

## Volunteer?

would you like to volunteer in the garden?  
if so come along and join our friendly team

garden volunteer days are  
**Wednesday and Saturday**

"you can pop along for as long as you like, when  
you like, and I always have a great time"



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The Walled Garden and the great events that  
are happening every week.

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with thanks to the gardening team for  
their contributions to this newsletter



## Garden News

### Summer Edition 2023

**For this edition we thought we'd focus  
on the more unusual in our garden**

Making plant choices and creating the right conditions to  
encourage wildlife are the things gardeners consider.

Over the past year we've spotted some interesting  
species we thought we'd like to share with you

### **Norfolk Hawker DragonFly spotted June 2022**



**"Listed as Endangered in the British Odonata Red List 2008.  
Legally protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The  
Norfolk Hawker was historically restricted in the Broadlands of  
Norfolk and north east Suffolk. Over the past few decades it has  
spread and can now also be found in Kent and Cambridgeshire."**

**What's this plant?  
we've been asked this many times over  
the past few weeks**



someone said they'd looked it up on a plant app and it came back as a holly hock and a cow parsley

well its actually a...

**Giant Fennel (*Ferrula communis*)**

It grows wild in the Mediterranean and it's quite rare to see it in flower in the UK

It doesn't smell of fennel and it's not edible (and is poisonous to goats)

Our very own Richard grew it from seed

**European Paper Wasp  
spotted April 2023**



This Paper Wasp was spotted in the garden by an expert recently. He reported that it was early to see a paper wasp in April.

They're pollinators and feed on garden pests, so very beneficial to our garden.

Don't be alarmed, they are non-swarming and non-aggressive, & will only attack if they or their nests are threatened. The nests are quite tiny, about the size of a fist. We will be looking out for any nests.

**Bee Fly  
spotted August 2022**

Last year we spotted a Bee Fly working its way down the line of lavender. We didn't manage to get a photo as it moves so quick as it collects nectar from the lavender flowers. There are a few different Bee Flies species in the UK, and not too sure which one was in our garden but we will be looking out for it again this year

