

## 2020 BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND CELEBRATION EVENT – VIRTUAL TOURS

Below is a selection of fascinating virtual tours from our groups; national gardens and historic places of interest; and other attractions for you to enjoy now or at a later date. Just click a link and away you go!

If you like a tour, we'd love you to share the link on your facebook/twitter page, remembering to add a comment and tag in @KSBScotland (facebook & twitter) @RHSCCommunityGardening (facebook) @RHSBloom (twitter) #ourbloom

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### 1. VIRTUAL TOURS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND GROUPS

*Thank you to everyone who was involved in creating these wonderful films*

#### **Bonnie Dundee: Spring & Summer 2020 (3mins59)**

<https://www.facebook.com/BonnieDundeeBloom/videos/3549507398435500>

The group hopes you enjoy this video about its projects during 2020. With a bit of determination and working with others, the group has achieved so much this year despite the unusual circumstances.

Some of Dundee's It's Your Neighbourhood groups which make up part of Bonnie Dundee's Beautiful Scotland entry:

- **The Maxwell Centre (2min40)**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBq5QfKokGw&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBq5QfKokGw&feature=emb_logo)  
A vibrant, well used Centre with an award-winning community garden. The Centre prides itself on community led gardening with no barriers to participation.
- **Ninewells Community Garden (42secs)**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tyyz-H8Af0&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tyyz-H8Af0&feature=emb_logo)  
Ninewells Community Garden lies in the beautiful arboretum of Ninewells Hospital in Dundee. The project promotes physical activity and healthy living through community gardening; in an environment where horticulture supports wellbeing, therapy and rehabilitation.
- **Fintry Community Garden (4min49)**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExkfKtM6zls&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExkfKtM6zls&feature=emb_logo)  
The group believes that Fintry needs a green space, where people from all walks of life can come and enjoy a shared community garden. That may be just for a walk through the garden, to come and relax or to come and volunteer to help out. The majority of the garden will be for the production of food but also have ornamental aspects as well as areas to promote biodiversity and contribute to the battle on climate change.
- **Seeds of Hope (1min41)**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsnFeNPKgbY&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsnFeNPKgbY&feature=emb_logo)  
Displays of wildflowers across Dundee's community projects – seeds gifted by Seeds of Hope

#### **Brighter Bervie, Aberdeenshire (4mins40)**

<https://www.facebook.com/1436951326522177/videos/333079398111536/>

Let Tom guide you on a short Autumnal tour of Brighter Bervie's Voyage of Life Garden.

#### **Brighter Bothwell, South Lanarkshire (5mins2)**

<https://youtu.be/lhKUuF1AGwI>

Let Marjory and Bobby Bothwell take you on a tour of the group's projects around the town and meet the people involved.



### **Brighter Bucksburn, Aberdeen (1min39)**

<https://youtu.be/5YTVJSXQQ2c>

Explore the group's various plots and planters around the community.

### **Broughty Ferry in Bloom, Dundee (5mins53)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cmc0xhbXGBM&feature=youtu.be>

Find out where the group got to with its projects this year and meet the volunteers in action!

Two of Broughty Ferry's It's Your Neighbourhood groups:

- **Grove Academy (3mins55)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRcTkNclflQ>

The eco group manages two community gardens – discover the hand carved Fisherman statue, the frog hotel, the tree bench, pond, QR codes to learn about wildflowers and much more. This video was made by Cameron Biggans, an S3 pupil. He has been part of the Grove Garden app group since S1 and has been actively involved with promoting the group's twitter page and helping out with things IT and gardening. So basically, a lot!

### **Coupar Angus Pride of Place, Perth & Kinross (4mins42)**

<https://youtu.be/zbDI9VdsLFE>

Discover one of the group's big Community Biodiversity projects carried out in 2017.

### **Cove in Bloom, Aberdeen City (8mins7 – no sound)**

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Be driven around Cove on a judges' tour to see the group's projects and to meet the people involved.

### **East Haven Together, Angus (4mins18)**

[https://youtu.be/PBf\\_YZ-FYHs](https://youtu.be/PBf_YZ-FYHs)

Follow Wendy around the village as she meets the volunteers involved in planting kidney vetch for the Small Blue butterfly, looking after the community gardens, litter picking and much more! The group's mantra for the summer was 'edge, weed, hoe and mow!'

### **Growing Kirkcaldy, Fife (2mins55)**

[https://en-](https://en-gb.facebook.com/john.pow.184/videos/3546591912059755/UzpfSTc4NzE2Mjc1MTMwMTYzMDo0NjQ0NjU0MDQyMjE5MTI5/)

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A beautiful tour around Kirkcaldy's beaches, parks and an update on the group's projects through lockdown and beyond.

### **Inspiring Innellan, Argyll & Bute (9mins55)**

<HTTPS://youtu.be/NWLF7jiP2xY>

Humorous tour, to great Scottish music, around Innellan, visiting the group's projects and getting a glimpse of the before during and after results...and the weather the community has to contend with! Meet the Vikings and discover the 'yellow chip road'.

### **Inverurie Environmental Improvement Group, Aberdeenshire (5mins55)**

<https://youtu.be/TLbCQ2GcB4I>

Find out all about the group: how it works, meet the people involved across the town, how the projects are funded, planned and put into action, partnership working including the



benefit of working with Inverurie Business Improvement District (BID) and why the group takes part in Beautiful Scotland.

### **North Berwick in Bloom, East Lothian**

- **2020 Tulip Festival (2mins12 & 2mins20)**

<https://www.northberwickinbloom.org/copy-of-tulip-festival-2020> (The two films can be accessed from the web page; scroll down below leaflet images)

Everyone loves an excuse to stop for a cuppa, so why not grab your favourite brew and join NBiB as they have a tea party to celebrate their Tulip Festival. You can also go on a tour of the group's 2020 tulips.

- **2020 Year of Coasts & Waters (3mins3)**

<https://www.northberwickinbloom.org/copy-of-tulip-festival-2020-2> (access the film below the intro text)

2020 was supposed to be the year of Coasts and Waters: an event which has sadly been sidelined by the current health crisis. Many organisations, ours included, had plans to celebrate this event. Once again we have to resort to more virtual means to celebrate the event: herewith a small slideshow of the coastal flora which can be found in early summer in East Lothian and North Berwick in particular.

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## **2. VIRTUAL GARDEN TOURS**

### **Scotland**

#### **Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh**

- ***Celebrating 350 years – delve into the past, present and the future (5mins57)***

<https://vimeo.com/383034526>

- ***A tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Scotland – four gardens, one unique collection (2mins38)***

<https://vimeo.com/392175079>

#### **The Japanese Garden at Cowden in June, Stirlingshire (7mins50)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftyEyYfL5sY&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftyEyYfL5sY&feature=emb_logo)

Created in 1908, The Japanese Garden at Cowden is listed as an important example of its type in Western Europe. Nestled beneath the Ochil Hills the seven-acre garden wraps around a large pond. Enjoy the meandering walk by the water, taking in the changing scenes created by sculpted landforms, carefully placed stones, clipped shrubs and original stone lanterns. Restoration of this historic garden is ongoing, so this is an opportunity to see the project in its early stages.

#### **Castlebank Park, Lanark (7mins8)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rupve2Fux7A&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rupve2Fux7A&feature=emb_logo)

Sylvia Russell - the Chair person of Lanark Community Development Trust and the education gardener, Stuart Ritchie, take us on a tour of a local landmark that has been the subject of several restoration projects in recent years.

#### **Scone Palace and Gardens – discover the Douglas Fir (2mins55)**

[https://www.facebook.com/118176881568504/videos/219881232654532/?so\\_channel\\_tab&rv\\_all\\_videos\\_card](https://www.facebook.com/118176881568504/videos/219881232654532/?so_channel_tab&rv_all_videos_card)

#### **Border Tour at Saughton Gardens (3 mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onGOXOumq7M>

A lovely tour around some of the flowering borders at Saughton Park with The Caley's Vice President Jasmin Cann.



### **A walk in Saughton Park (1min)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UosGHuvDT54>

A beautiful walk in Saughton Park with Stan da Prato.

### **Virtual garden tour – Branklyn Garden (4 mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMikp45E6og>

Join Branklyn Garden Property Manager and Head Gardener, Jim Jermyn as he takes you on a short tour round the stunning 2-acre hillside garden in Perth. Basking in glorious sunshine, you'll see the stunning exhibition bed with Meconopsis and primulas, the iconic view of Acer shirasawanum 'Aureum' across the rock garden, and you'll discover many beautiful and rare species throughout.

### **Virtual Garden Tour: Fyvie Castle - Walled Garden (13 mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FV4qqRCji0>

Join Fyvie Castle gardener, Stuart Stockley as he takes you on a fascinating tour around the Walled Garden of Scottish Fruits, home to the largest collection of Scottish fruits and vegetables. With an introduction from Head Gardener, Gordon Thomson, you'll hear a brief history of the garden, as well as learn about the collection of fruits and vegetables and their cultivation, and exciting projects for the future.

### **Virtual Garden Tour: Brodick Castle - Walled Garden (5mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBUEqYvHnAl>

Enjoy a quiet stroll through the stunning walled garden at Brodick Castle. Featuring a new border design and full of exotic and delicate plants, the garden provides a sheltered site in which to grow and develop plants that are rarely seen growing outdoors in Scotland. Built in 1710, it's the oldest part of the gardens and has stunning views over Brodick Bay. The walled garden also has a new centrepiece around the sundial, with sandstone paving reflecting outwards.

### **Virtual Garden Tour: Threave Garden (5mins25)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEIDP3sJW6o>

Enjoy a quiet stroll through the stunning Threave Garden, with magnificent views across the Galloway Hills. See the many incredible displays throughout, before heading into the Victorian walled garden, one of the finest examples in southern Scotland. Admire the colourful summer borders, and the yew-lined central avenue that leads to the display glasshouse – a sensitive reconstruction of the original Victorian glasshouse.

### **Magnificent meadows at Balmacara Estate (2mins15)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyiBbnWcY6E>

The magnificent meadows on Balmacara Estate are a spectacular sight of the crofting landscape in summer, bursting with flowers and buzzing with pollinators. They are beautiful but functional too as the grasses and flowers are harvested to create either silage or hay to feed animals during the long winter months.

### **For the love of Scotland: Billy Boyd visits Culzean Castle (3mins46)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mT7omIBtv3M>

Scottish-born star of Lord of the Rings, Billy Boyd paid his first visit to Culzean Castle this Spring as he became the latest celebrity to offer support to the National Trust for Scotland.

### **Inverewe Garden Tour from 2013 (6mins 43)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qv\\_2jFmOXS8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qv_2jFmOXS8)

## **England and abroad**

**Highgrove Gardens** (click slides on at your own pace)



<https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/igLSEOWghVHoJw>

A digital tour of the spectacular Highgrove Gardens, at The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall's private residence. Sustainability is the focus for the gardens at Highgrove, with designs made to keep the garden growing in harmony with nature.

### **Top ten attractions at Kew Gardens (from 2014) (6mins32)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioG\\_Vfh0Kxw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioG_Vfh0Kxw)

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is in Richmond on the outskirts of London, and is one of the most amazing gardens in the world. It has an extraordinary diversity of plants, over 14,000 trees and it is all set within a vast and beautiful landscape layered with history and heritage.

### **Helmsley Walled Garden (from 2018) (5mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHJ-Unmq8xA>

Helmsley Walled Garden celebrated its 23<sup>rd</sup> year this year in 2018. The five acre garden was built in 1759 and sits beneath the ruins of Helmsley Castle. It was abandoned and closed in 1984 but in 1994 restoration began and the garden has gone from strength- to- strength through the dedicated care of staff and volunteers.

### **A visit to Claude Monet's garden at Giverny (2mins52)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjWx2WNXFF4>

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## **3. OTHER ATTRACTIONS**

### **Primula Auricula (2 mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kp4Qf18WWy8>

Auriculas from Caley members and friends.

### **Scottish Seabird Centre - the life of an Atlantic Puffin! (4mins18)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49fcX9MDGLs>

Inspired by the brilliant 'draw my life' videos, this new whiteboard series takes a look at some of our most iconic seabirds. This video focuses on the colourful 'clown of the sea' - the Atlantic Puffin. In less than 5 minutes the video covers some of the top facts about these beautiful birds.

### **360° Eden Mill Distillery and Brewery Virtual Tour (4mins32)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QqOi17RCUK>

Welcome to Eden Mill Distillery and Brewery, St Andrews. Before coming to visit in person, why not check out the virtual tour of this small craft brewery and distillery.

### **Chocolate Tree (3mins29)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWJihLRsOE>

This little video describes what they do at Chocolate Tree, and why they do it. Featuring company co-founders Alastair and Friederike Gower at the East Lothian factory as well as at cocoa origins and the shop in Edinburgh...all focused on sustainability.

