What’s on
Autumn/Winter 2018

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Christmas at the Botanics, pages 4 & 5
The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, founded in 1670, is a world-renowned centre for plant research, conservation and education. Its four remarkable Gardens – the ‘Botanics’ in Edinburgh, Benmore in Argyll, Logan in Galloway and Dawyck in the Borders grow more than 13,500 species between them, making this one of the richest plant collections in the world. Discover more about this fascinating world of plants through an exciting programme of exhibitions, interactive experiences, events and activities.
Natural Selection
A collaboration between artist Andy Holden and his father, ornithologist Peter Holden. Their exhibition is an artistic exploration of social history, aesthetics and communication and celebrates the diversity of natural forms and different ways of looking. Follow their journey through the lives of birds, from the building of nests to the collecting of eggs. See page 16 for more details.

Christmas at the Botanics
Join us for our magical, botanical illuminated trail. See pages 4 and 5 for more details.

Join us on storytelling journeys
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Enchanted Garden – Growing Stories, Growing Trees will take you on story journeys into the beautiful surrounding, where trees start to glow with warm autumn colours.

At The Bountiful Birch Tree: Story, Craft and Tradition in Outdoor Education, you will hear some folktales, learn about the cultural and medicinal uses of birch and make your own besom (traditional broom) for your own Halloween celebrations. See pages 9 and 11 for more details.

Scottish Snowdrop Festival
The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh has a fascinating collection of specialist snowdrops. Look out for them throughout the Garden or ask the visitor welcome team for specific locations. Visitors can also enjoy stunning displays at our regional Gardens, Dawyck and Logan. See page 24 for more details.

Cover image: Supplied by Raymond Gubbay Ltd.
Christmas at the Botanics

Fri 23 Nov to Sat 29 Dec – on selected evenings

As night falls, join us at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh for our magical outdoor trail, which returns this year with over one million twinkling lights.

Enter a world festooned with seasonal cheer as you wander beneath unique tree canopies and alongside the iconic Glasshouses drenched in Christmas colour.

Glowing larger-than-life, incandescent flowers rise high into the night sky, leading you on a path towards illuminated tree sculptures with delicate beads of light clinging to each branch. There are hidden surprises too - watch out for shards of light, frosty snowflakes and stars and baubles - where you least expect to see them.

Amid all the festive fun, don’t forget to peek at Santa and his elves along the way. Surround yourself with playful ribbons of colour-changing globes and stop at the scented Fire Garden for a moment of tranquil reflection.

In the distance, spot the towering Tunnel of Light decorated with over 100,000 pea-lights. This year’s festive trail culminates in a spectacular Festive Finale on Inverleith House Lawn. You will also be able to enjoy the festive food and drink on the trail – ideal for all the family.

‘Botanics lights up with spectacular Christmas display’
Edinburgh Evening News on Christmas at the Botanics 2017

To book, visit rbge.org.uk/christmas

Tickets from £14 adult (£12 RBGE adult member) £8 (excluding fees)

Brought to you by Raymond Gubbay Ltd, in association with Culture Creative.
The magical, botanical, illuminated trail

Christmas at the Botanics
Scottish Tree Festival

**Sat 29 Sept to Sun 2 Dec | Free | All ages**

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh will be participating in the new Scottish Tree Festival from 29 September until 2 December. Autumn is an extra special time of year when visitors can enjoy spectacular seasonal colour, the structure of trees and the fallen leaves. The Botanics’ world-leading tree collection includes many historic and champion trees. Dawyck Botanic Garden, also participating in the Festival, is home to some of Britain’s oldest and tallest trees. For more information about the Festival, visit www.rbge.org.uk.

The Scottish Tree Festival is organised by Discover Scottish Gardens and supported by VisitScotland.

Daily Garden Walks

**Daily from 1 to 31 October, 11:00 and 14:00 (1 hour) | £6 | Age 14+ | Meet at John Hope Gateway reception**

Celebrate the seasons and join our expert Garden Guides on a tour of the Garden. Discover seasonal highlights, hidden treasures and talks of the intrepid adventurers behind the plants on display.

Meet the Edible Gardening Team

**Sat 6 Oct, 14:00–16:00 and every Mon and Tue (except Dec & Jan), 13:00–14:30 | Free | All ages | Drop in | Demonstration Garden**

Pop in and look out for the team at work in the Garden. Take a walk around our productive Garden with the Edible Gardening Project volunteers, find out what jobs need doing in your own garden now and have your vegetable growing questions answered.

Supported by players of People’s Postcode Lottery
Apple Day

**Sat 6 Oct, 12:00–16:30 | Drop in | Free | All ages | Botanic Cottage**

Join us to celebrate apples this autumn with displays of Scottish apples, opportunities to taste unusual varieties and a chance to get your unknown apples identified.

Event organised in conjunction with the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.

Growing Pains – Rebellion in the Garden

**Sat 24 Nov, 14:00–16:00 | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row**

Over our 348-year history the RBGE has been witness to huge changes, both within the Garden and in the wider world around it. Starting with the doctors who established the Garden in 1670, there has been a tradition of dissent and nonconformity, from the Regius Keeper who helped to bring about the right to roam in Scotland to another who attempted to change the way that every plant in the world is identified.

Join us during Book Week Scotland 2018 as we celebrate the rebels that have influenced the history of botany and gardening at RBGE and beyond, and look forward to where the next rebellion might be coming from!
**Art Explorers**

Join us for an afternoon of creative fun and be inspired to make your own work of art as we explore the beauty of trees from the Garden using a wide range of colourful and tactile materials. With Greengage Arts.

- [Nest. Birds. Eggs.](#)
  - Sun 7 Oct, 13:00–16:00 | All ages | £3.00 fee on the door | Real Life Science Studio
- [Nesting Here](#)
  - Sun 4 Nov, 12:00–15:00 | All ages | £3.00 fee on the door | Real Life Science Studio
- [Festive Nature](#)
  - Sun 2 Dec, 12:00–15:00 | All ages | £3.00 fee on the door | Real Life Science Studio
- [New Year Nature Wishes](#)
  - Sun 6 Jan, 12:00–15:00 | All ages | £3.00 fee on the door | Real Life Science Studio
- [Love of Nature](#)
  - Sun 3 Feb, 12:00–15:00 | All ages | £3.00 fee on the door | Real Life Science Studio

**Wildlife Explorers**

Join the team from Edinburgh RSPB to explore the wildlife of the Garden as it changes through the seasons with the help of hands-on activities.

- [Migration](#)
  - Sun 14 Oct, 13:00–15:00 | All ages | Free | Terrace Cafe
- [Nests ‘From Egg to Fledge’](#)
  - Sun 11 Nov, 13:00–15:00 | All ages | Free | Inverleith House
- [Big Garden Birdwatch](#)
  - Sun 27 Jan, 13:00–15:00 | All ages | Free | Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway Building
- [Birds Need Homes Too](#)
  - Sun 10 Mar, 13:00–15:00 | All ages | Free | Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway Building
Halloween Trail

Mon 15 – Wed 31 Oct, 10:00–16:00 daily | Age 3+ | Pick up a trail booklet from John Hope Gateway reception or East Gate | £2 per trail

Join us for our annual RBGE Halloween Trail through the Garden. Complete our magical trail and receive your special Halloween gift!

The Breathing Space

Sun 21 Oct, 11:00–13:30 | Workshop | Free | Adults and 11+ | Patrick Geddes Room

Join storytellers from the ancient Pictish Kingdom of Fife to hear stories about trees and their Celtic connections. Have fun planting seeds for the future and making your own clay pendant. With Sheila Kinninmonth, Anita Peggie and Kate Walker from Fife Storytelling group Lang Spoon Tales.

Pre-book in person, online or by phone through the Scottish Storytelling Centre’s box office, from Fri 7 Sep on 0131 556 9579 or at www.tracscotland.org/festivals

Enchanted Garden – Growing Stories, Growing Trees

Sun 21 Oct, 13:00–16:00 | Free, drop in | All ages | Botanic Cottage and Demonstration Garden

Join Scottish and international storytellers and treat yourself with a relaxed afternoon of stories for all ages. Meet at the Botanic Cottage and find the cosy spots where stories are shared or let storytellers take you on story journeys into the beautiful surrounding, where trees start to glow with warm autumn colours. The event includes the special storytelling session, Re-Storying the Earth, with Alette Willis and Allison Galbraith.

Sessions at the Botanic Cottage have limited capacity. Free tickets will be available on the door.
Christmas at the Botanic Cottage: St Andrew’s Fair Saturday

Sat 1 December, 12:00–15:00 | Botanic Cottage | Drop in | All ages | Pay as you feel, with a share of donations going to charity
Warm up for Christmas with tasty garden soup, Christmas carols, and crafts for all ages in the Botanic Cottage. Pay as you feel, and a share of the donations will go to local charity Cyrenians as part of St Andrew’s Fair Saturday.
For further details, visit: https://cyrenians.scot/

Natural Partners

Sat 8 and Sun 9 Dec, 13:00–15:00 | Free | Drop in | All ages | Inverleith House
Trees, woods and forests provide air, water, food and shelter as well as higher-level demands. Find out how this natural partnership can be used to grow the understanding of future generations. Event led by students of Moray House School of Education with support from Forest Research, Forestry Commission Scotland and the Forest Engineering Group.
The Bountiful Birch Tree: Story, Craft and Tradition in Outdoor Education

Mon 22 Oct, 13.30–15:30 | Workshop | £12 (£10) | Adults and 12+ | Botanic Cottage, Professor’s Room

Have fun and engage in hands-on learning about one of our most beautiful native trees. Authors and storytellers Allison Galbraith and Alette Willis will be joined by RBGE staff for this workshop centred round the seasonal Scottish Traveller’s tale, *Archie’s Besom*.

Hear folktales, learn about the cultural and medicinal uses of birch and make your own besom (traditional broom) for your own Halloween celebrations. This workshop is suitable for anyone age 12+, educators and those interested in trees and folk culture. Materials for broom-making will be provided.

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Garden Social for Dementia
First Friday of the month, 10:30–12:00 | Free | Drop in, up to three per party
Age 16+ | Botanic Cottage
Free sessions, with refreshments and activities, for people affected by dementia. Inspired by the Garden. Numbers are limited. For groups of three or more, please call 0131 248 2956 or email community@rbge.org.uk

Botanic Cottage Open Day
First Friday of the Month, 13:30 & 15:00: Sep, Oct, Feb, 13:30–14:30, 15:00–16:00; Nov, Dec, Jan, 13:30–14:30, 15:00–15:45 | Free | All ages | Botanic Cottage
Join a free, drop in look at the Botanic Cottage and discover how it was saved and rebuilt.

Cyrenian Community Cook Club
Fridays, twice a month: Oct 12 and 26, Nov 9 and 23, Dec 21, Jan 11 and 21, Feb 8 and 22, 10:30–13:30 | Free | 16+ | Botanic Cottage
Community Cook Club | Cyrenians support the initial set up and running of the clubs by sourcing food from FareShare and supporting members to prepare nutritious meals. For more information, email foodeducation@cyrenians.scot

SSBA Forum Meetings
Thu 8 Nov 2018 and Thu 21 Feb, 14:00–17:00 | Free | 16+ | Botanic Cottage
Professors Room | Booking via: Mary O’Neil at denisonell@btinternet.com
Join the Scottish Society of Botanical Artists Informal Forum group for a lecture and chat. Meetings will be held in the Professor’s Room at the Botanic Cottage.
The November meeting will be a lecture by renowned Botanical Artist Sharon Bradley on Curtis Botanical Magazine
Botanical Society of Scotland and RBGE Lecture Series

All lectures are free to the public and are on Thursday evenings at 18:00 in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Botanic Garden, 21A Inverleith EH3 5LR. Tea is served from 17:30.

- **Weird plants**
  Thu 25 Oct, 18:00 | Age 12+ | Lecture Theatre
  Dr Chris Thorogood, Oxford University, The Sir William Wright Smith Memorial Lecture

- **From ancient algae to fossil fuels**
  Thu 15 Nov, 18:00 | Age 12+ | Lecture Theatre
  Professor John Love, Exeter University

- **Selection of plant material by tool-using New Caledonian crows: a botanical detective story from the South Pacific**
  Thu 13 Dec, 18:00 | Age 12+ | Lecture Theatre
  Professor Christian Rutz, St Andrews University

- **Woodlands, railway stations and wild flowers of Easter Ross**
  Thu 10 Jan, 18:00 | Age 12+ | Lecture Theatre
  Dr Brian Ballinger, Dundee, Presidential Address

- **Truffles: a tale of diversity, symbiosis, cultivation and sex**
  Thu 28 Feb, 18:00 | Age 12+ | Lecture Theatre
  Dr Paul Thomas, Mycorrhizal Systems Ltd., Lancashire

- **Harnessing the power of medicinal plants**
  Thu 21 Mar, 18:00 | Age 12+ | Lecture Theatre
  Professor Sarah O’Connor, John Innes Centre
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Exhibitions

Andy Holden and Peter Holden: Natural Selection

Free | All ages | Inverleith House

Natural Selection marks the culmination of a five-year collaboration between artist Andy Holden and his father, ornithologist Peter Holden. Follow their journey through the lives of birds, from the building of nests to the collecting of eggs. Featuring objects, sculptures, videos and animation, the exhibition celebrates the diversity of natural forms and different ways of looking. It is an artistic exploration of social history, aesthetics and communication, as well as natural history.

Commissioned by Artangel, Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, Leeds Art Gallery and Towner Art Gallery, with the support of the National Lottery through Arts Council England, Spike Island and Bristol Green Capital 2015, the Henry Moore Foundation and Artangel’s Guardian Angels. Scottish tour supported by Creative Scotland.

Natural Selection is part of The Artangel Collection, an initiative to bring outstanding film and video works commissioned and produced by Artangel to galleries and museums across the UK. The Artangel Collection has been developed in partnership with Tate and is generously funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and The Foyle Foundation.

Astonishing ***** The Observer
Full of surprises ***** The Guardian
Deeply emotional **** Time Out London
Edinburgh Shoreline

Until 28 Oct 2018: Sep 10:00–16:45, Oct 10:00–16:45 | Daily | Free | All ages
John Hope Gateway ground floor

As part of the RBGE’s Shoreline project, local communities have been exploring the rich natural and cultural heritage of Edinburgh’s 27-km coast. Edinburgh’s Shoreline exhibition was created in collaboration with these communities to celebrate Edinburgh’s relationship with the sea and provide a vision for the use of this wonderful natural resource for generations to come.

Christmas Trees

17 Nov 2018 – 13 Jan 2019, 10:00–15:45 | Daily | All ages | John Hope Gateway ground floor | Free exhibition

Christmas wouldn’t be Christmas without a tree. Find out about the plants we associate with midwinter festivals – their habitats, their uses, the threats they face – and the work RBGE is doing to conserve some of these most iconic species.
If you would like to see stunning autumn colour or spectacular swathes of snowdrops in early spring, then why not head to Dawyck Botanic Garden? Just an hour’s drive from Edinburgh, the 65-acre Garden is home to some of Britain’s oldest and tallest trees. Discover spectacular seasonal hues as you enjoy woodland and Burnside walks in autumn. If you visit in late winter/early spring you will be rewarded with the sight of carpets of snowdrops.

**Autumn Bring & Buy Plant Sale**
**Sun 7 Oct, 10:00–15:00 | Free**
If you are looking for new plants for your garden or would like to donate your surplus plants to help raise funds to support the work at Dawyck, then please come along to the Autumn Plant Sale. Discover a host of plants and shrubs to try out in your own garden. Recycle old favourites and bring us your herbaceous splits. There is no need to pot material beforehand, but please try to name them.

**Scotland’s Gardens Open Day**
**Sun 7 Oct, 10:00–16:00 | Drop in | Admission fee applies**
When you visit Dawyck today, a proportion of your entry fee will be donated to Scotland’s Gardening Scheme and their charities.
Sunday Guided Walks
Sundays until 26 Nov: 14:15 until end of Oct, 13:45 in Nov | Free, with normal Garden Admission | Booking not necessary | Meet at Reception
Join an experienced Garden Guide for a tour of Dawyck. Learn about the history of the Garden and its magnificent plant collection which includes redwood, spruce and the unique Dawyck Beech. The Garden’s continental climate is perfect for the abundance of plant species collected from around the world over the past 300 years.

Out of the Ark into the Woods
Until Fri 30 Nov, 10:00 | Daily | The Studio | Free
Using the different mediums of felt and paint, local artist Poppy Browne explores the world of animals and woodland. Come and see an inspiring selection of Poppy’s latest creations.
Education

Short Courses
We run weekly classes and weekend workshops in many subjects from botany and horticulture, to herbology, garden history, art and wellbeing. For beginners to advanced, we aim to provide something for all! For current course listings pick up a copy of our programme or view it online at www.rbge.org.uk/shortcourses

Professional Courses
For those that wish to take their studies further and gain a qualification we have a fantastic range of professional courses including Certificates, Diplomas and BSc & MSc Degrees. As well as courses that run at RBGE we are also have a range of blended/distance learning courses allowing you to study with us from wherever you are with courses such as the RHS Level 2 & 3 Certificate courses.

Whether you are starting a career in horticulture, or just want to take your love of plants and gardening further, the RHS courses give you a broad-based understanding of horticulture, garden design and how plants work. You can start these courses anytime and study at your own pace. Find out more at www.rbge.org.uk/ProfessionalCourses

Schools and Teacher CPD
We offer a high level curriculum focussed schools programme for primary and secondary schools, as well as bespoke CPD training for teachers. Our programme offers unique adventures from rainforest to teddy bears picnics and is a wonderful way to bring the subjects alive. www.rbge.org.uk/schools

To find out more or to book on any of our courses, please contact us on 0131 248 2937 or education@rbge.org.uk
Here are just a few of the courses we have running over the next few months. Full details and descriptions are available on our website: www.rbge.org.uk/shortcourses

Workshops

- Introduction to Garden Landscaping: Recording Levels in the Garden  
  Sat 3 Nov 18 | 10:00–16:00 | £50/£45 for Members
- Pressed Fern Art  
  Sat 10 Nov 18 | 10:00–16:00 | £60/£54 for Members
- Introduction to Plant Photography  
  Sat 24 Nov 18 | 10:00–16:00 | £60/£54 for Members
- Foraged and Found: Rustic Table Decorations  
  Sun 25 Nov 18 | 10:00–16:00 | £60/£54 for Members
- Care and Maintenance of Houseplants  
  Sat 23 Feb 19 | 10:00–16:00 | £50/£45 for Members

Short Courses

- Nordic Walking  
  Thursdays 17 Jan – 28 Mar 19 | 13:45–14:45 | £65/£58.50 for Members
- Drawing for Beginners  
  Wednesdays 16 Jan – 27 Mar 19 | 18:30–21:00 | £110/£99 for Members
- Medicine from Trees  
  Wednesdays 16 Jan – 27 Mar 19 | 18:30–21:00 | £140/£126 for Members

Certificate & Diploma Courses

- RBGE Certificate in Herbology (attended)  
  Starting Jan 2019 | www.rbge.org.uk/certherb
- RBGE Certificate in Botanical Illustration (online)  
  Starting Mar 2019 | www.rbge.org.uk/certbi

www.rbge.org.uk
The World of Seaweeds

Thu 18 Oct, 19:00–20:30 | £7, £5 Members | Book through the Membership Office on 0131 552 5339 or pay on the door | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row

What are seaweeds? How many species are there? What conditions do they face on the seashore and how have they adapted to their environment? Explore the secrets of seaweeds with marine phycologist, Dr Gavin Hardy, and learn more about Scotland’s seaweed industries and the recent resurgence in the interest in using seaweeds.

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1670: The Making of our Botanical Gin

Tues 4 Dec, 19:00–20:30 | £15, £13 Members | Advance booking essential on 0131 552 5339 | Over 18s only | The Botanic Cottage

The perfect winter evening for gin lovers! Edinburgh Gin and RBGE’s Greg Kenicer will introduce our new 1670 gin and provide an insight into the distillation process and botanicals used in this limited edition gin. Enjoy some gin tastings along the way!

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Arctic Explorer to Scotland’s First Fragrance House

Thu 17 Jan, 19:00–20:30 | £7, £5 Members | Book in advance on 0131 552 5339 or pay on the door | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row

Have you ever wondered how a perfume is developed? Imogen Russon-Taylor will tell us how the adventures of Scottish botanist and Arctic Explorer Isobel Wylie Hutchison inspired her bold new fragrance and how the complex perfume notes were developed and brought to market.

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Can we change the Scottish fruit basket? New fruit, new opportunities

Thu 21 Feb, 19:00–20:30 | £7, £5 Members | Book in advance on 0131 552 5339 or pay on the door | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row

Fed up with strawberries and plums? Worried about food miles? Wondering whether you could grow goji berries or kiwis? Professor Derek Stewart of the James Hutton Institute will talk about the wide variety of seemingly exotic fruits that will, in fact, grow in Scotland and give some tips on how you might grow them in your own garden.

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Friends of RBGE Photography Exhibition

1 Feb – 24 Mar, 10:00–15:45 (Feb) 16:45 (Mar) | Free | Drop In | All Ages
John Hope Gateway


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Snowdrop and Early Spring Interest Walks at the Botanics

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh has a fascinating collection of specialist snowdrops. Look out for them throughout the Garden or ask the visitor welcome team for specific locations. Visitors can also enjoy stunning displays at our regional Gardens, Dawyck and Logan. The Scottish Snowdrop Festival is organised by Discover Scottish Gardens. Visit discoverscottishgardens.org.uk for information on snowdrop events around Scotland.

■ Snowdrop and Early Spring Interest Walks at Edinburgh

Every Fri, Sat and Sun from 15 Feb, 11:00 | £6 | Age 14+ | Meet at John Hope Gateway Reception

Join a Guided Walk and see the Garden’s wonderful collection of specialist snowdrops and other early-flowering plants that herald the onset of spring.

■ Snowdrop and Early Spring Interest Walks at Dawyck

Sun 3, 10, 17 & 24 Feb, 13:45 | Free with normal Garden admission | Age 14+ | Meet at Visitor Centre

Dawyck Botanic Garden provides a magnificent backdrop for a stunning display of snowdrops beside the Scrape Burn. Come and join an experienced Garden Guide for a fascinating tour of the Garden’s collection and marvel at these little gems.

■ Snowdrops on Sunday at Logan

Sun 3, 10, 17 & 24 Feb, 10:00–16:00 | Free

Logan is open on Sundays in February for the Scottish Snowdrop Festival. Enjoy enchanting displays of snowdrops at ‘Scotland’s most exotic Garden’ as well as a number of early flowering rhododendrons and camellias. Entry is free although donations are welcome.
Give the gift of Membership and help the Garden grow

Treat family or friends to a year of inspirational garden visits with a unique gift of RBGE membership

For more information call us on 0131 552 5339 or visit www.rbge.org.uk

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Eat, Drink, Shop

Come and celebrate the festive season at the Botanics. We have a tempting seasonal menu with delicious options for everyone. All locations are open from 10:00.

■ The Gateway Restaurant
Visit the delightful space to enjoy breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea with a beautiful outlook into the Garden. You’ll find an array of freshly prepared hot dishes and lighter options, many including produce grown right here in the Garden.

To book a table, please call 0131 552 2674, email info@gatewayrestaurant.net or visit the restaurant website www.gatewayrestaurant.net

■ Terrace Café
Complete with stunning views across the Edinburgh skyline, the Terrace Café offers a tempting range of specialty coffees, teas, home bakes, soups, light snacks, and freshly prepared hot dishes.

■ East Gate Coffee Bar
A great refreshment stop near the Garden’s East Gate, where you can find a selection of snacks, sandwiches and specialty teas and coffees for take away.

■ Christmas at the Botanics
Make your visit to Christmas at the Botanics even more special by enjoying a delicious meal at the Gateway as part of your evening out. For more information, please visit rbge.org.uk/christmas
The Botanics Shop
Open daily, Oct & Feb 10:00–17:00, Nov, Dec & Jan 10:00–16:00 | John Hope Gateway

The Botanics Shop is brimming with a delightful selection of gifts and exclusive ranges this autumn. Why not prepare for the festive season by paying us a visit to find Christmas gifts for all the family?

We have a wide range of festive decorations and lighting, cards, accessories, jewellery, scarves, toys, books and much more. Choose from an array of handmade Scottish-produced items including colourful knits by Green Grove Weavers, silks by Lady Crow, locally produced honey, foodstuffs, soaps and toiletries, as well as our very own 1670 gin in collaboration with Edinburgh gin, tweed accessories and exclusive homeware ranges. Enjoy a relaxing shopping experience at the Botanics this Festive season.

Every purchase helps to support our research and conservation work.

Your Event at the Garden

Why not hold/host your exclusive party in the unrivalled setting of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh this Christmas.

This 72-acre wonderland provides the setting for a variety of stunning and individually unique venues, where we can cater for and look after groups of 50 to 200 guests.

To discuss and book your specific requirements for a bespoke and truly unforgettable Christmas, please call our dedicated events team on 0131 552 1974.
How to Find Us

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Arboretum Place or Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5LR
Garden admission is free. Charges for Glasshouses: Adult £7, Concessions £6, under 16s free*. Oct and Feb 10:00 to 17:00, Dec and Jan 10:00 to 16:00. Closed Dec 25 and Jan 1.
Tel 0131 552 7171 | www.rbge.org.uk

Dawyck
Stobo, near Peebles, Scottish Borders, EH45 9JU
Admission: Adult £7, Concessions £6, under 16s free*. Feb and Nov 10:00 to 16:00, Mar and Oct 10:00 to 17:00. Closed Dec and Jan.
Tel 01721 760254 | www.rbge.org.uk/dawyck

Benmore
Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8QU
Admission: Adult £7, Concessions £6, under 16s free*. Oct 10:00 to 17:00. Closed Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb.
Tel 01369 706261 | www.rbge.org.uk/benmore

Logan
Port Logan, Dumfries & Galloway, DG9 9ND
Admission: Adult £7, Concessions £6, under 16s free*. 10:00 to 17:00. Closed from Nov 15, Dec and Jan. February (Sun only – 10:00 to 16:00).
Tel 01776 860231 | www.rbge.org.uk/logan

*Prices include a small donation to the Garden.