

Using the herb garden at Blakesley Hall

The herb garden at Blakesley Hall is laid out in rectangles, divided by pathways. The herbs planted are the type of plants that would have been grown in the 16th and 17th century.

Suggestions for activities:

- Walk around the garden looking at the variety of different herbs. Why did a 16th/17th century household need a herb garden?
- Choose a herb and write down its name.
- Measure the herb garden using standard or non-standard measuring techniques.
- Draw a plan of the herb garden.
- Make a sketch or an observational drawing of one area of the garden.
- The adult supervising the group may pick a leaf or a sprig of a few common herbs to take back to the classroom for the group to study—to crush and smell, sketch, do a leaf-rubbing, or photograph.
- Using the information provided pupils can find out the ways in which their herbs were used.

Only adults may pick herbs for their group to study.

