

EVENTS 2026:

at UPLYME VILLAGE HALL DT7 3UY (programme subject to change)

Non-members are warmly welcome to all our events – there is a small fee of £3 extra on each occasion except as noted. Doors open 30 minutes before talks begin for refreshments.

January 28th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'What's hot, what's not – Chillies and Sweet Peppers' by Joy Michaud of Sea Spring Seeds. Joy is a world leader in chilli breeding and production, especially for the British climate. Seeds for sale.

February 7th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING – MEMBERS ONLY. To be held at The Alexandra Hotel, Lyme Regis. Free for members but please RSVP to invitation.

February 25th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Pruning' by Saul Walker. Part talk/part demo/part Q&A. Get all your pruning queries answered.

March 21st (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING. To held at Uplyme Village Hall. Free for everyone. Please bring £6 cash to renew your membership for 2026. Also time to buy your 'Potato in a Bucket' kit for the Summer Show – £3.

March 25th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

AGM of the Society, followed by **TALK.** 'Lessons from a Lifetime of Gardening' by Anne Swithinbank. If you've not renewed your membership for 2026, please bring £6 cash.

April 22nd (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Pots, Containers and Raised Beds' by Jacqui Felix-Mitchell. Plug plants to grow on for the Summer Show. Competition for best Spring Flowers – any sort, pot or vase.

May 9th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING. Please donate plants, garden sundries or home produce to sell to raise funds to support our events. Entry £2, includes a drink.

May 14th (Thursday) 6.00pm

SOCIAL. Lyme Regis Bowling Club. Try out bowls or join a friendly match if you're already experienced. Free filled rolls and tea; bar open. Pre-booking required.

May 27th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Getting to Grips with Peat-Free Compost' by Kate Turner. Includes demo of different composts.

June 9th (Tuesday) 7.30pm

PANEL DISCUSSION. 'Get Ready for the Summer Show'. Advice from judges on how to impress with your summer show entries.

June 24th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Good Hare Days' by David Bailey. Learn more about this iconic creature of the British countryside. Wildlife photographer David's books for sale.

August 1st (Saturday) 2-5pm

SUMMER FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW. Competition marquee; cream teas and refreshments; gardening advice; stalls and exhibits focused on gardening, horticulture, the local environment/natural world and crafts. This year we celebrate **Pollinators**. Entry £1 for all adults.

September 23rd (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Seed Saving for Gardeners' by Ellen Rignell. Talk plus demonstration of seed-saving equipment by Ellen of Winnow Farm Seeds, a seed farm based near Bridport.

October 10th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

AUTUMN SHOW AND COFFEE MORNING. A fun, informal event judged by public vote. Plant donations for Society stall welcomed. Free bulbs for members to grow on for Spring Flowers competition in April. Show open to all, free entry.

October 28th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Perennial Vegetables' by Mandy Barber. How to grow perennial vegetables as part of a diverse, resilient, edible garden. Plants for sale.

November 25th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

DEMONSTRATION. A willow plant support plus make your own willow star for Christmas. Richard Kerwood of Windrush Willow shows us how. Willow products for sale – individual and stylish gifts.

December 16th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL. Quiz, mince pies, mulled wine, raffle.

OUTINGS 2026:

departing from UPLYME VILLAGE HALL DT7 3UY (programme subject to change)

Non-members are warmly welcome to all trips – there is a small fee of £3 extra on each occasion except as noted.

All coach trip costs include a non-returnable deposit of £5. To book please contact Jenny Harding; text or call 07773 604137. Coach pickups from Axminster by prior arrangement.

February 11th (Wednesday) Snowdrops at Shaftesbury then Springhead Trust

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Morning visit Shaftesbury town. Map of best snowdrop locations. Cafés for coffee/brunch. Then snowdrops and lakeside gardens at Springhead Trust, Fontmell Magna. Pop up café. Cost £23.

March 10th (Tuesday) NT Kingston Lacy Daffodils

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Daffodils, fernery, camellias, Japanese and kitchen gardens. Opulent house with Spanish room, Egyptian artefacts and 'old master' paintings. Café and shop. Cost NT members £20; non-NT £33.

April 14th (Tuesday) Sherwood and Bernaville Garden Centre

COACH TRIP departs 10.00am. Arts and Crafts home with traditional gardens. 120 varieties of magnolia. Woodland gardens with acers, rhododendrons, naturalized bulbs. Morning visit Bernaville Garden Centre for coffee/brunch. Cost £23.

May 6th (Wednesday) Sculpture by the Lakes

COACH TRIP departs 9.30am to Dorset's Botanic Garden. 26-acre sculpture park alongside the River Frome. Over 1,000 trees and shrubs. Café, Pantry, Store and Gallery. Cost £26.

June 6th (Saturday) Plaz Metaxu Garden Witheridge

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. NEW valley garden between Dartmoor and Exmoor. Intimate and secret gardens, courtyards, central lake, orchard, woods and groves. Cost TBC. 37 seats only.

OUTINGS (continued)

July 7th (Tuesday) Bennetts Water Garden Weymouth and Portland Bill

COACH TRIP. Departs 9.15am. Morning visit to Portland Bill (café, lighthouse – entry not included). Then 8-acre water garden with national collection of water lilies. Japanese styled 'Monet Bridge'. Gift shop, café and plant nursery. Cost £23 for coach and entry to Bennetts.

August 6th (Thursday) Pugin House and Kingston Maurward Animal Park and Gardens

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. This Grade 1 listed house has 4.5 acres of gardens. Tea and cake included. Kingston Maurward's 35 acres feature national collections of salvias and penstemons. Livestock, poultry and donkeys in Grade II listed parkland. Café. Cost £24 includes tea/cake at Pugin.

August 15th (Saturday) RHS Wisley

COACH TRIP departs 7.30am. Home to the RHS and some of the world's largest plant collections. Over 200 acres of richly planted borders, fruit orchard, 'seven acres', rock garden, spectacular glasshouse. Hilltop is the home of gardening science, Battleston Hill woodland garden, Sky Terrace views across the garden. Plant centre, restaurants and shop. Cost £30. **Please book by July 1st.**

September 9th (Wednesday) Blackshed Flowers and Sherborne

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Morning visit to explore Sherborne's cafés, shops, gardens, Abbey (entry not included.) Afternoon at Blackshed Flowers, a 2-acre flower farm with a sophisticated range of cut flowers and foliage. Pick your own plus fresh and dried flowers for sale. Guided tour. Café opposite. Cost £15. Optional 1 hour guided tour of Blackshed Flowers + £10.

October 4th (Sunday) NT Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum

COACH TRIP departs 9.00am. Picturesque Lacock Village is the star of many films and TV productions. Lacock Abbey is a quirky country house with a Gothic Hall, developed around a 13th century nunnery. The Fox Talbot Museum explores photography, which was first created at Lacock. Independent shops and historic buildings galore. Cost NT members £21; non-NT £33.

November 7th (Saturday) Longleat Safari Park and Festival of Light

COACH TRIP departs 9.30am. Tour the big game park, walk in Capability Brown gardens, take a boat safari. Secret gardens, maze, bat cave. Cafés/restaurants. Festival of Light from 4pm. Lantern trail, Christmas tree show, light show. Depart by 6.30pm. Cost £45. Optional 1 hour guided tour of House £9.95. **Please book by October 1st.**

December 6th (Sunday) Winchester and Christmas Market

COACH TRIP departs 8.45am. Enjoy festive shopping at Winchester Christmas Market by the cathedral. Discover this historic city with its cathedral, river walks, shops and cafés. Cost £20.

Keep up to date

See our website for any changes to the programme: <https://ulrhs.wordpress.com/events>. Any updates are also advised in our regular email newsletters to members. If you are a member and do not receive newsletters please contact Allison Crabbe, allisoncrabbe@aol.com or 07711 312437.

Who's Who

For details of Society officers and committee members please see our website. <https://ulrhs.wordpress.com/committee/>

Become a Member

- At one of our events or
- Contact our Membership Secretary Allison Crabbe, allisoncrabbe@aol.com 07711 312437, or
- Complete a membership application form from our website: <https://ulrhs.wordpress.com/membership/>

With proof of membership, you receive free admission to talks and socials; priority coach bookings; discounts on seeds through our membership of Tender Shoots Garden Club Network; and discounts from local garden suppliers Groves at Bridport and Beaminster subject to obtaining a Groves discount card from our Membership Secretary.

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Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

Celebrating Pollinators

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