

## **HELIGAN NIGHT GARDEN LIGHTS UP WINTER**





<u>The Lost Garden of Heligan</u> (on Cornwall's south coast near Mevagissey) will come alive with a glistening trail of hand-crafted lanterns this winter as it welcomes back its magical Night Garden.

On various dates between Friday 17th November and Tuesday 2nd January, Heligan will open late as the mysterious and romantic world-famous gardens transform into an enchanting night-time wonderland. Visitors are invited to weave through the 1.4km trail inspired by the natural flora and fauna of the historic estate and discover beautifully crafted woodland creatures as they bathe the outdoor woods at this enchanting time of year. From fungi to badgers and dormice to foxes, the Night Garden is a twinkling celebration of the natural world. Guests are also invited to navigate the pathways by the warm glow of their own decorated lantern created in a Heligan Lantern Workshop, that run every half an hour from 4pm-6pm throughout the Heligan Night Garden.

"Over 100,000 sparkling LED lights, tree canopies drenched in colour, and joyful flowers reaching into the night sky, this is an experience that spreads joy and light,' says Laura Chesterfield, Head of Garden Experience at Heligan. "The Night Garden is an exciting way to connect with nature and learn about the nocturnal inhabitants of our garden – it's got an amazing feel-good factor too. Everyone leaves with a glow."

As well as enjoying favourite installations, visitors will spot new illuminations that have been inspired by the gardens and created by The Lantern Company, including a celebration of our rare inhabitants. "We want the new additions to be a surprise for visitors so we're not giving away too much," adds Laura, "but expect to see familiar faces alongside new arrivals with a magical winter wonderland experience at the heart of our historic Melon Yard"

Along the atmospheric route, there is also a chance to toast marshmallows over the fire pit and warm up with a selection of delicious winter warmers.

Entry to the Heligan Night Garden starts from £14 for adults and from £7.30 for children. Under-fives and carers go free. The Lantern Making Workshops are £6 per child (must be accompanied by an adult). For more information and to book, visit <a href="https://www.heligan.com">www.heligan.com</a>

## Ends

For further press information or to arrange reviews, please contact the PR team at Wild Card.

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## Images:

- Night Garden images <u>Dropbox link</u>
- Heligan images <u>Dropbox link</u>

## About The Lost Gardens of Heligan

- The Lost Gardens of Heligan were rediscovered from the brambles of time by Tim Smit and John Willis, who were the catalysts for a 30-year project that continues to this day. Heligan remains one of the most loved and romantic gardens in the UK, appreciated as much for its beauty and mystery as for the groundbreaking restoration project.
- Over 200 acres are now a paradise for the explorer, wildlife, plant lover and garden romantic. <u>Victorian Productive Gardens</u> and <u>Pleasure Grounds</u> beckon, along winding paths laid out over two centuries ago. The Jungle takes you on a subtropical journey through bamboo tunnels and under majestic tree ferns, giant rhubarb, and bananas whilst the estate reveals a lost world of traditional and rare breeds, wildlife and ancient woodlands.
- Heligan is a garden for all seasons, so whether you plan to visit in the hazy buzz of mid-summer, or the tranquillity of winter, you are guaranteed a unique experience.
- The Lost Gardens of Heligan is a member of <u>The Great Gardens of Cornwall</u>, a group of the finest Cornwall gardens. Open 364 days a year, pre-booking is available at Heligan.com

 Heligan are delighted to partner with the <u>Lantern Company</u> once again. The Lantern Company create amazing and memorable events, day and night. They delight in giving the thrill of experiencing something mysterious, beautiful and absurd, often all at the same time.