

CHARITY EVENT

Blackthorn Physic Garden launch

Gardening and wellbeing enthusiasts launched the Blackthorn Trust Physic Garden Fund evening at a dinner hosted in Blackthorn's café, where guests enjoyed a delicious meal made with food from the Trust's biodynamic garden. The Trust offers medical care, specialist therapies and rehabilitation for people with mental or physical health difficulties and the Physic Garden will provide a new and beautiful space for healing and recovery. Together with the existing kitchen garden, café, craft workshops and therapy rooms, it will enhance the unique environment described by so many as a 'sanctuary'. Outlining her plans, the garden's award-winning designer, Marian Boswall, discussed the healing value of plants and said: "We hope that when the Physic Garden is open, it will be used by the whole community." The Trust's founder, Dr David McGavin held the audience spellbound with his vision of how Blackthorn can help bring about change. The café and kitchen garden are open Monday to Friday, www.blackthorn.org.uk. ♦

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Venetia Nevill, Dani Macdonald, Marian Boswall and Robyn Reeves



Landscape architect Marian Boswall with Founder David McGavin, Director Emma Halpin and Chair of Trustees Jonathan Shaw



Organic biodynamic produce from the Blackthorn Gardens provided dinner for guests



Jo Proudlock, Hugo Fenwick and Venetia Nevill



Marian Boswall with Trustee and author Sarah Salway



Marian Boswall, Joseph Ennis and Carol Franks



Denise Thursby, Jo Proudlock, Kathrin Smallwood and Kate Kong



Kathryn Smallwood, Jo Proudlock and Susie Chassaigne



Bill Moss, Jo Proudlock, Ross McAuley, Venetia Nevill and Sarah Sturt