

Priorwood Garden for schools

Priorwood Garden is a unique garden where the majority of plants grown are suitable for drying. The dried flower area is formal in layout and displays a variety of borders including shrub, annual, grass, annual everlasting and a patio shaded area with urns and wall borders. All the flowers, seed heads, leaves and grasses can be dried and used for dry flower work.

The drying process is carried out in purpose built workshops in the garden, which are open for visitors. The methods of presenting plants by hang drying, sand drying or pressing are all displayed and demonstrated. A colourful display of arrangements, loose flowers, bouquets, posies and pot pourris offers inspiration and items for sale.

In the adjacent orchard, a special walk illustrates the history and development of the cultivated apple.

● education programme

Priorwood 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 special tour (allow at least 1 hour)
- seasonal visits are encouraged to benefit from seeing the different stages of plant growth, flower harvest and dried flower process

classroom resources

- study box of written resources and handling material (available for loan)
- illustrated guidebook
- Priorwood orchard leaflet *Apples through the Ages - an orchard walk*

The Study box and resources are also available from Melrose Resource Centre

● practical information

planning your visit

- pre-bookings are 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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