

Ripon Walled Garden

A Place to Grow



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At Ripon Walled Garden, we are proud to provide a vibrant and inclusive environment where adults and young people with learning disabilities can thrive. As a leading day care service, we offer a wide range of sessions designed to build life skills, promote independence, and encourage meaningful engagement with the wider community.

Every activity is tailored to support personal growth and confidence. A recent 97% score from our commissioners reflects the high quality and dedication we bring to our service.

Whether you're a prospective Member, family, or partner, we welcome you to discover how Ripon Walled Garden continues to support its people in a beautiful place in nature and grow possibilities every day.

Who we are

We **support people** with mild and moderate learning disabilities, from the age of 14 onwards. Some of our **Members** also have a physical disability. We are dedicated and passionate about what we do, and ensure that people we support with varied needs have **choice**, and the opportunity to access our unique and popular services. Members can **enjoy themselves**, but also **improve their skills**, physical health and wellbeing, communication, social skills and self-esteem as they reach their own **potential**.



Meet some of our Members

Stuart



Stuart really enjoys DIY, and is always happy to help when something needs repairing on site. He has shared his DIY knowledge with other Members and we have really seen his confidence grow in lots of areas of his life. Stuart regularly contributes in our Member Voice meetings and he takes this role of being the representative for all the Members in the garden with pride.

Philippa



Through Sing and Sign, Philippa can communicate effectively. She enjoys learning sign language in a fun and non pressured way which has helped her grasp basic signing skills so that she can communicate with different people around her. Autism can sometimes affect a person's social interaction, communication and behaviour, and we support every individual to gain confidence in this area during their time at Ripon Walled Garden.

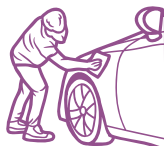
James has been working closely with his one to one volunteer support, to focus on much larger projects in the workshop, and this has required great determination and creative thinking. James loves gifting his items to friends and loved ones. James is partially sighted and in a wheelchair, however, this never stops him from achieving great things. In our workshop he has been supported with specifically adapted jigs to create incredible work – he has even made a rocking horse for his niece!

James



● Your choices

- Horticulture
- Creative Horticulture
- Retail
- Catering
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Sports Group
- Swimming
- Gym
- Felting
- Clay Crafts
- Sing and Sign
- Drama
- Dancing through the Decades
- Lunch Group
- Baking
- Newsletter Group
- Woodland Crafts
- Woodwork
- Numeracy / Literacy
- Woodland Champions
- Interactive Media





Like the outdoors?





Or prefer to be inside ?



We have fun, engaging and interactive timetabled sessions to choose from at the beautiful garden site and its classrooms. Members may also be supported in work based activities in Horticulture, Catering and our shop and cafe. With over 30 activities to offer, we are proud of the variety and choice we can offer our Members.

Member Voice



Would you like to make a clip about the Walled Garden?
Tell Lindsay or one of the Members' Voice Group.

Easy Read

Using pictures can make things easier to understand.

We want the Walled Garden to be a good place for everyone.

Look out for any signs that need a picture to make them clearer.

We had some good ideas about how we can share information with everyone at The Walled Garden.

New Branded Items

Stuart had ordered some samples of clothing which contained the new logo. They looked great!

Lisa tried them on and thought they were lovely and soft and the jacket was perfect for chilly days!

Hopefully we will be able to order these soon.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 9.30am



The Member Voice group is one of our most important meetings at Ripon Walled Garden. Here Members have the opportunity to talk to the Board of Trustees about their ideas, to propose change and to take forward questions from their fellow Members. Our Member Parent volunteer, who chairs this meeting, is key in working to ensure that Members share their thoughts and feelings about their service.

● Our Values

For our Members

Kindness: We will work with sensitivity and honesty in all we do to promote equality and support Members to lead as fulfilling and independent lives as possible.

Individuality: We will respect every individual, working with our Members to maintain existing skills and develop new skills to grow in confidence.

Excellence: We are fully committed to supporting Members to reach their goals in a safe, fun, encouraging and nurturing environment.



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Fundraising & Events

To ensure that we remain financially sustainable, we generate income through our cafe, shop and garden centre. In addition to this, we run fundraising events throughout the year. We even sell Christmas Trees, and offer a delivery and collection service, which Members love to be involved in.





Community

School Holidays, Spring Fair, Apple Day, Christmas, whatever the occasion, we work hard all year round planning events and projects to include our community in our work. We understand our role in raising awareness of the barriers around disability, and we strive to overcome these by working together. As a charity, this also helps us to raise vital funds.

Volunteers



Our volunteers do amazing things- we simply could not do all we do without them! From supporting our Members to maintaining our gardens, inspiring Members, and visitors young and old. We warmly welcome our wonderful team of volunteers, and we are committed to ensure our volunteers feel valued and recognised for all that they do.

When people talk about Ripon Walled Garden, what do they say?



"A wonderful place with friendly and professional staff who provide outstanding learning opportunities for adults with learning disabilities"

"I like the staff and also the volunteers. If you need help you can ask them"

"Ripon Walled Garden goes from strength to strength, with good leadership and great staff. Keep up the good work!"



"Everyone is working cheerfully for the same goals"



"Being outside, working with nature and lovely people, watching things grow, learning so much about gardening"

Referrals

Most people join us as a referral through social care or support workers, or via education. We also welcome people who are referred by a family member. Whatever the referral route, our qualified social worker, or a member of the team, will meet with you to discuss your individual needs. We then offer a taster day and if this is successful for you, we will offer guidance to help you secure funding and then offer a 6-week placement, which usually becomes a permanent place in our service. We support people who have mild and moderate learning disabilities, who may also have a physical disability or health need. Unfortunately, given the nature of our premises, we are not able to offer support to people who have profound and complex needs and who require significant personal care.

**For further information and to arrange a visit, please contact:
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