

## IGPS AGM 2024 GARDEN VISIT TO MALAHIDE CASTLE

On Sunday afternoon we went to Malahide Castle Gardens and were fortunate to have Anne James to bring us around the gardens as Anne had worked here for many years. It is always more informative and enjoyable to walk a garden with someone who can name all the plants and give you background information on the gardens. So it was and the damp conditions which developed as the afternoon went on didn't dampen our enjoyment.



*Getting together to begin our tour of the gardens with Anne James*





*Around the glasshouse and some of the plants in the following photographs.*











*Looking across the pond – Libertia in the foreground, Crataegus(Hawthorn)on the left and...*



*A wonderful Paulownia tomentosa in full flower in the background.*





*There has always been an excellent collection of Olearias at Malahide and this Olearia arborescens made a spectacular show.*



*Rodgersias enjoyed the moist conditions at the side of the pond.*





*Rosa 'Canary Bird'*









*A mature Embothrium coccineum (Chilean Flame Tree) in the Chicken Yard*







*In the Chicken Yard: Rosa banksii 'Lutea' giving a great display*



*Myosotidium hortense, the Chatham Island Forget-me-not obviously enjoying conditions in the garden*





*An excellent stand of Rheum palmatum*



*Echium piniana* seemed ubiquitous in Howth and are certainly an impressive plant.





*Despite the light rain the walk continued to this wonderful glasshouse.*



*And, I'll finish with this view of the lawn in front of the glasshouse and hope I have shown enough to tempt you to visit Malahide. I have only shown a little of the gardens and there is far more to see.*