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SNOWDROPS ON SHOW AT YORK GATE GARDEN

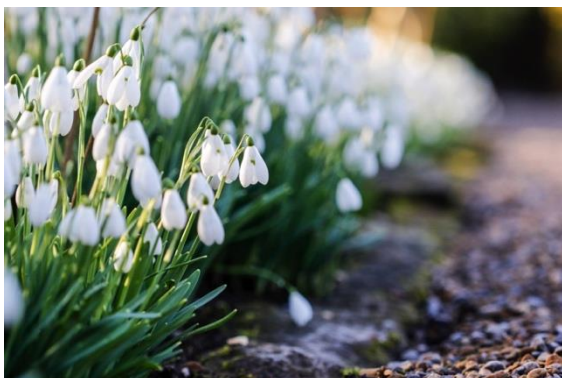
Fabulous drifts of snowdrops will be on display at York Gate Garden near Leeds, which opens to visitors for its snowdrop festival from 16 – 24 February. Following its first ever and very successful snowdrop event last year, the charming one-acre garden in Adel opens its gates again to visitors and galanthophiles during February. The garden is owned and run by Perennial, the charity that helps people in horticulture whenever they are facing tough times.



Visitors will be able to see a range of different snowdrop varieties including *Galanthus* 'S. Arnott' (a favourite of Robin Spencer, the garden's creator) and the yellow flowering *Galanthus* 'Wendy's Gold'. Installations of the Japanese art of 'Kokedama' will also be hanging at focal points around the garden, showing off some of the more quirky and unusual ways snowdrops can be displayed.

Specialist snowdrop breeder Anne Wright from Dryad Nursery in Tockwith, North Yorkshire will be holding an evening lecture 'Make more of your snowdrops', on Wednesday 20th February. Her talk will show how best to plant, propagate and breed these beautiful winter gems. Tickets for the talk are available in advance at shop.perennial.org.uk. Anne will be selling rare and unusual snowdrop varieties on Saturday 23rd February in the garden.

Coinciding with February half term week for many schools, visiting the garden makes a great winter family outing. The warm and inviting tearoom will be open for lunches, afternoon teas and home-baked treats, as well as the gift shop. York Gate's gardeners, supported by a team of volunteers, will be on hand to welcome visitors and answer any questions.



Designed in the Arts & Crafts style, York Gate is regarded as one of the UK's best small gardens and was created by the Spencer family during the 20th century. It is designed around a series of 14 outdoor rooms, each with its own unique character, laid out on a framework of yew and beech hedges and York Stone and granite paths. Its intimate scale makes it particularly appealing and visitors during snowdrop week will have the rare opportunity to explore the garden during the winter when it is usually closed.

Visitor Information:

Opening Times:

Saturday 16th – Sunday 24th February, 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Entry Prices: Standard admission £6.00

Children (16 and under): Free

Address: Back Church Lane, Adel, Leeds, LS16 8DW Tel: 0113 267 8240

For further information visit: www.yorkgate.org.uk

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Perennial offers free, confidential advice and support to everyone working in or retired from horticulture and their families, including gardeners, landscapers, nursery and garden centre staff, parks and grounds care staff, arborists, foresters and garden centre staff. People turn to Perennial for financial and emotional help in times of need because of disability, sickness, poverty, financial hardship and old age – although increasingly younger people are seeking their assistance. Many individuals describe the services Perennial offers as a 'lifeline'. The work of Perennial depends on voluntary donations from the horticultural industry and all those who love gardens and gardening.

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