

## Where people, plants and wildlife meet

Martineau Gardens is a beautiful Community Garden on Priory Road in Edgbaston. An oasis for wildlife, a haven of tranquillity and a great place to visit. There are two and a half acres of organically managed landscape for visitors to explore, including woodland with SLINC status (Site of Local Importance to Nature Conservation), wildflower meadow, demonstration food growing areas, plant sales, bird hide, bee hives, formal gardens with shrubs and trees from around the world and a children's play area. We grow and sell vegetables, fruit and plants. The gardens and buildings can be hired for meetings and celebrations.

Staff & volunteers celebrate winning the Green Flag Award, surrounded by seasonal produce.



Therapeutic Horticulture



Wildlife and tranquillity



Environmental Education Programme

### What we do:

Martineau Gardens is an independent registered charity. We provide volunteering opportunities on our Therapeutic Horticulture programme for vulnerable adults with mental health issues and learning disabilities. We're often the main source of support for volunteers, some of whom would otherwise lead isolated lives. In year 2019/20, we :

- had 83 volunteers working with us (some have volunteered here for many years)
- provided environmental education for hundreds of school children
- hosted weekly visits from students with autism and learning disabilities (including pupils from Baskerville and Q.A.C and Woodbourne Priory School) developing their horticultural skills
- provided team building days for corporate supporters
- welcomed more than 10,000 visitors

### How we do it:

We are a small charity with nine paid staff (all part time) and seven Trustees. We need to raise around £200k per year to sustain the work of our charity. We fundraise extensively from Charitable Trusts and continue to look for ways to grow our income—our annual summer garden party with charity auction is an example. Thanks to a crowdfunded renovation project, our Pavilion is available to hire. Sales of compost and plants, events, venue hire, donations and a Friends scheme are part of the funding mix we've developed, since we no longer receive income from the public sector e.g. the Council and the NHS.

### About us:

In 2019-2020, we celebrated 23 years of community gardening; extended the Courtyard Garden with support from Jo Malone London; introduced a programme for people living with dementia and, in June 2020, received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. As a long-established Community Garden we are often called on for advice on running Therapeutic Horticulture in a Community Garden setting. We are the only Community Garden in Birmingham to have been awarded Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag award, 12 years running.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about what we do. To become a Friend or to offer your support in other ways and to see our programme of events, please visit [www.martineau-gardens.org.uk](http://www.martineau-gardens.org.uk)

Open Monday - Saturday, 10am—4pm

Free entry (except for special events)

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