

The Lost Gardens of Heligan in St Austell celebrates Cornish daffodils as spring approaches

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The weather is grim but spring is near and these daffodils prove it

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The weather might be miserable but there are plenty of reasons to go outside - like to admire the the woodland floor of The Lost Gardens of Heligan, which recently burst into life with gentle mellow yellows and whites of more than 30,000 Cornish daffodils.

White daffodils? Daffodils are yellow... That's the perception of many and what you will predominantly see when venturing into any supermarket; but white daffodils were much more the norm before going out of fashion.

The Lost Gardens will be giving away a bunch of free daffodils on Mother's Day for every mother through the gates, on a first come, first served basis.



Iain Davies, head of gardens and estate, said: "As these bulbs begin to flower, the power they give to the woodland is immense.

"We will continue to build on this spring extravaganza every year, to create a wonderful collection."

Sixteen varieties of heritage daffodils, some dating back as far as 1907, will form this spectacular display; including, Pheasants eye- Pre 1934, Rosemoor Gold- 2002, Niveth-Pre 1931, Early Bride-1943, Camilla-1907 and Pink Smiles-1953.



In Cornwall, even in the bleakest days of winter you can still feel the mildness in the air, which often leads to the first daffodils coming into bloom as early as January. For more than 100 years, Cornish-bred bulbs have been a symbol of quality, depth of colour and early flowering.

Heligan sources their bulbs from local specialists Fentongollan; who supply the gardens with bulbs and cut flowers at key points throughout the year.

The farm based on the banks of the River Fal, has over 160 acres of land dedicated to the production of daffodils, which are predominantly grown for the sale of cut flowers and bulbs, with a high percentage of these sold throughout the country and even exported to Holland.



This spring The Lost Gardens will be hosting a heritage daffodil fair within the Wood Project, displaying some of Fentongollan's most spectacular daffodils.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the spring spectacle of more than 50 heritage daffodil varieties, which can also be ordered for home delivery.

For more information, visit Heligan.com