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Garden Festival returns to The Bishop's Palace 2nd-4th July 2021

The Bishop's Palace Garden Festival returns this year to celebrate its 6th year, amongst 14 acres of stunning RHS partner gardens.

The event takes place 2nd-4th July, when the Gardens will be at their very best with dramatic summer colour and the evocative fragrance of roses.

Festival speakers will include Roy Lancaster, John Horsey, Claire Greenslade and James Cross.

The South Lawn will be filled with stalls including nurseries, food & drink, garden gadgets, gifts, sculpture and more, and there will be live music, hands on demonstrations, workshops, flower installations and garden tours.

Tickets are £12.50 Adult and £6.50 Child and will go on sale on the Palace website on 12th April 2021.

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ABOUT THE BISHOP'S PALACE

The Bishop's Palace is the 800-year-old home of the Bishops of Bath & Wells. The medieval palace is also home to the wells and ancient springs that give the City of Wells its name, the world famous mute swans that ring a bell alongside the Gatehouse when they want their food, and 14 acres of stunning gardens. Within the gardens are an Arboretum, formal planted gardens, the ruined and romantic Great Hall, waterfalls and well pools, a Community Garden and the new Garden of Reflection.

The Palace buildings open to the public include a medieval undercroft, a striking Long Gallery, hung with portraits of former bishops, exhibition space and the beautiful medieval Chapel.

There is a modern, family and dog friendly café, serving produce from the gardens, drinks, cakes and light meals and a gift shop. The site is accessible for wheelchair users, with new, even pathways in the gardens and a lift in the Palace building.

The Bishop's Palace is managed by The Palace Trust, registered charity number 1160830.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:

The Bishop's Palace & Gardens
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OPENING TIMES

Summer (31 March – 26 Oct): 10am - 5pm

Winter (27 Oct – 30 March): 10am – 4pm

Last admission is 30 minutes before closing.

The Bishop's Palace is closed over Christmas every year.

- All activities and events are included in the price of admission unless stated otherwise and children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Guided Tours Daily (not currently available until further notice)

ADMISSION CHARGES

Admission tickets give access to the medieval Palace, Undercroft, ruined Great Hall, 14 acres of gardens, the Bishop's Chapel and events (unless specifically ticketed).

Who	Gift Aid*
Adult Annual Return Ticket	£15.00
Children (Under 5 years)	FREE
Children (5-18 years) Annual Return Ticket	£7.50
Essential helpers assisting disabled visitors	FREE
Group Admission	Prebooked
Child Group Admission	Prebooked

HOW TO FIND US

The Bishop's Palace & Gardens is situated in the heart of Wells, Somerset and can be easily reached from Bath – 21 miles / Bristol - 21 miles / Glastonbury - 8 miles.

Bus: 29, 126, 161/162, 173, 375, 376, 377 all stop or pass through Wells. Alight at Wells Market Place.

Bike: The Bishop's Palace is situated on Sustrans cycle route 3. Visit www.sustrans.org.uk for further information and maps. Cycle racks available over the drawbridge and in Market Place.

Train: The nearest railway stations are Castle Cary (9 miles from Wells) and also Bristol Temple Meads and Bath Spa (both 21 miles), where you will find bus links to Wells.

Coach: Follow signs to coach dropping off point, continue down one way system to bus station coach park.

Car: The main routes to Wells are the A371 and the A39. The Bishop's Palace is a short walk from all central car parks, use Whiting Way car park (long stay) which is located just off the A39 or Market Place (short stay, 1 hour maximum) is just outside the palace Not available Wednesday or Saturday (market days).

Map: http://www.bishopspalace.org.uk/location_map.php