



BERKSHIRE GARDEN TRUST'S

THE SAVILL GARDEN LECTURE AND GARDEN VISIT

Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 10am

**'A Garden for all Seasons' talk by John Anderson,
Keeper of the Gardens at the Savill Garden
Followed by a guided tour of Savill Garden**

We are delighted that John Anderson will be giving us a talk at Savill Gardens about the Gardens. He is a highly respected horticulturist whose career began with training at the National Botanic Gardens in Dublin and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. His expertise and dedication led to senior roles as Head Gardener at Mount Usher Gardens in Ireland, Inverewe Gardens in Scotland, and Exbury Gardens in Hampshire. John's contributions to horticulture have been recognised with the prestigious RHS Veitch Memorial Medal, awarded for advancing the science, art and practice of horticulture.



Beyond his leadership roles, John is deeply involved in the wider horticultural community. He serves on the RHS Woody Plant Committee, contributes to national arboreta advisory groups, and acts as a trustee for several organisations including TROBI, the National Oak Collection and the Royal Windsor Flower Show. A passionate plantsman, he travels extensively to China, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile and Europe amongst other places to see plants in their natural habitats and lectures internationally on topics ranging from alpine plants to global plant exploration.

Resting within Windsor Great Park, The Savill Garden is a 35-acre haven of ornamental gardens, woodlands and seasonal displays. The garden was created by Sir Eric Savill in 1932 and is Grade I listed on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

In 2016, John became Keeper of the Gardens at Windsor Great Park, where he oversees The Savill Garden, Valley Gardens and the private gardens at Frogmore House. His responsibilities include managing ten National Collections and hundreds of Champion Trees. He plays a key role in major treescape renovations and sustainability initiatives across the Royal Estate.



Timing:

- 10:00 Coffee/tea and cake on arrival at Savill Garden. **Please ensure you let us know of any dietary requirements when booking.**
- Followed by John Anderson, Keeper of the Gardens 1 hour talk
- Followed by 1 hour or so guided tour of Savill Garden
- Finish will be approximately 12:30 – 1pm
- Lunch at your own expense can be taken afterwards at The Savill Garden Kitchen or the Gardens café.

Parking:

The cost of parking, in the car park adjacent to The Savill Garden Visitor Centre, is included in the price of your ticket. There are cloakrooms on site, and there is also a gift shop and a Plant Centre with lovely plants for sale.

Booking:

Tickets are £24 for members and £27 for non-members. Crown Estate Member price: £9.00 (for pre-talk refreshments) - Member card required.

Maximum number: 25 people. PLEASE BOOK BY 8TH APRIL 2026.
Please note this will be a joint event with Surrey Gardens Trust.

There are three ways to book:

1. To book ONLINE, please visit our website at www.berkshiregardenstrust.org and click on "2026 Events" or
2. Go direct to <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/berkshire-gardens-trust> .
3. If not booking direct or through TicketSource, please first send an email to Kim Hacker at BerksGTenquiries@gmail.com to confirm that there is space available. Once you receive a confirmation email, please send the booking slip below to the Membership Secretary, Berkshire Gardens Trust, Woodcroft South, Garth Close, Winnersh, RG41 5LY and select payment method. Confirmation of bookings will be sent by email.
 - Payment by BACS;
Berkshire Gardens Trust
Sort code: 30-54-66
Account no: 10263868
Reference: your name and event (eg Smith Savill Garden)
 - Cheque (sent to Kim Hacker). Cheques to be made payable to Berkshire Gardens Trust.

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Name(s) (please print):

Email:

I would like the following tickets:

.....member tickets at £24 each

..... non-member tickets at £27 each.

..... Crown Estate member at £9 each