

Visit to Beth Chatto's Garden Colchester June 2026

On Wednesday 3rd June eleven intrepid explorers looked around the beautiful garden that once belonged to Beth Chatto. I say intrepid because we all braved the rain and the wind, but the weather didn't dampen our spirits!

The garden is in five sections - the famous dry gravel garden, a water garden, scree, reservoir and woodland garden.

They are planning a sixth section, and at the moment they have 6 adorable Berkshire pigs (who we met!) clearing an area so that new woodland can be planted to block off a planned housing estate, some new stock beds for propagation and a wildflower area. The plan is to make the new area simpler gardening not high maintenance.

All of the sections were beautifully planted and everywhere there was an abundance of different species of flowers, trees and shrubs, offering a variety of colours and scents.

After the garden was explored we enjoyed a look around their plant nursery and a few purchases were made! The final stop was the tearoom to enjoy a sit down, a natter, and tea and cake.