



PHYSIC GARDEN AT BARBER-SURGEONS' HALL

Location: Monkwell Square, Wood Street

This fragrant garden within the remains of the City Wall was created by the Worshipful Company of Barber Surgeons to show how plants have been used throughout time in the practice of medicine and surgery. The garden now contains around 45 different species of herbs and plants, including some used in traditional remedies for wounds and burns as well as plants that yield modern pharmaceutically effective medicines.



DID YOU KNOW



The City of London owns and manages more than 10,900 acres (4,411 hectares) of historic and natural open space, for public recreation and health. As well as Hampstead Heath and Parliament Hill in central London, these include Epping Forest in the north-east of the capital, Burnham Beeches to the west and Coulsdon Common and Ashted Common in the south. www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces

This year's Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress are raising money for tree planting in Epping Forest. (See page 11.)



PORTSOKEN STREET GARDEN

Location: Portsoken Street

This little garden in the historic area of Portsoken was one of the sites set up by the Lord Mayor of London to commemorate King George V upon his death in 1936. The garden has a selection of play equipment for children – however, Show visitors should note that the garden is not open on weekends.

ST ALPHAGE HIGHWALK

Location: Wood Street

This elevated garden offers impressive views of the London skyline, including 30 St Mary Axe, or as most people know it, 'The Gherkin'. A paved space, it features raised beds with contemporary grass and shrub planting, as well as a bronze sculpture, The Minotaur, by Michael Ayrton.

FANN STREET WILDLIFE GARDEN

Location: Fann Street

You'll have to befriend a Barbican resident or wait until Open Garden Squares Weekend in June to visit this wildlife sanctuary. Formed out of the basements of World War Two bombed buildings, it is maintained and tended by the Barbican Wildlife Group and includes a cottage garden, a wildflower meadow and a herb garden. At nearly 2,000m², it's also a City haven for birds, including goldfinches, jays and greater spotted woodpeckers.

