

*The*  
**Swiss Garden**  
at  
SHUTTLEWORTH



**'Happy New Partnership' for the Swiss Garden and the RHS as 2020 rolls in!**

The Shuttleworth Trust is delighted to announce that its Swiss Garden has been awarded Royal Horticultural Society Partner Garden status and will offer free entry to RHS members every Thursday\* from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

Following a large-scale restoration, completed in 2014, this charming 9-acre site, complete with quirky follies and thirteen listed buildings and artefacts, was removed from the Heritage at Risk register. The garden team have since been busy building on these very positive foundations – refreshing borders and seasonal planting schemes, developing a varied events schedule and, most recently, introducing a programme of activities promoting the relationship between outdoor spaces and wellbeing.

A team of five, including one apprentice gardener, and a lively and dedicated volunteer group maintain this historic late Regency landscape on a daily basis, led by Head Gardener Sissel Dahl. Views and vistas are a key element of the garden's design, and there is something to see all year round. There is plenty of seating throughout, and a warm welcome is guaranteed from the team and three resident peacocks!

Garden Manager Corinne Price is thrilled at the news: "This is a fantastic accolade to the Swiss Garden and the hard work put in by the team to make it such a lovely space to visit, helped also by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and others who made the recent restoration happen. We look forward to welcoming RHS members to the Swiss Garden and to a successful working partnership with the society."

\*Excludes ticketed event days

