

Lindsey U3A Garden Group

Visit to Overbeck in Scothern on Tuesday 24 June 2025.

Our hosts and Garden Group members, Joyce and John, welcomed us to their delightful garden.

The front garden is beautifully planted: the lawn edged by a long border containing shrubs and trees with various coloured leaves and a central, circular bed, both, with a mix of perennials and annuals in flower. A path leads to the back garden where we found a sloping lawn leading upwards, giving us an excellent view of the layout of the garden. There are several island beds containing plants of a different theme: an alpine bed laid with pebbles and rocks, full of a variety of plants; an oval bed containing white flowered perennials and annuals; a dry bed filled with grasses of different colours and heights; a rectangular bed containing enviable beautiful healthy-leaved hostas.

There are many different varieties of trees and shrubs in the long border. The garden is divided across with trellis with a clematis and rose in flower, climbing over the archway which leads to a hedge of trained apple trees. The vegetable garden is organised into raised beds containing various edible plants: potatoes, leeks, beans etc. Nearby is a small knot garden. There is neatly-clipped topiary and a bubbling fountain in a small pond containing a water lily with ferns in the margin.

This mature garden is inspirational, well-organised with a design to display different plants. Joyce and John's hard work is evident around the garden.

We had a lovely visit on a summer's afternoon, ending with relaxing chatter and refreshments.

I am pleased to report that our visit raised £100 for St Barnabas Hospice.

Many thanks to our hosts for opening their garden for us.

Louise Kevill