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People's Landscapes

Two hundred years on from the Peterloo Massacre in Manchester, we're looking at the places where people have come together to seek dramatic social change, to reveal the radical histories that lie beneath our feet. Throughout the year, we'll be exploring not only how we shape places but how we're shaped by them.

Unearthing passion and protest

On the Durham Coast

We look after five miles of the Durham coastline that emerged from its industrial past to become a haven for wildlife, including amazing wildflowers and rare butterflies.

The landscape has been shaped by major social as well as environmental change. Easington was once home to one of the largest coal mines in Europe, employing over 2,000 local people at its peak. About 1,400 miners lost their jobs when the pit closed.

This year, film and photography collective Amber will be working with the local community to explore the area's mining heritage, the impact of the miners' strike 35 years ago, and residents' evolving relationships with the coast's former 'black beaches'. Turner prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller is also providing artistic advice to the project.

Special events during 2019 will mark key moments in the history of the area and look at life during and after the strike, from picket lines and people's cafés to the inventiveness and community spirit that resulted from those experiences.

At Hardcastle Craggs

With its unspoilt woodland, deep ravines, tumbling streams and cascading waterfalls, Hardcastle Craggs in Yorkshire has been enjoyed by people for over 150 years. However, over the last century there were three separate attempts to flood the valley to create a water reservoir. Each time, hundreds of individuals and societies came together to fight for their right to access this special place.

2019 is the 50th anniversary of the last successful petition, when Hardcastle Craggs was finally saved. We'll be marking this historic moment with a programme of creative activities and events, as well as asking what the woodland means to the community and visitors today and exploring how we can all continue to protect it for the future.



Hardcastle Craggs



Look out for:

At **Hadrian's Wall**, once the frontier of the Roman Empire, we'll be exploring the effect of barriers, boundaries and borders on landscapes and people.

At **Souter Lighthouse**, new exhibition 'Marsden Memories' will reveal the "lost village" of Marsden, a colliery village that was north of the lighthouse before it was demolished in the 1960s.

For more information visit nationaltrust.org.uk/north/peoples-landscapes

We'd love to hear what you've been up to. Join the adventure and share your top spots this season:

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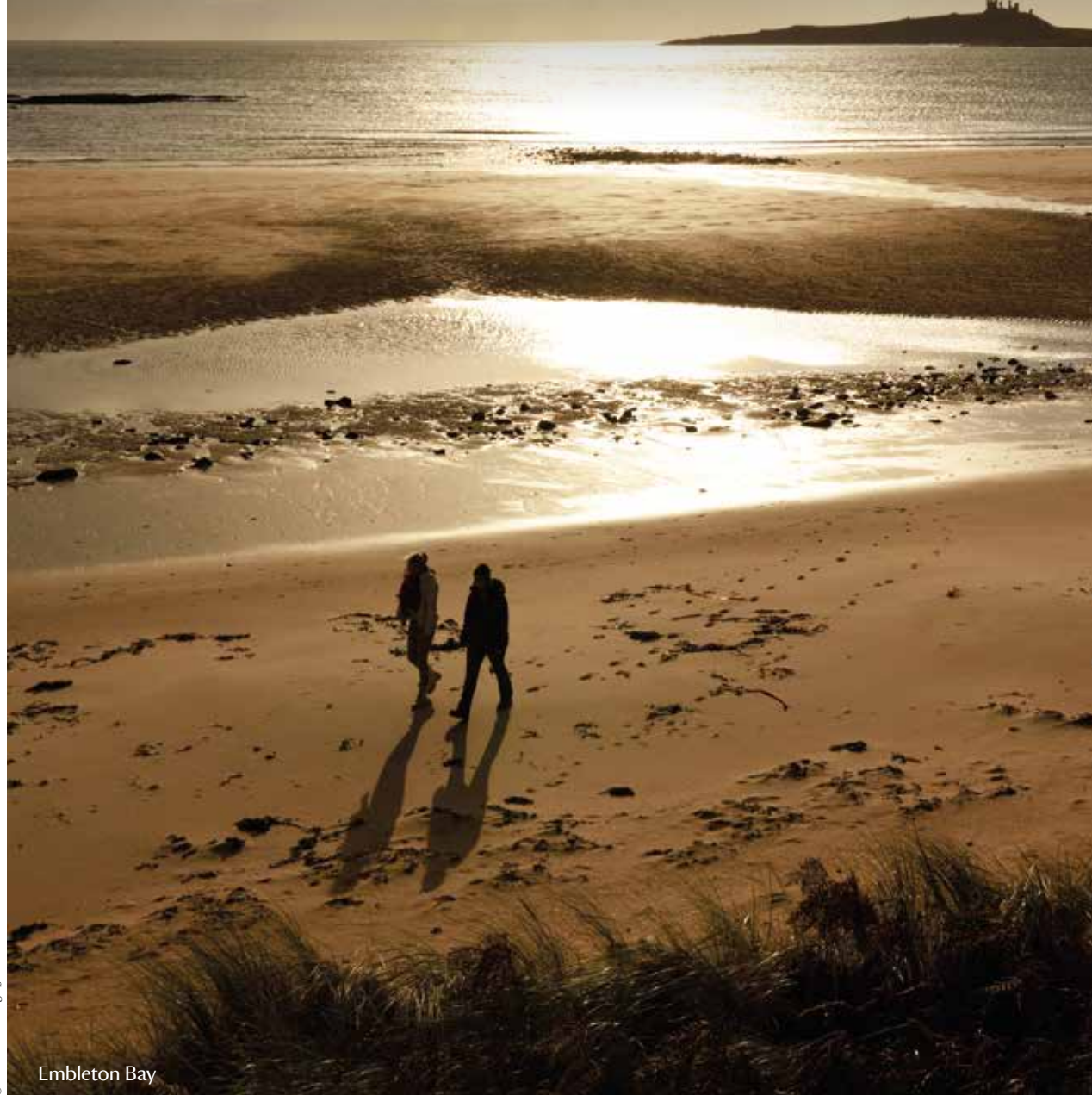
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You'll find your spring What's on inside

Blow away the winter blues



Embleton Bay

There's nothing like embracing the chilly weather, getting outdoors and trying something new to blow away those winter blues.



Cragside

Get really warmed up with a two-wheeled adventure on the woodland cycle trails at **Nostell** and **Wallington**. You'll be surrounded by snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells as spring unfolds. You don't even need your own bike at Wallington – head to the new cycle hire hut and borrow a bike from just £4.

Embrace the wet stuff at **Gibside's** festival of mud in February. Gather your little welly wearers and tackle the wellyteering trail or limber up for a game of welly wanging.

Wrap up warm, lace up your boots and enjoy a healthy dose of fresh air on a winter walk. Look out for robins and roe deer on one of **Cragside's** 14 walking trails or explore miles of bracing coast paths along the golden sands of the **Northumberland Coast**. In the Yorkshire countryside you might spot ice adding to the reflections on the moon ponds in the water garden at **Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal** or frost glistening on the rocks at **Brimham Rocks**.

Discover a different side to **Beningbrough Hall, Gallery and Gardens** with 'Sounds of Winter: Whispering Spaces'. The past echoes around the American Garden through the words of the wartime aircrew stationed in the Hall. Seasonal sounds such as cracking ice, howling winds and snow crunching underfoot will bring you back to the present in the **Bothy**.

For more ideas go to nationaltrust.org.uk/north-east and nationaltrust.org.uk/yorkshire

Lend a hand to help care for the places you love

Come and help us plant another 100,000 snowdrops at **Wallington** during February half term, to join the 400,000 that visitors have planted over the last four years. You can also have a go at sowing beetroots in the vegetable patches at **Beningbrough** or join the house team for a Victorian spring clean at **Cragside**.

If you're looking for a new challenge and want to help a great cause, you'll find many more ways to get involved at nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteering

Home to roost



Seaton Delaval Hall may be known as the theatrical house of the infamous Delaval family, but some new residents have recently come under the spotlight – the UK's largest winter roost of common pipistrelle bats.

They were discovered following the announcement of a £3.7million award from the National Lottery to conserve and bring new life to the Hall. Since then we've been working with bat ecologist Tina Wiffen to find out more about their unusual hibernation habits.

'Although bats have made Seaton Delaval Hall their home for centuries, the size of the roost was a mystery. Sixty one bats were discovered in light, dry stone crevices in the Central Hall, which has turned our long-held belief that pipistrelles prefer to hibernate in very dark, damp conditions on its head.'

Tina Wiffen

As Seaton Delaval Hall prepares to reopen in February half term, we're continuing to work with Tina to understand more about the bats' behaviour. This will help us make sure they're given the space they need as work continues to change the scenes at the Hall.

Find out more at nationaltrust.org.uk/seaton-delaval-hall

A new chapter for Wentworth Castle Gardens

We're working with Barnsley Council and Northern College to reopen Wentworth Castle Gardens in South Yorkshire this summer.

This Grade I-listed landscape, with acres of parkland, gardens, a conservatory and castle to explore, holds a special place in lots of hearts.

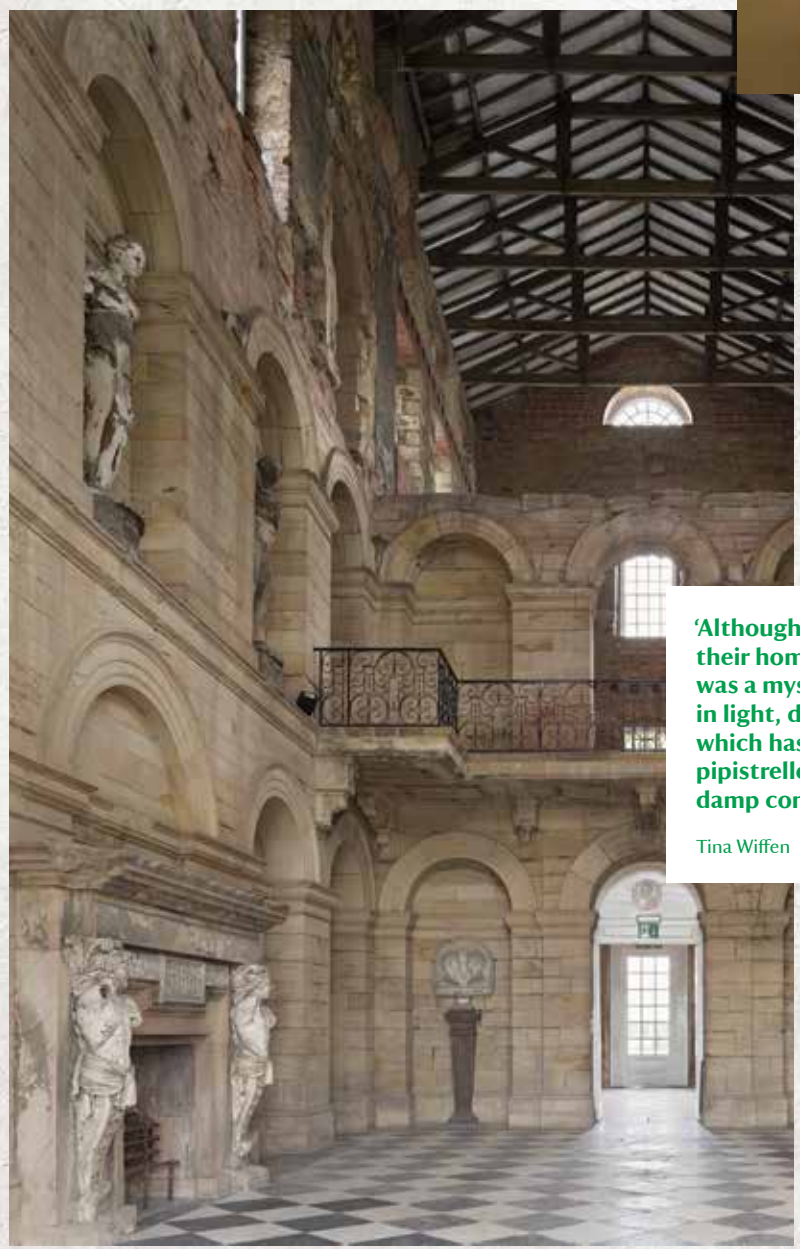
One of those belongs to Scott Ireland. Having found himself jobless, homeless and struggling with mental health, Scott's recovery began when he started a course at Northern College, a residential adult education college surrounded by the gardens:

'It's an understatement to say the gardens played a pivotal role in my journey. I found great solace and peace when I walked there.'

It was a calming place where I could lose myself, find inspiration or just sit and admire the surroundings. I'm a firm believer in the therapeutic benefits of such beautiful surroundings and I can't begin to emphasise how the gardens have helped in reaching my potential.'

Scott's now a tutor at Northern College, and still regularly visits the gardens with family, friends and son Jake, who loves the place as much as his dad.

Look out for details of the opening later this year at nationaltrust.org.uk/wentworth-castle-gardens



New discoveries on your doorstep

There are lots of new things to discover inside your favourite places across Yorkshire and the North East this year. Here are some of our highlights:

Come face to face with some of Yorkshire's movers and shakers in new displays in **Beningbrough Hall's** Saloon Galleries, from actors Jodie Whittaker and Patrick Stewart to broadcaster Michael Parkinson and a notorious conspirator in the Gunpowder Plot.

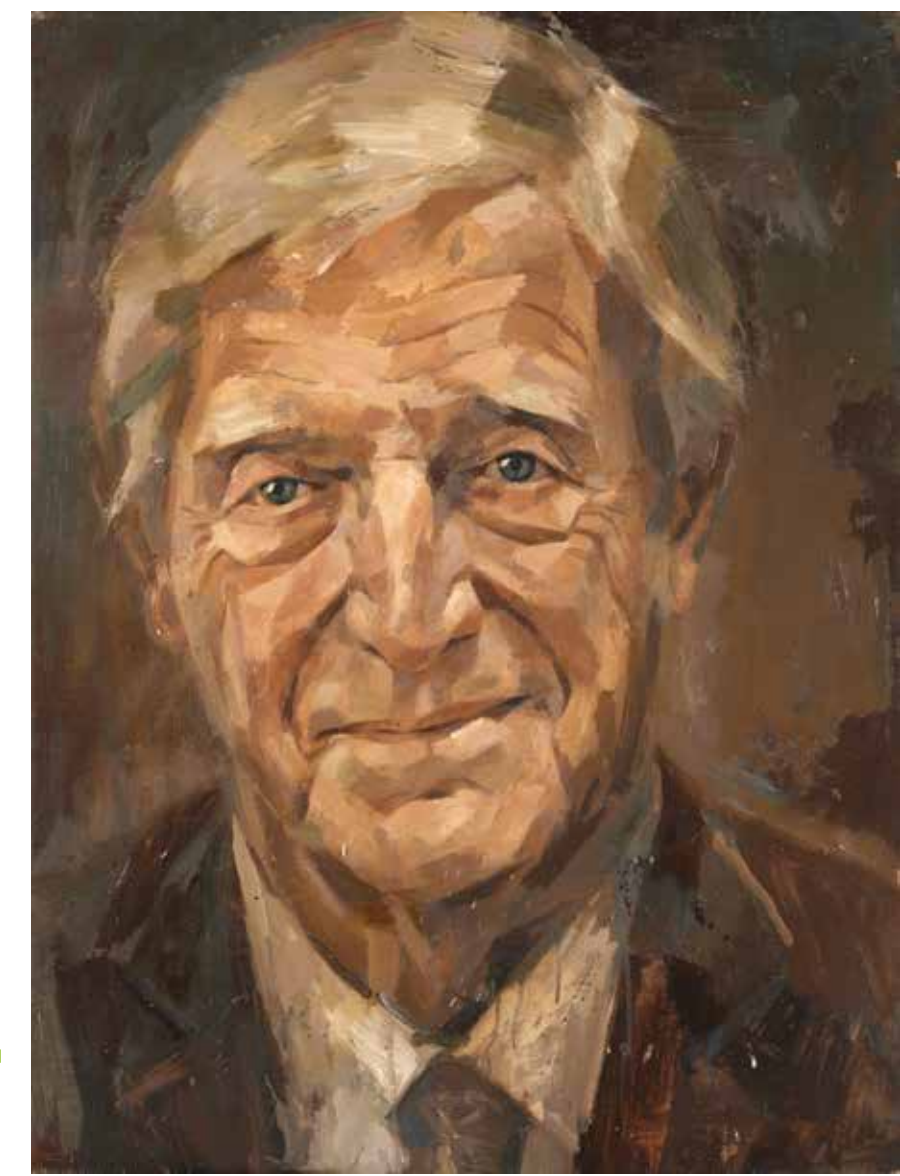
At **Lindisfarne Castle**, look out for a series of exhibitions inspired by the castle's history. Created with the local community, the exhibitions will share stories about Holy Island, its people and its past.

Nostell are continuing to shine a light on the life and work of 'the Shakespeare of furniture', Thomas Chippendale, this year. Look out for members of the conservation team carrying out intricate work on the rare Chinese-style mirror from the state apartment, one of the finest items Chippendale supplied to Nostell.

A shop with a difference will be popping up at **Ormesby Hall** – the Boosbeck Furniture Shop. Back in the 1930s, Jim and Ruth Pennymann helped unemployed miners learn wood working skills so they could make furniture to sell. We'll be recreating part of the furniture shop set up by the Pennymanns, giving a glimpse into the social history of the area.

When **Washington Old Hall** opens its doors, look out for new interpretation inspired by a special cookbook from 1664, written by Robert May, the Heston Blumenthal of his day. We'll be exploring how Washington's household were inspired by his recipes and how the garden would have been used to grow herbs as a remedy for ailments.*

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Discover the faces that have helped create the reputation of Yorkshire, including Michael Parkinson, at **Beningbrough Hall, Gallery and Gardens**

* Part of Meeting Point, an Arts Council England funded programme led by contemporary arts agency Arts&Heritage, which partners museums and artists to create artwork inspired by places and their collections.



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Looking after a World Heritage Site

As you'd imagine, World Heritage Sites are selected because they're internationally important places. We care for 29 of them across the UK, including Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden.

Looking after this place is a big job, as World Heritage Site Co-ordinator, Sarah France, explains:

'It's a huge responsibility to look after the site and to preserve it for the generations to come. Some of the recent work we've done has helped to recreate lost views and you may have seen the statues in the water garden repainted over the last couple of years too.'

We've also been working on access, making sure everyone can enjoy a visit here. People can now hire two new off-road mobility vehicles and we have a new audio-described guided tour.

Conservation though, is at the heart of all we do. And we couldn't do that without people visiting this incredible place. Everyone who visits, buys a cup of tea or takes home something from our shop helps us look after the World Heritage Site, so thank you.'

Can you help us bring back the Dying Gladiator?

At some point in the late 19th century, the Dying Gladiator statue disappeared from the water garden without a trace. We're raising funds to recast the statue and return it to its rightful place by the moon ponds later this year. Can you help us by making a donation today?

Visit nationaltrust.org.uk/dying-gladiator-appeal



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Jump into nature this Easter

From loveable lambs to wiggly worms, learn all about new life this springtime.

Easter is an exciting time at **Ormesby Hall** as the lambing season begins, and there'll be plenty of newborns to spot on special farm tours. You can find out about life on the farm at **Wallington** too – take a tractor trailer ride to Broom House Farm for a look inside the lambing shed, or spend an afternoon as a Lambing Apprentice, caring for the ewes and their lambs.



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If you want to explore the life that's hidden under your feet, head to **Nunnington Hall** over the Easter holidays and join Captain Compost and Lieutenant Leafmould on their crusade to save the soil with their army of earthworm helpers. Budding botanists can take a trip to **Gibside** to learn all about Mary Eleanor Bowes, whose passion for plants made her famous around the world.

For a closer look at nature, you can discover what lives in a pond at **Cragside** and **Beningbrough Hall** or join in with rock pooling at **Souter Lighthouse** and **Robin Hood's Bay**.

The popular Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts also return this year, with nature-themed trails all across the North.

Check What's on for details and more springtime family adventures.



Get your floral fix this spring

February

As spring starts to stir, wander through carpets of snowdrops in the woodland at **Wallington**, along the ha-ha walk at **Beningbrough Hall** and on the riverbanks at **Studley Royal Water Garden**. There'll be 10,000 pretty white wood anemones to spot at **Gibside** too.



Wallington

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March

The nodding heads of daffodils can brighten up the dullest of days. In the wild garden of **East Riddlesden Hall** you'll be greeted by white petalled 'silver chimes' narcissi, while at **Seaton Delaval Hall** there are vibrant yellow Van Sion daffodils, thought to have been planted as the hall was being built nearly 300 years ago. There'll be a lawn of 100,000 crocuses at **Wallington** and a new fragrant garden at **Goddards**, inspired by the original 1920s design.



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April

Colourful tulips take over as spring continues. Pop into the award-winning garden at **Treasurer's House** to see bright white tulips, or spot yellow ones at **Washington Old Hall**. Look out for the new spring garden at **Ormesby Hall**, with tulips and a new bluebell walk, which was funded by last year's raffle ticket sales.



Treasurer's House

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May

On sunny days it's easy to think summer has arrived. Explore the yellow walk at **Cragston** to spot azaleas, while at **Beningbrough Hall**, see how the white wisteria is settling into the Pergola. Bluebells will also be appearing in many woodlands – take in the scent from the sea of blue at **Hardcastle Crag** and in the aptly named Bluebell Wood at **Ravenscar**.



Bringing back the blooms

We're hoping to replant the Iris Garden at **Nunnington Hall** this year with your help. It was a favourite spot of Mrs Fife, who gifted her home to the National Trust back in 1952. Buying a raffle ticket will help us breathe new life into the space, so everyone can continue to enjoy it as much as she did.

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Hardcastle Crag

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News round-up



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50 years on the high street

Our shop in York city centre has reached a milestone this year, having been open for 50 years. Archive photos of historic Goodramgate dating from 1969 show the original National Trust shop and it's still there now.

All profits from the shop help us to look after special places, including nearby Treasurer's House, so pop by next time you're in York and enjoy some guilt-free shopping, knowing that everything you buy supports our work.



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Puffin numbers on the up

The results of last year's puffin census on the Farne Islands are in and we've seen the number of chicks being born go up by 9% since 2013. We count the puffins every five years to see how the species is doing and make sure our work is helping them to thrive.

After last year's challenging weather, we were worried the puffin population may have suffered but they seem to have coped much better than we expected. However, with global numbers declining, the rangers will now count the puffins annually to help us get a better picture of the challenges facing these charismatic seabirds.

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Active holidays

Kick start your year with an active outdoor break this spring.



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Visit nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays to check availability (and any special last-minute deals).

Low Wray Campsite, Windermere

Pitch your tent, pick a camping pod or try out a new tree tent in this lakeside campsite and let the stresses and strains of everyday life disappear. You can take an early morning stroll along the shore, hire a bike to visit nearby Claife Viewing Station, then enjoy a night under the stars.

High Lidmoor, North Yorkshire

Get well and truly off the beaten track in this peaceful retreat. Once an 18th-century farmhouse, it has plenty of character and is an ideal base for exploring the North York Moors. It's great for a digital detox too – there's no phone signal – making it an ideal place to reconnect with nature.

Lighthouse Keeper's Cottages, Souter Lighthouse

Sitting alongside the iconic lighthouse, these cottages offer impressive sea views along with miles of scenic walking and running routes – the newest part of the England Coastal Path and the finishing stretch of the Great North Run are both on the doorstep.

New for 2019

There are some brand new places opening in 2019 too. From spring you can set up camp in a bothy at **Malham Tarn**, perfect for exploring the rolling Yorkshire Dales, and there'll be a cosy cottage in **Wallington's** North Wood, with acres of walks and cycle hire on the doorstep.

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