

# Heavenly Gardens



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**Heavenly Gardens** was set up to develop the medieval churchyards in the city centre as a series of linked gardens, to form a sort of modern botanical garden. For instance, St Margarets has been planted up as a medieval garden, using only plants available before 1500; All Saints is designed as a twinning garden with plants from our twinned cities of Rouen, Koblenz and Novi Sad; St Martin at Palace has a collection of *Crocsmia* varieties, bred in Norfolk and we are developing a Botanists' Garden to commemorate famous botanists who lived in Norwich.

A series of trails has been developed to link up the churchyards and these highlight, in particular, the extensive range of trees and other plants which have had a role in the development of the city.

We meet every Thursday morning. There are currently around seven regular volunteers and others come and go. We hope to start up a second group and introduce some training together with the Norfolk School of Gardening.

“We see the city from a very different aspect: the churchyards are so sheltered and often elevated above the street. It is heartening to have so many passers-by complimenting our work and sometimes joining in.”



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