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🌼 **Great Dixter**

This garden is a plant lover's paradise. You have to squeeze past borders that are overflowing with amazing herbaceous perennials full of colour and texture. It looks like there isn't a plan at all, but to achieve this impact requires a lot of planning and structure. The yew hedges create a backdrop to the garden that lets the stars of the show really stand out.

🌼 **Ambrose Place, Worthing**

For anyone looking for inspiration of what they can do with a small garden then a visit to Ambrose Place is a must. The whole street opens for the NGS and you wouldn't believe what lies behind the gates of each of the Victorian townhouses. The display of plants is exceptional, some gardens full of traditional English country garden plants brimming with colour and scent; others use hostas and ferns to create tranquil green spaces.

🌼 **Wakehurst Place** The winter is often a time when people forget about the garden. However, a visit to Wakehurst Place in the middle of winter demonstrates

what can be done. The cornus bring warm colours of yellows and reds, the stem colour and bark of the birch tree '*Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii*' is a joy and so many shrubs at this time of year have berries that are bursts of colour on a winter's day.

Frogheath Landscapes work predominantly within a 35 mile radius of Burwash Weald and use environmentally sensitive suppliers where possible. They have won two gold medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and a gold medal at RHS Royal Hampton Court Flower Show.

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Pick Three!

We ask garden lovers and experts to name their three favourite gardens in Kent, Surrey and Sussex



Clare Barham
of Hole Park

🌼 **Hole Park, Rolvenden** My husband would be most upset if I did

not include our own beautiful gardens, but they would be my number one anyway. The sixteen acres reflect the four generations of his family who have loved these gardens for over a century. They are at their best between April and June and again, for a finale of autumn colours, in October. Hole Park also hosts the Wealden Times Midsummer

Fair, and entry to the garden is included with your fair entry ticket. www.holepark.com

🌼 **Chevening, near Sevenoaks** The official residence of the Foreign Secretary and, for that reason, it is not often open to the public. Set around a huge ornamental lake which provides the perfect backdrop to this stunning house, sweeping alleys of hornbeam run off into the countryside, encouraging visitors to see what lies beyond. It's the ideal place to let your children run free too.

www.cheveninghouse.com

🌼 **Balmoral, Benenden** The Molesworths' delightful garden in Benenden shows what can be achieved by two really dedicated gardeners. Open a couple of times a year and for groups by appointment. www.thepottingshedholidaylet.com



Liz Ridgway
of Denys &
Fielding, makers
of deckchairs,
furnishings
and garden
accessories

🌼 **Marle Place, Tonbridge, Kent** This garden offers something for every garden lover. Formal gardens, woodland, sculptures, ponds, rockeries, wilder, more naturalistic areas. It's a garden with a really charming character. It is privately owned and not open all the time, so

make sure you check their website for opening times before you head out.

🌼 **Walled Nursery, Hawkhurst, Kent** A sense of escape is exactly what you get when you head to the Walled Nursery. This is a working nursery, but it is also a lovely ▶