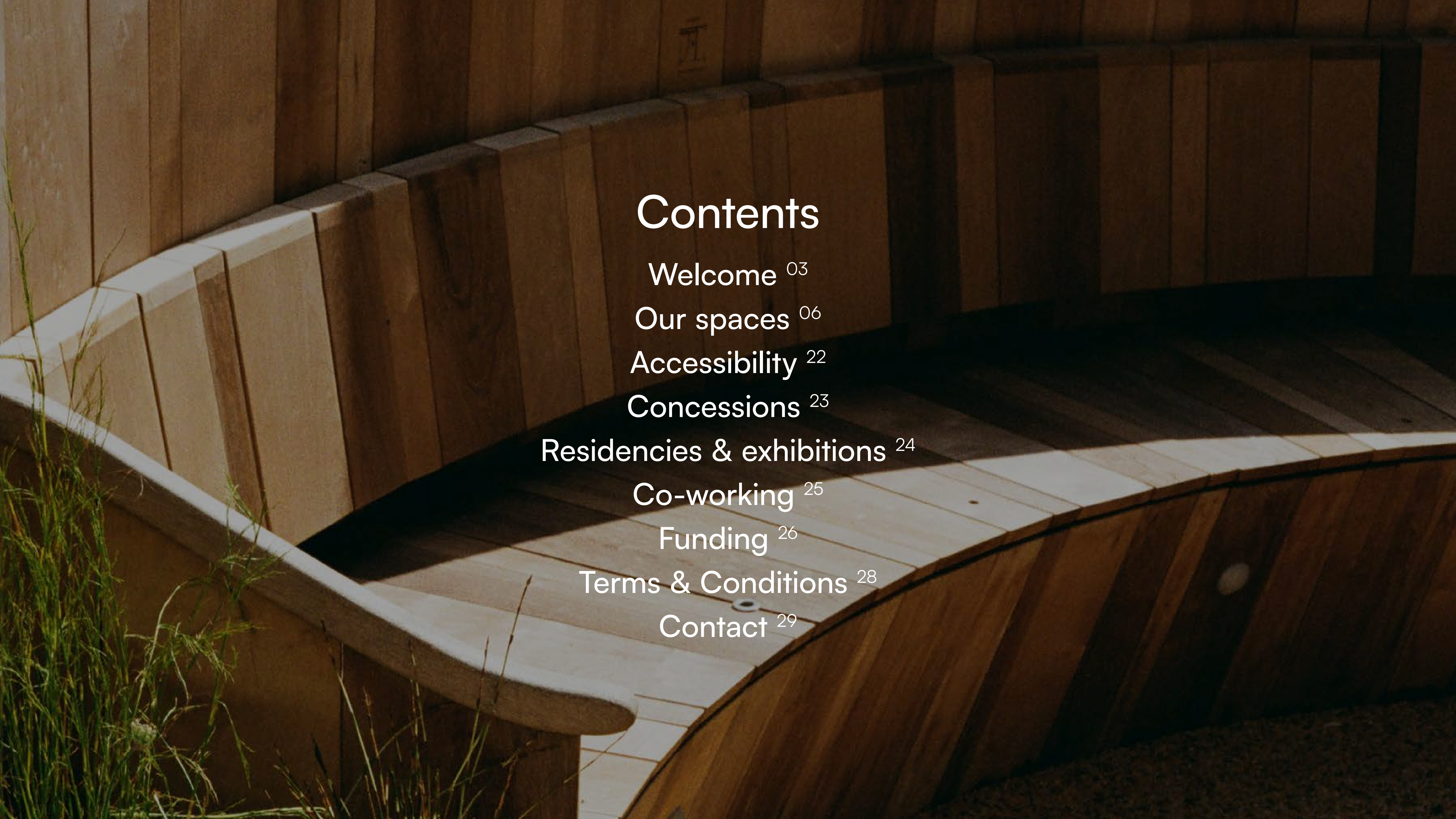




Gardeners' House



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Our building was thoughtfully restored this year using natural and environmentally friendly materials. Alongside our own programme of activity, we are able to offer a range of well-designed, accessible interior and exterior spaces for hire.





Home to a living archive and stories of the Cornish landscape and people, the Gardeners' House offers a thoughtful and welcoming space for workshops and events that support our community, wellbeing and the environment.



‘A hub for learning, wellbeing and community activity and a project rooted in collaboration and local pride – the Gardeners’ House is a step towards the regeneration and resilience of our town.’

Penzance Town Deal



Our spaces



1. The Lab

Overview

- Ground floor
- Multifunctional space
- Six sinks (including one accessible sink)
- Large sliding doors
- Ample natural light
- Access to main kitchen

Size

31m²

Capacity

- 30 / table seating
- 48 / row seating
- 65 / standing

Cost

£30/hour
(concessions available)

Set up and pack down times not included.





2. The Study

Overview

First floor
A quiet room
View of gardens and bay
Wall-to-wall ash cladding
Ample natural light
Kitchenette

Size

18m²

Capacity

14 / table seating
24 / row seating
30 / standing

Cost

£20/hour
(concessions available)

Study + Mezzanine
£25/hour
(concessions available)

Set up and pack down
times not included.





3. The Mezzanine

Overview

A first floor, free flow public space connecting lift access, The Study and Reception. Accessible toilets and views over the bay and gardens. Perfect for exhibitions and receptions when booked with other spaces.

Size

22m²

Capacity

12 / row seating
30 / standing

Cost

The Study + Mezzanine
£25/hour
(concessions available)

Set up and pack down times not included.





‘What a fabulous, inspiring
space. Penzance is all
the better for it.’

*Gardeners' House community user
August 2025*



4. The Workshop

Overview

Our most private space, nestled at the back of The Sensory Garden. It has wall-to-wall bifold doors and a compact kitchenette with sink.

Size

12m²

Capacity

14 / seated

20 / standing

Cost

£15/hour

(concessions available)

£20/hour

The Workshop + Upper Sensory Garden
(concessions available)

Set up and pack down
times not included.





5. The Sensory Garden

Overview

Designed by The Sensory Trust, this peaceful space is open to the public and connects The Workshop with the side entrance of the Gardeners’ House.

The upper half of the Sensory Garden can be used exclusively when booked with The Workshop.

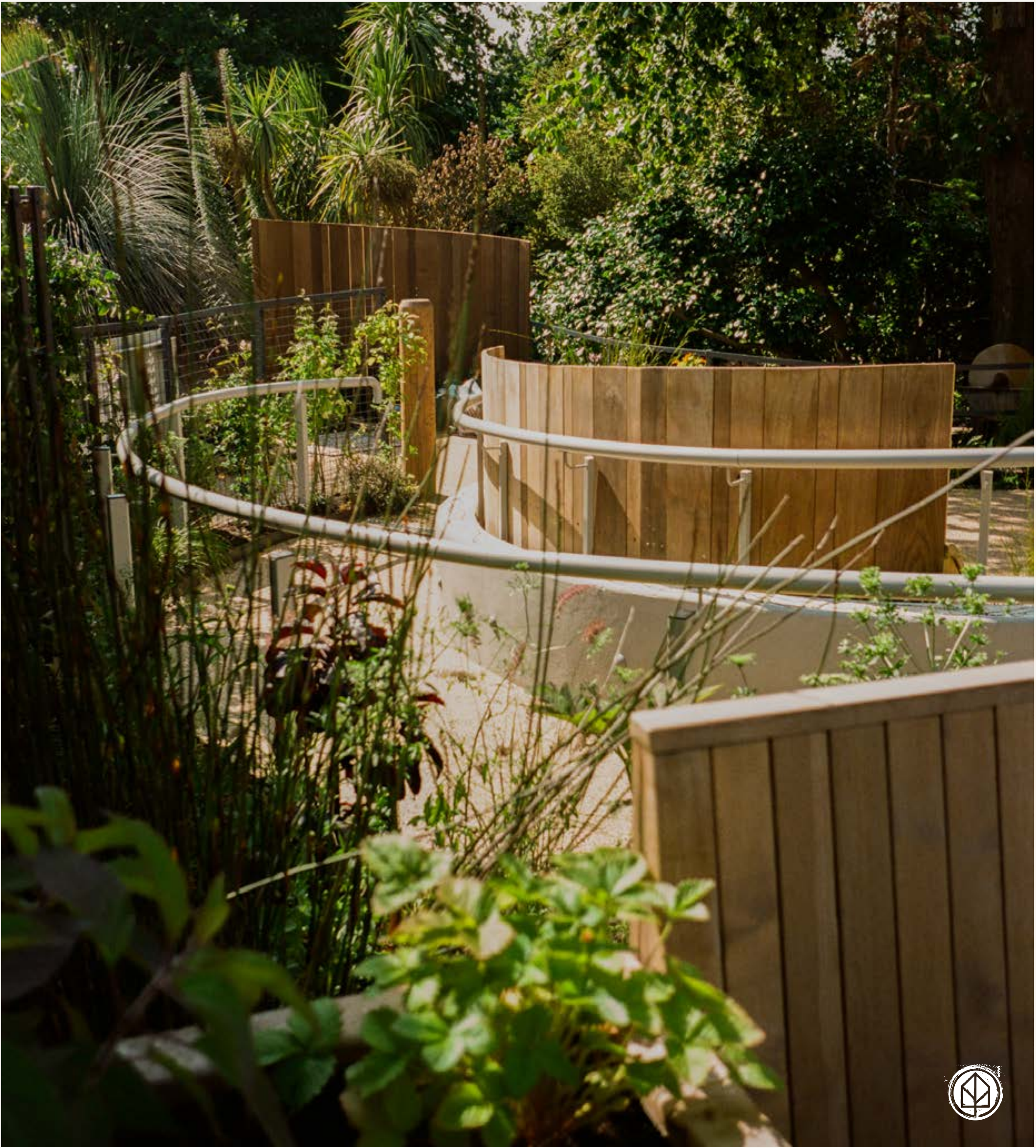
Capacity

12

Cost

£20/hour
The Workshop + Upper Sensory Garden
(concessions available)

Set up and pack down times not included.





6. Reception

Overview

Our welcome area houses our curated retail range and provides an opportunity for local makers and artists who are looking for a pop-up retail space.

Size

25m²

Cost

A 20% commission on sales will apply.
Please get in touch for more information
(additional terms apply).





7. Building exclusivity

Our entire building is available to rent weekday evenings and weekends for £100/hour. Please [contact us](#) for more details.



A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, a wooden bench with a curved backrest is partially visible. Behind it, a white trellis structure supports various green plants. To the left, a wooden planter box contains white flowers. The background is a wooden fence. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

‘Community in action.
A beacon of hope and
a quiet, beautiful haven.’

Gardeners’ House visitor, June 2025



Accessibility

Both floors have accessible toilets. We have one baby changing facility and a buggy park. There is a platform lift between floors to all levels. Our external spaces are fully accessible. We have a pick up and drop off point, but no parking is available on site.





Concessions

The Gardeners' House is a registered charity and will need to be self-sufficient after our funding period has ended. Much of our income will come from the rental of our spaces.

We currently offer two concessions. They cannot be used in conjunction with each other, but both are eligible for a further block booking reduction.

1. Community use

We offer community groups such as schools, charities and other funded activities a 20% reduction for space rental. We ask that the facilitator provide a statement or testimonial to be eligible. Statements or testimonials may be used in future funding applications and/or marketing activities.

2. Wellbeing activity

Wellbeing practitioners renting our spaces can enjoy a 15% reduction for space rental. We ask that the facilitator provide a statement or testimonial to be eligible. Statements or testimonials may be used in future funding applications and/or marketing activities.

Block bookings

A booking of six or more consecutive sessions will be eligible for a further 5% discount.



Residencies & exhibitions

Our mezzanine floor and retail space provide an attractive opportunity for artists, makers and craftspeople to showcase their creativity. These spaces can be used for one-off pop-up events, or longer term exhibitions and residencies. We operate a 20% commission on sales. Additional terms apply.





Co-working

We offer relaxed, flexible co-working spaces with high-speed internet for £5 per hour. Please [contact us](#) to find out more.



Funding

The restoration of this 19th century gem was the vision of the late Melissa Hardie-Budden, founder of the Hypatia Trust in Penzance, and has been realised thanks to the generous support of our funders. The Gardeners’ House archive collection, which was donated by the Hypatia Trust, showcases the achievements and stories from the last 200 years of the men and women connected to West Cornwall’s natural heritage.



‘Preserving Cornwall’s natural heritage and creating a vibrant space for learning, wellbeing and for people to connect with each other.’

Taryn Nixon OBE
Heritage Fund Trustee & Chair for England, London & South
The National Lottery Heritage Fund



Terms & Conditions

The Gardeners’ House Space Rental 2025/26

- 1. Booking Confirmation**

All provisional bookings must be confirmed with a completed Room Booking Form within 14 days of the initial enquiry. Unconfirmed bookings will be automatically cancelled.

2. Booking Validity

A booking is only confirmed once the Gardeners’ House has received the completed booking form and issued a confirmation to the hirer.

3. Payment Terms

All bookings must be paid for at least 14 days in advance, unless credit facilities have been pre-arranged.

4. Late Bookings

For bookings made within 14 days of the event, full payment is required at the time of booking.

5. Cancellations & Amendments

All cancellations or amendments must be submitted in writing via email.

6. Cancellation Charges
 - 0—14 days before booking: 100% fee payable
 - 15+ days before booking: No fee payable

7. Non-Arrival

In the event of cancellation on the day or non-arrival, 100% of the booking fee will be charged.

8. Liability for Injury

The Gardeners’ House accepts no liability for death or personal injury unless caused by proven negligence of its employees, volunteers or its representatives.

9. Loss or Damage to Property

The Gardeners’ House is not liable for any loss or damage to property brought onto the premises by the hirer or their guests.

10. Damage Responsibility

The hirer is responsible for any damage, breakage or loss caused by themselves or their guests. The hirer is responsible for clearing all rubbish from spaces used, otherwise a cleaning fee of £50 will be added.

11. Right to Cancel or Relocate

The Gardeners’ House reserves the right to cancel a booking or offer an alternative room in exceptional circumstances.

12. Booking Times

All bookings must start and end at the agreed times. Overruns will incur additional charges.

13. Use of Space

Only the space booked may be used by the hirer.

14. Compliance with Regulations

All attendees must comply with statutory regulations, including Fire and Health & Safety.

15. Fire Safety

The hirer must check in and out at reception, maintain an attendance register, and ensure all participants are aware of fire safety procedures.

16. No Smoking or Vaping

The Gardeners’ House is a strictly no smoking/no vaping building.

17. No Non-Prescription Drugs

The use of non-prescription drugs is strictly prohibited.

18. Insurance

Hirers must ensure they have appropriate insurance for their activity.

19. Safeguarding

Anyone working with children or young people must have an up-to-date DBS check, evidence of which may be requested.

20. Noise and Nuisance

Activities must not cause noise or nuisance to neighbours, staff or the public.

21. Bringing Equipment On-Site

No equipment may be brought on-site without prior approval. All electrical items must be PAT tested.

22. Temporary Event Notice (TEN)

It is possible to apply for a TENs license for your event at the Gardeners’ House. Should you be arranging entertainment or alcohol sales, a TENs needs at least 10 days advance notice via the Council website. Application and cost is the responsibility of the hirer.

23. Promotion

The Gardeners’ House cannot take any responsibility for the promotion of events outside of their own scheduled programme.

24. Conditions of hire

The Gardeners’ House does not permit the hire or use of the premises for any event with a religious or political purpose.



Contact

To enquire about renting any of our spaces, please contact:

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