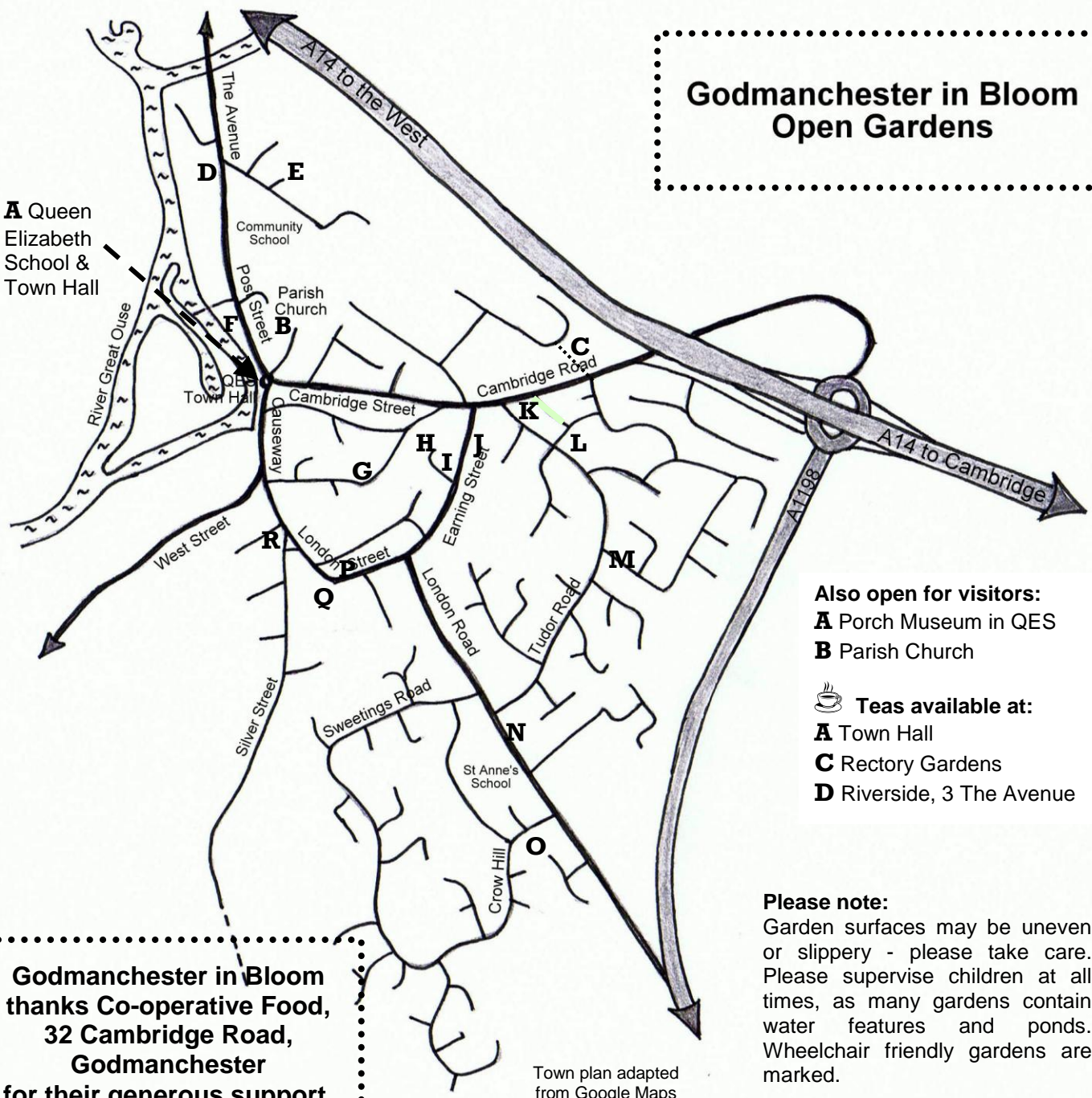


**Godmanchester in Bloom  
Open Gardens**



**A** Queen Elizabeth School & Town Hall

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Town plan adapted from Google Maps

- Also open for visitors:**
- A** Porch Museum in QES
  - B** Parish Church
- Teas available at:**
- A** Town Hall
  - C** Rectory Gardens
  - D** Riverside, 3 The Avenue

**Please note:**  
Garden surfaces may be uneven or slippery - please take care. Please supervise children at all times, as many gardens contain water features and ponds. Wheelchair friendly gardens are marked.

# Godmanchester in Bloom Open Gardens

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
1pm - 6pm**

**Admission £2.50**  
gives entry to all the gardens  
Children under 12 free

**Map and garden descriptions**



**All profits go to Godmanchester in Bloom for projects in the town**

**Also:**  
Godmanchester Porch Museum  
St Mary the Virgin Parish Church  
Plant Sale at Community Nursery  
Teas in several locations

**Watch out for Scarecrows!**

**A: Teas at the Town Hall** ☕

**A: Porch Museum,  
Queen Elizabeth School**

An exhibition of display and film exploring many aspects of town life.

**B: St Mary the Virgin Parish Church**

The stone structure, built in mixed Gothic or Early English style, consists of a chancel, nave, aisles and tower with spire. The chancel is 13<sup>th</sup> century, the nave C16, the tower and spire early C17. The nave is separated from the aisles on each side by five high pointed arches. The white interior, combined with a variety of beautiful stained glass windows, creates a light and bright atmosphere.

**C: Rectory Gardens Sheltered Housing** ☕

Large, flat garden with grass and patio area. Plenty of seats. Small vegetable patch. Until three years ago, garden had been neglected - now a pleasant and attractive garden, all maintained by residents. Toilets are available. Wheelchair friendly. Teas available.

**D: Riverside, 3 The Avenue** ☕

A delightful large walled garden, reclaimed from an overgrown jungle over the past 16 years. Mainly shrubs, but also mixed planting. Garden leads down to the river, overlooking Port Holme. Wheelchair friendly. Teas available.

**E: Godmanchester Community Nursery,  
Park Lane**

This 2 acre site is being restored by volunteers. Native trees are grown for the parish planting scheme, and there is a small orchard of heritage apples. The nursery is used for education, therapy and fun. People with a wide range of abilities work in the greenhouse and vegetable patch. Wheelchair friendly. Plants for sale in aid of the nursery.

**F: Staughton House, 11 Post Street**

Semi-walled garden backing onto river, with over 20 years of input. Extensive range of shrubs, trees, roses. Listed Acer Sycamore. Gravel garden. Many mixed containers. Summer planting. Small woodland area. Wheelchair friendly - paths on 3 sides of gravel garden.

**G: 6 New Street**

A small side garden including trees, mature shrubs and cottage plants. No peat, pesticides or weedkillers are used, and the garden is watered using collected rainwater. The plants are chosen with a mind to attracting bees, birds and other wildlife. Seating will be available.

**H: 4 Sylton Close**

Very narrow entrance to small garden - half shade, half sun. Hopefully a few roses and clematis.

"Gives me enormous pleasure, but actually, nothing special." Ten years old, still developing. Small seating area. Beware of uneven paving. NB Will need to close at 5pm.

**I: 12 Sylton Close**

2010 is the third summer for this small, attractive courtyard garden trying to be a cottage garden. A wide variety of plants, including some from former homes, reflect the interest of the owner in great gardens everywhere. Wheelchair friendly.

**J: Tudor Farm, 2a Earning Street**

Tudor Farmhouse restored to original 1600 configuration 1994/5 with no soil, only farmyard rubble. Wedge shaped area. Garden designed/developed 1996/01:

Main considerations to suit lifestyle of impending retirement and nature of space available - simple maintenance: mainly vertical landscaping with evergreen shrubs; eclectic variety of planting to give wide range of colours and textures throughout the year. Garage/linked garden room. Hard landscaping (3 patios/linking paths) Six discrete garden areas (herb plot with fig tree; vegetable lot/fruit cage; raised bed with shrubs; rockery; 2 lawns with mainly shrub borders)

Plenty of seating available. Wheelchair friendly.

**K: Co-op Food Store**

**L: 7 Almond Close**

This mature south facing garden has undergone quite a transformation in the last four years. Previously dominated by 14 30ft leylandii trees, it now boasts a prolific vegetable patch, fruit trees, a lush lawn and pleasant patio area. Wheelchair friendly.

**M: 2 Windsor Road**

A fairly secluded rear garden in a built-up area. With a wildlife pond with a small waterfall and a pebble water feature, the garden is bird friendly. With an amount of flowering pots, it has 2 patios, one square and one round. The garden has been developed over 48 years. There should be a display of sweet peas on 20<sup>th</sup> June, and plenty of seating can be provided.

**N: 65 London Road**

A medium sized garden designed by current owners over the last 25 years. A haven for birds with trees and mixed planting. A large pond with fish and another for wildlife. Two small, friendly dogs.

**O: 5 Crowhill**

A medium sized, surprisingly secluded, estate garden developed over 25 years, Mixed planting, but mainly perennials, ferns and bamboos. Wildlife pond. Two seating areas. Some damage done by puppy in the past 18 months!

**P: 5 London Street**

This garden was redesigned in 2000 and now offers a range of architectural structures and plant beds. There are areas of shrubs with a variety of forms and colours, roses for summer colour and an area of ferns. These all border grassed areas. Some fruits and climbers have been retained from the original garden.

**Q: 46 London Street**

A secret cottage garden, hidden down a passage. Mixed planting with a vegetable plot. Backs onto Buttermill meadow. Lovingly tended by current owner for 65 years. Wheelchair friendly.

**R: 3 Corpus Christi Lane**

This garden is focused on vegetable and fruit growing in a semi-wild state to encourage pollinating insects and predators of pests. An area of lawn has been retained, where seating will be available. Wheelchair friendly.