



Trebah Garden

A VISITOR'S GUIDE

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Welcome to Trebah Garden

Our mild winters and long, sunny summers mean that Cornwall has something of a micro-climate in which plants and flowers flourish. From Cornish hedgerows full of wild blooms to the more formal, sub-tropical gardens that are renowned for their magnificent magnolias and regal rhododendrons, Cornwall's gardens are beautiful to behold. This month we visited some of our favourites that will be in full bloom this summer. Turn to page 20 for more details.

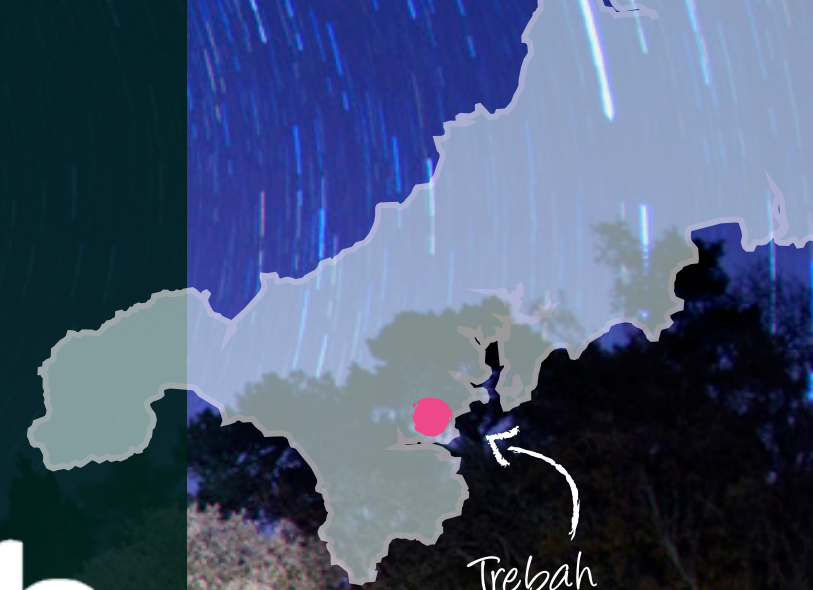
I was lucky enough to meet landscape architect Elizabeth Staveley who, after working in practice in London and beyond, is bringing a world-class portfolio and wealth of experience back to Cornwall (page 59). The Cornish property market is currently booming and from page 26, you'll find some stunning homes to buy followed by a wealth of interior inspiration from the experts.

We have supplements galore this month! From page 79, we look at festivals and events to keep the children happy this summer in Kids Love Cornwall Living and, for our four-legged friends, Dogs Love Cornwall Living is packed full of doggie days out and pet essentials.

We couldn't publish an issue without tempting your tastebuds with some foodie favourites (from page 96) including a visit to the wonderful Potager Garden and Café on page 106. Add to that artwork, holiday homes, fashion, advice and more...you'll be needing more than one pot of tea to read through it all.

Until next issue...enjoy!

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BIRDSONG at its best

This summer the birds of the world are gathering at Trebah Garden; join the flock on an epic quest to find the legendary Simorgh bird. SCRAWW is a feather fuelled, technically immersive and family-friendly journey into Persian poetry that gets you to explore Trebah's beautiful garden in a new and unique way.

Presented by Trebah and Gaggle Haus, the epic Persian tale is told via an immersive soundtrack created by international sound designer and composer Max Pappenheim. Audiences will don 'silent disco' style headphones, join a flock and put on their feathers as they get led through the garden, experiencing live performance blended with Max's score. Paths and plots twist as the flock moves through this truly immersive soundscape before reaching the finale on Trebah's picturesque private beach. Combining the magical surroundings of the garden with a captivating tale of birds and music, and promising to be a truly enchanting experience.



SCRAWW

SCRAWW is an exciting co-production, introducing international talent to the landscape and performing arts sector of Cornwall. One audience member has said of the production that it is: "A genre-bending operatic and digital piece of pure perfection!" The Gaggle Haus team includes Director Anna Pool (opera, theatre and music maker), Lila Palmer (librettist) and Anna Driftmeir (scenographer and production designer) – a team of acclaimed makers who have worked across Europe and in the United States, and who promise to deliver a truly remarkable performance.



ABOVE
Unrivalled
gardens at
Trebah

INSET
The immersive
SCRAWW
experience

Trebah is already established as a cultural hub, with a growing reputation for its performances, which are staged within the 300-seat amphitheatre. The amphitheatre is nestled at the heart of the garden and annually hosts various productions, which are sure to entrance and impress even the most discerning theatre-goers. In the past, these performances have featured landscape and vertical dance, puppetry, pyrotechnics and pure playful performance. However, never before has the garden seen anything like SCRAWW. Book your tickets today and discover the magical world of plants, adventure and mesmerising beauty of Trebah Garden and the immersive realm of birds and Persian tales that you'll listen to as you explore.

Trebah in bloom

It's a fact. Getting outside is good for you. There's a real transformative nature in simply filling your lungs with fresh air, taking in the birdsong and enjoying a leisurely stroll through the countryside. Fortunately countryside is something that Cornwall is blessed with a lot of, and with our many gardens in bloom, why not see for yourself this summer?

A visit to a garden makes the perfect family day out – a great way to bring everyone together, and ideal for young families to enjoy a picnic in a contained environment. More importantly, what better excuse for enjoying a cream tea in a beautiful setting?

Cornwall's unique microclimate provides the perfect conditions for rare, exotic and subtropical plants to thrive, many of which you won't find in other parts of the UK. As TV gardening expert Matt James recently told us: "Cornwall has a warmer climate compared to many parts of the UK, but a wetter one too, so the palette of plants is very different. It's subtropical, verdant, and larger than life; full of form and structure."

The sheltered south coast in particular has a huge concentration of gardens, stretching from the mouth of the Helford river all the way up beyond St Austell. You'll find verdant landscapes replete with large ferns and palms, great collections of camellias, and luscious valley gardens such as Trebah and Glendurgan that cascade down to the water's edge.

Many of these collections of rare plants have origins in the travels of explorers and horticulturalists of years gone by, who brought back exotic specimens from distant lands, and found the Cornish climate to be perfect for them to thrive. These collections have matured and steadily been added to over the years, becoming the world-class gardens they are today.

Trebah Garden Mawnan Smith

One most certainly to put on your list is the subtropical paradise of Trebah Garden in Mawnan Smith, on the edge of the Helford just outside of Falmouth – neighbour to the equally magnificent National Trust managed Glendurgan.

When we met Matt James earlier this year, he waxed lyrical on the wonders of Trebah. "I love coastal gardens – they demand careful thought... I find places like Trebah Garden really inspiring," he explained. "I sway towards natural, relaxed and atmospheric design, adopting a plants-first approach."

We catch up with Trebah's Head Gardener, Darren Dickey, to discover more. "Trebah really does have a unique wow factor," says Darren, "boasting spectacular valley views to the Helford river beyond at the start of your journey into a ravine of mass planting, before emerging onto our very own private beach with crystal clear waters. Trebah has been designed to have interest and colour all year round, with the water garden and giant rhubarb (*Gunnera*) being just two of our summer must sees in the garden."

Complete your tour of the garden with a stop at Trebah Kitchen, serving delicious home-cooked delights. A more recent addition to the garden is the wonderful amphitheatre, home to fantastic open-air theatre and live performance over the warmer months. Discover more about Trebah's summer programme on page 84.

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Bloom!

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