



"Bankside Open Spaces Trust protects, preserves, and enhances green spaces in London's SE1 and surrounding areas. Together with passionate volunteers we deliver projects designed to improve people's lives by making where they live and work greener and more beautiful. We work with our local community and partners to champion open spaces."



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You can support our work by making a donation towards the upkeep of our open spaces at www.bost.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS

We welcome volunteers from all walks of life. If you'd like to volunteer or arrange a corporate workday in our beautiful sites, please get in touch today: info@bost.org.uk / 020 7403 3393



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SECRET GARDENS OF SE1



A guide to **hidden green spaces** in London's SE1 cared for by **Bankside Open Spaces Trust**, volunteers and local people. These **hidden gems** are not just places to sit, play and get together, but also give everyone opportunities to **garden, learn and grow**.

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STREET PLANTERS
Our planters brighten the streets and provide essential forage for insects.

**PARKS AND
COMMUNITY GARDENS**
Our staff and volunteers work on sites owned by Southwark Council, local churches and businesses. These collaborations ensure much loved local spaces are well tended year-round. Our work in Mint Street Park has earned it a Green Flag Award for its drought-tolerant borders and unique crevice garden. We also support local residents who have set up gardens on their estates by providing expertise or gardening materials.

OUR SPACES

- ① Red Cross Garden
- ② Crossbones Graveyard
- ③ Marlborough Sports Garden
- ④ Winchester Palace Garden
- ⑤ Tate Community Garden
- ⑥ Diversity Garden
- ⑦ Waterloo Millennium Green

OTHER SPACES

- ⑧ Street planters on Union Street, Great Suffolk Street and Webber Street
- ⑨ Mint Street Park
- ⑩ St Georges Garden
- ⑪ Christ Church Garden
- ⑫ Little Dorrit Park

RED CROSS GARDEN

50 Redcross Way, SE1 1HA
Red Cross Garden is an award-winning Victorian garden, established in 1887 by Octavia Hill, social reformer and co-founder of the National Trust, restored by Bankside Open Spaces Trust and the community in 2005. With a bandstand, lawns, flower borders, maypole and a wildlife pond. The varied planting, trees and pond attract a wide range of insects, frogs, toads and newts.

CROSSBONES GRAVEYARD

Union St, SE1 1SD
A post mediaeval burial ground believed to be the last resting

place of an estimated 15,000 paupers, many of whom were sex workers and children. Managed in partnership with Friends of Crossbones and opened to the public by volunteer wardens, Crossbones Graveyard provides areas for reflection alongside wildlife friendly planting, dry stone walling, a spectacular hand-crafted “Goose Wing” entrance and pond.

MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN

27 Union St, SE1 1SD
This garden owes its existence to Consuelo Vanderbilt, Duchess of Marlborough, who decreed that the land be used as a recreation ground. Netball, 5-a-side football

and beach volleyball pitches are available to hire while table tennis tables and seating make it the ideal lunch spot.

WINCHESTER PALACE GARDEN

Clink St, SE1 9DN
Nestled in the ruins of the Palace of the Bishops of Winchester, this planter garden sits under the surviving 13th Century Rose Window in an area that would have part of the undercroft of the Great Hall. Shade loving plants provide year-round interest.

TATE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Cardinal Cap Alley, SE1 9JE
A secret garden created in 2006 by Bankside Open Spaces Trust

and Tate Modern for those who live and work within walking distance. Covered seating, a fishpond, accessible paths and varied planting gives local people a private, tranquil garden in a busy urban area.

DIVERSITY GARDEN

51-53 King James St, SE1 0RU
A community access garden built for residents in nearby social housing. Fruit trees, edible shrubs and communal vegetable beds provide food for

local people while a wildlife pond, fish pond and compost area provide food for animals and insects.

WATERLOO MILLENNIUM GREEN

Baylis Rd, SE1 7AA
A welcome oasis in a busy transport hub, the Green boasts a large central lawn, mixed borders, mature trees, accessible paths, play sculptures a cascade and a rain garden with pollinator-friendly planting.



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