



# Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

## A gardeners' paradise!

Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse is one of the foremost visitor attractions in East Anglia and the ideal venue for your Gardening Club outing. It's also a great place to visit!

With its enchanting gardens, historic orchard and enthralling horticultural collections, Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse is the perfect place to enjoy a fascinating journey through the story of rural Norfolk.



There's a garden to suit every taste. The carefully planted rows of vegetables in Cherry Tree Cottage garden have been selected to ensure historical accuracy. They reveal just how a rural family of the 1930s would have helped to supplement a low agricultural wage - a small herb patch providing flavour for the monotonous diet of vegetables and stews.

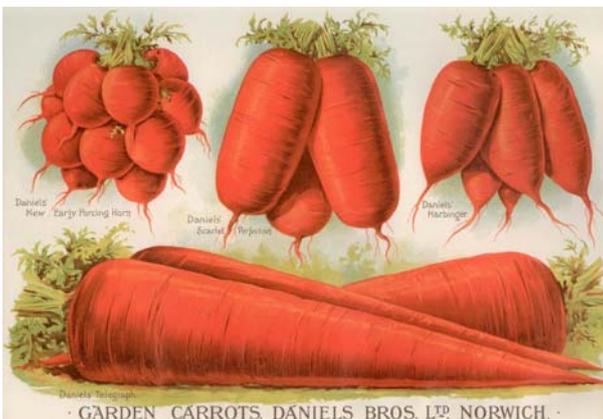


The newly redeveloped wildlife garden is a real treat for visitors and wildlife alike. See what you can spot by the side of the pond, or hiding in the foliage as you explore the weaving paths through the undergrowth. Venture into the orchard and discover a reference library of apples that were raised or developed in the county.

Stroll down to Gressenhall Farm and see what is growing in the smallholders' garden or discover the dyers garden where all the plants have been chosen as their leaves, roots, stems and flowers can be used to make a wide range of beautiful colours.

### Step back in time!

Explore our fascinating recreation of a seed merchant's, and discover the story of Taylor's, a local family business that produced and sold seeds from their King's Lynn shop. This display houses just some of our extensive gardening related collections.



The museum has an impressive collection of horticultural items, from the sorts of things you might find in anyone's shed to the weird and wonderful or just plain strange! Our collections of gardening ephemera are of regional – if not national – importance. They include complete sets of catalogues, seed pockets and advertising material relating to several companies, which provide a snapshot of gardening in Norfolk from the 1870s right through to the 1980s.



## **Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse is the perfect destination for your gardening club outing.**

Enjoy exploring this fascinating museum and historic farm set amidst 50 acres of beautiful Norfolk countryside. Discover the history of the workhouse and the story of the people who lived there. See recreations of traditional cottages and shops. Relax in any one of our delightful gardens or take a stroll round our working farm with its rare breed animals. Try locally produced food in the Mardlers' Rest café, which serves a wide range of hot and cold snacks and meals.

### **Activities for groups**

Discover the delights of Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse for yourselves or let us help enhance your visit with one of our special activities for groups. Please use the Group Booking Form to book any of the following:

- **Welcome Talk**

A short introduction and welcome from a member of our front of house team on your arrival. There's lots to choose from at Gressenhall so a Welcome Talk helps you and your group decide how to plan your day as well as being a friendly start to your visit.

**5 to 10 minutes, free**

- **Garden Tours**

Join one of our volunteer gardeners and find out more about the history of the workhouse gardens and how they have been developed in more recent years. Your guide will take you around the various gardens on site, revealing the hidden history of these spaces.

**45 minutes to 1 hour, £2.00 per person**



- **Behind The Scenes Tour**

Find out more about our fascinating collections. You will be guided through the museum stores with an opportunity to handle museum objects. Store tours can be focussed on areas of particular interest or specialist subject – please make sure to note this on your booking form.

**45 minutes to 1 hour, £2.00 per person**

- **Cart Ride**

Put your feet up and enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable tour around our traditionally run farm. Depending on availability, one of our Suffolk Punch horses or tractors will do all the hard work! We are also able to offer cart rides to visitors in wheelchairs or with mobility problems – please indicate this requirement when booking (15-20 passengers per trip).

**15 minutes, free, dependant on weather**

We also offer **Special Demonstrations** such and short **Expert Talks** and it may be possible to also arrange for a member of the Collections Team to visit your group prior to your trip (extra charges apply). To discuss further, or if you have any other specific requirements, please contact us. We will make every effort to organise a day to suit your needs. Groups of 12 or more are also eligible for group discounted admission prices

For more information about any of the above, or to make a booking, please call the Bookings Officer on 01362 869251 or email [gressenhall.museum@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:gressenhall.museum@norfolk.gov.uk). Alternatively, please visit our website at [www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/gressenhall](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/gressenhall)

*Please note: we need at least **2 weeks notice** to arrange group activities, which are subject to availability and/or weather.*