

## Pick up expert gardening tips at Winterbourne's Gardeners Open Day

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The University's Winterbourne Botanic Garden hosts its annual Gardeners Open Day this weekend. The event is an excellent opportunity to see the garden in all its summer glory and to get tips from the University's expert gardeners.

The Open Day takes place this Sunday (14th June), from 10am- 5pm. Admission for visitors is only £1.50.

The events also include visiting horticultural societies, plant sales, behind the scenes tours of the garden, gardening clinics and home made teas.

Winterbourne is one of the best surviving examples of Edwardian Arts and Crafts Garden and has been the University's Botanic Garden since 1944. It now houses the National Council for Conservation of Plants and Gardens European Rose collection, a Japanese Bridge and Tea House.

Alison Darby the garden's Curator says: "The day is always a great opportunity to get tips from our expert gardeners and to pick up some interesting plants for your own garden.

The garden is also looking its best at this time of year with the rose garden in full bloom and the borders bursting with colour.

For more information about the day call 0121 4143832

### Ends

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### Winterbourne Botanic Garden

Built in 1903 the Garden started life as a private family garden and became the University of Birmingham Botanic Garden in 1944. In its 100 years it has developed and now houses the National Council for Conservation of Plants and Gardens European Rose collection, a Japanese Bridge and Tea House. It is a significant Grade II Edwardian Arts and Crafts Garden just three miles from the city centre.

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