

Lindsey U3A Garden Group

Visit to Bardney Manor, Bardney on Tuesday 26 May 2026.

On a beautiful summer's day, our hostess, Samantha, gave us an enthusiastic welcome to her delightful front garden and developing walled garden. Whilst giving us a guided tour she included the history of the manor and its links with Lord John Sutton-Sharpe of Suttons and Sharpe's seeds.

It was interesting to see the changes Samantha has made since our first visit in February 2024 when the garden and walled garden were under development. The garden in front of the house has a formal path edged with David Austen roses in full bloom, their scents filling the summer air. The walled garden is now an organised space with solid paths edged with lavender, wooden arbor planted with roses, beds with specific plants such as herbs, greenhouse, cage for fruit and vegetables. A gravelled garden with seating and appropriately planted.

Samantha gave us an interesting tour of the walled garden explaining her plans for its future development and reasons for her planting scheme. Her motto is right 'plant, right place' so she has planted according to the soil type and the sun's rotation ie: shade and sunlight.

Members enjoyed a delicious piece of home-made cake with a drink, whilst sitting in the shade, ending our delightful and interesting visit to Bardney Manor.

We look forward to visiting at another time of year to see its further progress.

Louise Kevill