

Malleny House & Garden for schools

Malleny Garden is an attractive three-acre walled garden surrounding a 17th-century house (not open to the public). Malleny Estate was bought in 1634 by Sir James Murray of Kilbaberton; the house was built in 1637, with two Georgian reception rooms added in about 1813. (These can be visited by arrangement.) The earliest record of 'Malany' dates from 1477, Alexander Knychtsoune and his wife Christian granted sasine of the lands to their son George in 1478. Many of the architectural features of the house can be seen from the garden. The Dovecot in the garden, with 915 nesting holes, is unusual in having a saddle-back roof and in having the entrance holes on the north, rather than the south side.

The Garden is north facing and dominated by four, 400-year old cropped yew trees, known as the Four Apostles, all that remains of the original twelve trees, the Twelve Apostles. Fine herbaceous borders containing a wide range of plants, old-fashioned roses, vegetables and herbs are features.

There is a woodland area behind the garden.

● education programme

Malleny House and Garden is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

a site visit offers

- A teaching pack and resource box is available for teacher-led studies in the grounds including topics such as keys, minibeasts and orienteering.

classroom resources

- The teacher's pack contains information and suggestions for classroom studies to complement a visit
- leaflet - *A guide to Malleny and its garden*

● practical information

planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size: 30 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we welcome a free preparatory visit by the teacher

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