



Kilver Court, Shepton Mallet - 2nd July 2009

A Summer's Evening in Shepton Mallet's Secret Garden with Somerset Community Foundation

***Kilver Court Gardens will open its doors in support of the Somerset Community Foundation
on Thursday 2nd July from 6.30pm.***



Guests will be able to take an evening tour of this hidden treasure and will be treated to wine and canapés, served in The Jardine Hall, followed by an auction with an art and gardening theme.

Ernest Jardine originally created the gardens to give pleasure to factory workers in his local Silk Mill in the 1800's. This is a fitting venue to promote the work of Somerset's local charity that encourages Community Philanthropy in the 21st Century.

The Grade II listed viaduct built for The Somerset and Dorset Railway, provides a dramatic backdrop to the garden. Restored and developed by the Showering family in the 1960s, the gardens were only opened periodically and remained a well-kept secret for 25 years.



Somerset Community Foundation hopes the evening at Kilver Court Gardens will attract previous visitors and also appeal to those who have never had the opportunity to experience this magnificent piece of history in all its glory.

The event is being kindly supported by Councillor Edward James, Chairman of Mendip District Council.

For ticket details and further information please contact:

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