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Carshalton Lavender is an award-winning heritage community project. It will open its gates to the public for its 24th Open Weekend on 29th and 30th July.



This popular community harvest, and London's only not-for-profit Pick Your Own Lavender event, will be held at the three acre Carshalton Lavender field, which is part of the Stanley Road Allotment site behind the Day Centre on Oaks Way, SM5 4NQ. It can be reached from Stanley Park Road via Balfour Road. It is advisable to travel by public transport as parking in neighbouring residential roads is limited: only disabled parking is available on site. For a map and full details of the event, visit our website [www.carshaltonlavender.org](http://www.carshaltonlavender.org).

As well as picking lavender, visitors will be able to enjoy food and drink, visit a range of stalls selling products and crafts, and buy lavender and other plants. The lavender harvest is an excellent opportunity for taking photos of friends and family in a beautiful outdoor setting. There will also be some activities for younger visitors and their families including taking part in the Big Butterfly Count, bug-hunting and face-painting.

This weekend is the main opportunity for buying our Carshalton Heritage Lavender products, which contain our essential oil harvested from the field. We do not, and never have had, a shop, so take care not to confuse us with any commercial or retail sites using very similar names to ours. Apart from the Harvest Weekend, other ways of obtaining our products can be found on our website, where a small number of official stockists and producers, who use our oil in their products, are listed. We also attend Wallington Farmer's Market.

Carshalton Lavender has been selling its own lavender essential oil ever since harvest events started and have distilled the oil on the field since 2009. You will be able to see a display showing how the oil and floral water is obtained.

In the early 1900s, blue fields of lavender could be seen all over Carshalton, Wallington,

Mitcham, Waddon and Sutton. The Carshalton Lavender project aims to revive and maintain the heritage of this local lavender for future generations. The lavender plants grown on the field are all from cuttings taken from the lavender originally grown in the area. This is a unique feature of our field. The project is run solely by volunteers, and proceeds from this harvest event keep the field running from year to year. New volunteers are always welcome to join. See website for details. Follow us on Facebook [carshaltonlavender](#) for regular updates.

Adults entry only is £1.50 at the gate. Adult entry including picking a bunch of lavender is £5, up to two children (under 18) are FREE. Advance booking recommended but not essential. Spend as much time as you like enjoying the lavender and the stalls.