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## **Gorgeous Gardens Set to Open for St Luke's**

**With Spring and Summer just around the corner, It's that time of year again for the St Luke's Hospice Open Gardens Scheme.**

Last year was the first time for the scheme, which raised more than £20,000 from 20 gardens, but this year it is back – bigger and better with 26 gardens!

The St Luke's Open Gardens Scheme aims to showcase some of the hidden gems throughout East Cornwall, Plymouth and South West Devon.

The scheme gives the public a chance to discover the beautiful gardens of the South West and each will open up throughout the year to help raise vital funds for the Hospice. From the small and intimate gardens of our supporters to the grand grounds of some the regions most popular stately homes, the scheme really has something for everyone. And with the first garden opening up at the beginning of May and the last one in September, there is plenty of time to visit them all!

Senior Community Fundraiser Stephanie Cherington said: "Following the success last year, we really hope that the Open Gardens Scheme will be popular once again and this time we have got even more beautiful gardens to choose from."

St Luke's relies heavily on community fundraising as Government funding covers less than 30% of its annual costs. Each year, St Luke's needs to raise at least £4 million every year from the communities it serves in order to stay open - that is why public support is so important.

For a full list of the 26 gardens that have signed up for the Open Gardens Scheme and to download a leaflet, please visit our website at [www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk](http://www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk) . Alternatively, for more information please contact the Community Fundraising Team on 01752 492626.

So, this year, why not join St Luke's and take the opportunity to walk around some of the South West's most exquisite gardens - we look forward to seeing you there!

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