

Highden Estate - Ecosystems services statement

Our venue is a Walled Garden wedding venue. Having weddings take place in the garden allows us to have a full-time gardener who looks after all the plants. Our gardener, plants, fruit and vegetables which are picked by the children at Garden Cottage nursery and eaten by them for their meals and snacks. we have a very wide range of plants which are planted and maintained by the Gardener. This variety of plants has attracted all kinds of interesting and diverse insects. We have had many people compliment on the incredible insects and plants that we have in the Walled Garden. One of those being the hummingbird, hawk moth, not to mention all the bees and butterfly we get. By allowing us to be a wedding venue, we are able to maintain the garden and wildlife that comes with it.

Within the Walled Garden, we have an orchard where we look after and prune 15 apple trees which are a main feature of our wedding venue. We grow raspberries, blackberries, figs, apples, pears, peaches, beans, peas, corn, artichokes and grape all for the children to pick and eat. We also teach the children about how to plant and look after plants. Explaining about water, sunlight and the routine of plants. We encourage the children to build bug hotels to encourage insects to live in the Walled Garden. The Appletree are home to many different types of birds which yearly nest in the trees.