

## Glorious Gardens in Glorious Sunshine!

What an absolute treat we had to be part of Glenis's 'Derbyshire Delights' gardens tour from 18th to 21st May. After suffering the vagaries of the M40, when we were sadly held up at the start by a very serious accident, we managed to get to our first venue - Birmingham University Botanical Gardens and it was beautiful, they had also prepared a good lunch for us which was very welcome.



Based In Eastwood, we travelled out every day in style on the most luxurious of coaches, driven by the lovely Richard; how he navigated some of the country lanes we were faced with is quite beyond me - but we visited some of the most stunning gardens that Derbyshire had to offer. Every day was action packed with at least two wonderful gardens included - all so different, but equally attractive for their style, colour, planting and 'wow

factor'. Glenis had certainly done her research and had worked very hard to make it flow and to put it all together...with that order of sunshine thrown in!

For me, an absolute highlight was the very impressive Renishaw Hall, what a 'delight' it was and it truly represented gardening at its most awe-inspiring. Purple is definitely the planting colour of the season! But the weekend was about more than that, it was about like-minded people, getting together for a few days of camaraderie and spectacle. we all had a first rate time and are already looking forward to Glenis's next tour!



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