

QUIET GARDEN MOVEMENT

What is a Quiet Garden?

A Quiet Garden comes into being when people respond to the vision of the founder, the Revd Philip Roderick. Back in 1992 he felt there was a ministry that involved people opening their own gardens for others to visit, on occasional days throughout the year.

He called it a ministry of hospitality and prayer, and the first garden opened in Stoke Pages in Buckinghamshire that same year.

In 1992 there was one Quiet Garden, by the end of 1995 there were 40, and by the end of 1999 there were 177. Today the figure is 285 and still rising! They are spread throughout the world, including the British Isles, Europe, North and South America, Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

It is an international and ecumenical ministry.

Who might come to a Quiet Garden?

- a busy housewife/husband might need a day of peace and relaxation away from the home.
- a parent might drop in for a few hours when the children are at school.
- someone who lives in a small flat in a noisy town might seek a quiet space.
- someone who cares for others - the mentally ill, cancer patients, drug addicts - might need a day to charge their batteries
- someone with a sick or dying relative or friend might need support
- someone who wants to explore Christianity but may find church rather daunting. People often come with a friend on the first occasion.

But you don't have to have a reason. You may just feel need for a few hours of peace.

- There is now a Quiet Garden in Thorpeness and once the weather is more suitable and YOU would like to spend a while just 'being' - contact 01728454613. You will be made welcome.