in Coronation Park and a life-size "Berwick Bear" at the railway entrance to Castle Vale.

Quite a few of the gardens will be offering refreshments this year – check for the symbol in the leaflet – and some will have plants for sale too.

A big thank you to all who are involved. It can be quite a daunting thing to open up your garden and there is lots of work involved. It's very much appreciated.

All proceeds from this event will go to Friends of Berwick Castle Parks to fund future events and to buy tools and plants to keep the Parks looking beautiful.

Thanks again for taking part in this. I hope you have a lovely day.

Kate Dixon
Parks Development Officer



Castle Vale Park



Coronation Park



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*Visitors assume all risk when entering these gardens
Please take care on steps and uneven surfaces*

GARDEN DESCRIPTIONS

A. YHA GARDENS *

Since 2014 the courtyard seating area and the front raised enclosed garden have been refurbished to bring colour, interest and pleasure to visitors and local folk. The work is ongoing with new ideas; hoping to be shipshape this coming summer!

B. 12 BANKHILL *

A work in progress and a garden for all ages right in the heart of Berwick.

C. 13 BANKHILL

At the end of Bankhill with splendid river views. *Terraces with steep steps and a small pond. Can be viewed from the top level.*

D. 1 GREENSIDE AVENUE

Small formal walled town garden, evolving to find more space for vegetables in beds and pots. Greenhouse and sunroom. *Narrow access and steep, uneven steps down into garden.*

E. 1 CASTLEGATE *

A country garden in town. Informal herbaceous garden with fruit trees, a greenhouse and vegetable patch in progress. Cold drinks, cakes and plants on offer. Table tennis also available. *Some small steps and uneven paving.*

F. 6 SCOTT'S PLACE

Three small gardens in one: one for sitting and looking, one for eating out in and one to sit and think in! *Some steps and narrow spaces – not suitable for wheelchairs.*

G. 13A TWEED STREET *

A central spot to stop for a tea or coffee. A semi-formal garden with some lovely plants in the herbaceous borders – look out for the black elder! *Some steps down into the garden.*

H. CASTLE VALE HOUSE

Castle remains and fantastic view of the Royal Border Bridge. Semi-formal.

J. 5 CASTLE TERRACE

A new, modern garden overlooking the river. Lovely water feature, new planting, sun room and vegetable plots. *Steps to access.*

K. 28 CASTLE TERRACE

Front garden laid to lawn with mature trees and shrubs. Also a south-facing herbaceous border planted in 2016 following the felling of large conifer trees. Rear garden with lawn sloping up to old orchard with meadow underneath, herbaceous borders and some soft fruit beds. *Some steps up to the back lawn.*

L. THE LODGE, 50 CASTLE TERRACE *

This garden is only a year old. The ultimate aim is a cottage style with flowers, fruit and vegetables all linked together – low maintenance with a bit of modernity. Work in progress.

M. CASTLE HILLS HOUSE

A large, informal, mostly woodland garden planted on a steep south-facing slope. Restoration work continues to be focused on clearing and uncovering original features and layout. Fantastic views east and west along the river. *Steps, uneven paving, grassed areas and footpaths – very steep in parts. Not suitable for wheelchairs or people with limited mobility. Access from New Road footpath. No vehicular access.*

N. WILLIAM ELDER BUILDING, PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Enjoy photos taken in Castle Parks by Berwick & District Camera Club throughout the seasons of 2017/18 and take part in a People's Poll to decide which photos are the best.

*Refreshments being served in these gardens.

CASTLE VALE & CORONATION PARKS

These Parks were restored thanks to a Heritage Lottery Grant of around £950k in 2013 and are maintained by Northumberland County Council with invaluable help from the Friends of Berwick Castle Parks. The Parks were awarded Gold medals by Northumbria in Bloom in 2016 and 2017. A new must-see feature this year is the wooden sculpture trail in Coronation Park and "Bari" the Berwick Bear at Castle Vale. For more information visit:

www.friendsofcastleparks.org

www.berwickparks.northumberland.gov.uk

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OPEN PARKS

AND

GARDENS

SATURDAY 2nd JUNE 2018

11am - 4pm

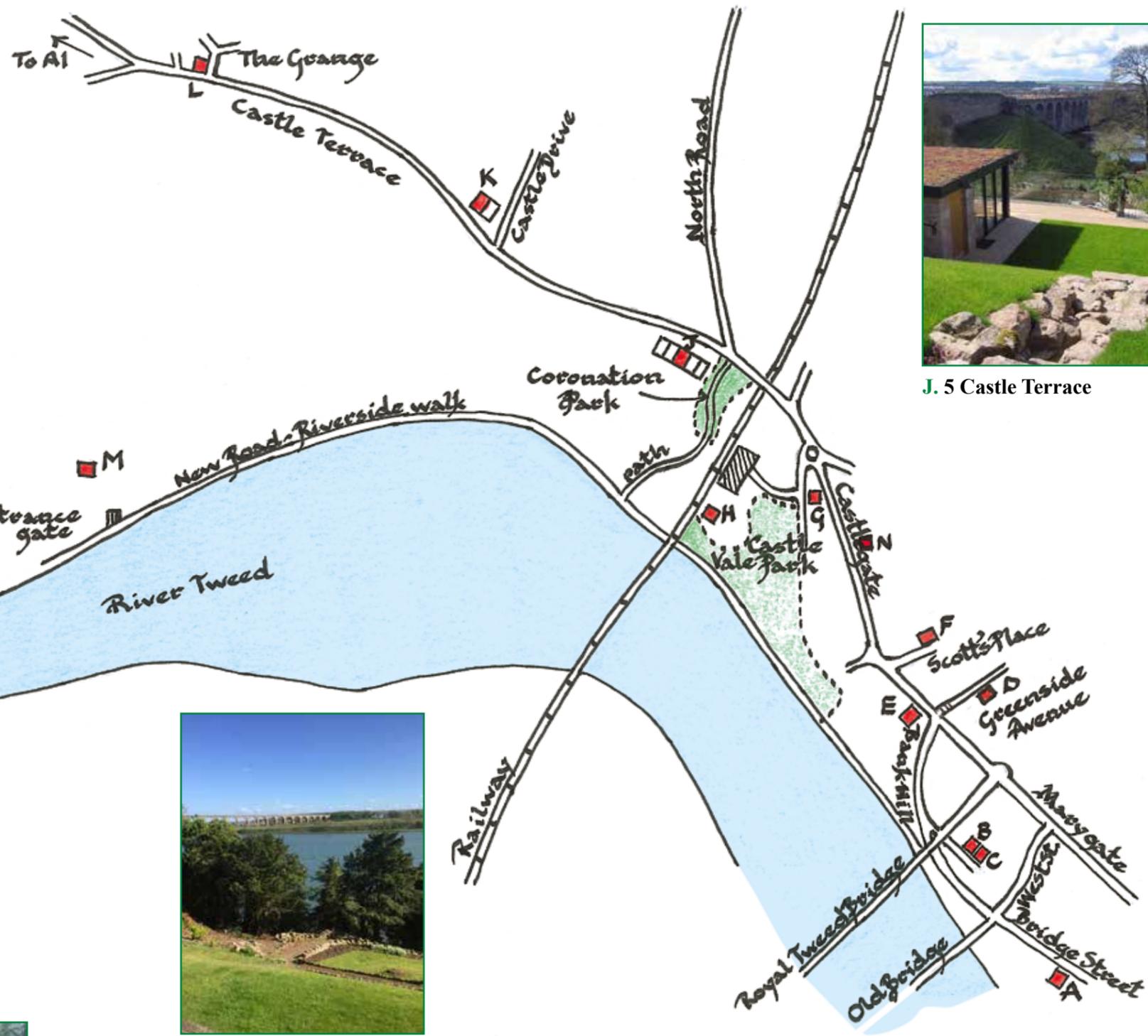


TRAIL MAP £3.00

All proceeds to
Friends of Berwick Castle Parks



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G. 13a Tweed Street



L. The Lodge, 50 Castle Terrace



M. Castle Hills House



F. 6 Scott's Place



A. YHA Garden, Bridge Street



B. 12 Bankhill



C. 13 Bankhill



D. 1 Greenside Avenue



E. 1 Castlegate