

**WEA Course information sheet
2019-20**



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

Course title: History of the Cottage Garden		Course ID: C2226614
Start date: 09/01/2020	End date: 19/03/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Thu 14:00
Number of sessions: 10	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Andrew Sankey
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements: Half term break on 20/02/2020		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £78.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Ascension Church Hall, 55 Maltese Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 2PB		
<p>Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision. Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Culture Education 		

Course Aim

A detailed look at the history of the English Cottage Garden, tracing its development from the medieval peasants' plot through to the present day. The flowers, fruit, herbs and animals will be investigated together with companion planting.

Course Description

A course exploring what makes a cottage garden. We'll trace its fascinating development from medieval garth to modern cottage style garden. Along the way, we'll discover sayings and superstitions; old cottage flowers; vegetables and fruit; bees, chickens and pigs; companion planting; and florists' flowers. The course will explore and discuss the difference between the romantic idea of the cottage garden and the severe reality.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Identify the elements that constituted a medieval garth.
2. Name 10 favourite plants cottagers considered useful.
3. Understand the meaning of various cottage sayings and superstitions.
4. Name a number of 'new' introductions of vegetable vital to the cottage economy.
5. Explain why the cottage garden has simply become a garden of cottage flowers but little else.

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- Nothing else is needed

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: courseenquiries@wea.org.uk

