

Press Release

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Spectacular Autumn Colour at Hole Park Gardens

Visitors can take a walk through **Hole Park Gardens in October** and enjoy the stunning colours of autumn from the gold of the Stalwart oak to the regal reds and elegant shapes of the Japanese maple.

The owner of Hole Park Gardens, Edward Barham, said, *‘Visitors will also be able to see the famous **Hole Park blue agapanthus**, a very late flowering deep blue giant form that is unique to Hole Park. This variety has been at Hole Park for at least 100 years, growing in tubs, but also now planted out direct in borders. It is unknown in the national collection of agapanthus and is currently being propagated for sale with the first ones available late in 2012.’*

Hole Park Gardens, which are situated in Rolvenden, Kent, are open every Wednesday and Thursday until 27 October and on 9, 16 and 23 October for Autumn Sundays.

The gardens, which are set in the beautiful High Weald area, were first planted between the two World Wars by Colonel Barham, the great-grandfather of the present owner. Over 15 acres of gardens surrounded by parkland look out over the picturesque Kentish countryside and woodland.

The easily accessible gardens are a perfect mix of formal and natural planting which seamlessly blend into each other. An elegant Italian water feature greets visitors and the cool blue borders and sculpted yew hedges provide a serene air to the surroundings. The golden gravel paths lead through classical gardens surrounded by hedges and mellow brick walls with immaculately trimmed hedges and colourful herbaceous borders. As you follow the path through the gardens and pass the quaint vineyard, both garden enthusiasts and amateurs will appreciate the care taken in presenting the garden which includes classical sculptures and impressive planting.

The classical paths lead onto the red carpet of autumn leaves as visitors enter the woodland, where the rich palette of autumnal shades can be seen at their best. Follow the trail over pretty wooden bridges, past water pools and the natural bog garden until you reach the newly restored ice house.

Benches are dotted throughout the gardens and woodland, offering visitors the opportunity to sit back, relax and take in the beauty of the countryside.

After a relaxing walk through the park, visitors can enjoy a cup of tea and either a delicious homemade cake or scone in the Tea Room.

Open until 27 October 2011 on Wednesday and Thursday 11am - 6pm and on 9, 16 and 23 October for Autumn Sundays. Admission: £6.00 Adult / £1 Child.

For more information visit www.holepark.com

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