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Thanks to you

This is shaping up to be quite a year for the National Trust and it's all thanks to you. Whether you realise it or not, this summer you're uncovering, restoring, conserving, protecting, transforming, and if that wasn't enough you're also raising a roof.

The support you give through coming to see us, holidaying with us, renewing your membership, donating or tucking into a slice of cake makes some truly remarkable things happen. So, thank you.

You'll be enjoying better experiences at our places around the region and you're also helping to create these for everyone else. Take a look at what you've already achieved.

In Suffolk, **Sutton Hoo** is home to one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time and the best Anglo-Saxon story out there. You've helped to release that story for everyone to learn and let their imaginations run wild by totally transforming what you can see and do there. You're inspiring tomorrow's storytellers, historians, archaeologists and explorers, while sparking some curiosity today.

Exploring further into Suffolk at **Ickworth** you're uncovering our iconic rotunda roof. From the very top of the rotunda to a series of underground vaults, there's a programme of work which will help keep Ickworth safe and secure well into the future.

Moving into the heart of the region at **Wimpole Estate** near Cambridge you're well underway with a whole new way to arrive at Wimpole. It's one of the most exciting chapters in this magnificent estate's history. You've already created a new home for our splendid Shire horses and by the time you're finished everyone will arrive at a robust new car park, be given a proper Wimpole welcome in a new building and enter the historic parkland as it was always meant to be experienced. You won't be finished until the end of the year, so keep going.

Come on up to Norfolk where **Oxburgh Hall's** roof tiles, timbers and brickwork are in need of urgent repair, which isn't surprising when you think they've been up there for over 500 years. You'll soon be making a start on these important repairs.

Now you can ease off and enjoy some smooth sailing as we head towards the gateway to the Norfolk Broads. You have helped restore **Horseley Windpump**, which stands proud once again in the landscape. You can now even enjoy the amazing view from the top.

Wherever your adventures take you this summer we invite you to look up, down, inside and out at all the wonderful things you're a part of as we give you a warm and sunny, sincere thank you.

Turn the page to find out more about how you are helping bring Sutton Hoo to life.



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Hoo's waking up...



This year, we'll be completing a £4 million project to transform your experience of visiting Sutton Hoo. It's the biggest investment we've ever made here and it's all thanks to the generosity of National Trust members like you, donations, fundraising and a £1.8 million grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



A special year, a special anniversary



This year not only marks the completion of our major new re-telling of the Sutton Hoo story, it's also the 80th anniversary of the archaeological dig that first revealed just how special this place is.

Curious to discover more about a series of mounds that she could see from her house, landowner Edith Pretty appointed local archaeologist Basil Brown to investigate further. Little did both of them know at the time, that this would lead to a discovery that changed history.



Original photography from the National Trust collection, reproduced with thanks to the Pretty family



Within the burial chamber of the 27 metre long 'ghost' ship- the acidity of the soil having rotted away its timbers- the archaeologists discovered precious objects of gold and silver as well as the fragments of the now famous Sutton Hoo helmet. These objects were fit for royalty and are thought to have belonged to King Rædwald who lived around 1400 years ago.

This year, we'll be celebrating this anniversary at Sutton Hoo, marking the key moments in the dig and linking with the British Museum as together we mark a very important anniversary.

Our plans are ambitious, yet simple at heart - we want to help you discover this very special place and unlock the stories of its past - from the Anglo-Saxons who buried their king here, to those who made the incredible discovery in the 1930s and the people who have continued to unearth Sutton Hoo's secrets.

Because there are so many different elements, we're gradually revealing them through the spring and summer.

Early visitors will be able to see lots of behind-the-scenes work continuing, whilst those planning their visit for the end of the summer will be able to explore the complete new experience.

Throughout spring, we're all about celebrating the incredible landscape at Sutton Hoo, and we've started unveiling some of our new experiences, including a new walking



trail, River View Walk. With stunning views across the River Deben, this will be a chance to indulge in some peaceful exploration. There are opportunities to take a walk out to the Royal Burial Ground too, hear more about the project, discover what will be coming next and to meet the team behind the work.

The new-look Kings River Café is serving delicious treats and a much-needed cuppa before you browse in the new Sutton Hoo shop, not to mention the arrival of an incredible, full-size sculpture of King Rædwald's ship, waiting to welcome you in the courtyard.

From late June we'll be unveiling Tranmer House, the former home of Edith Pretty. This new experience will explore archaeology, discovery and the Sutton Hoo landscape.

In the Exhibition Hall, we'll be sharing more about the Anglo-Saxons, the lives of those who went on to be buried at Sutton Hoo, as well as exploring their wider world and culture. There'll be new installations to discover and activities to take part in.

The final piece of the puzzle will be a 17metre observation tower, late in the summer, which will give views over the entire Royal Burial Ground, revealing the fascinating story of this evocative landscape.

Make sure you keep an eye on the Sutton Hoo website for details about what you'll be able to see - and when.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-hoo

News in I



We're all going on a summer holiday

The East of England has long been an idyllic and versatile part of the country to go on holiday. Our iconic coastline offers a great place to enjoy a vibrant break with the family or to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life with a loved one. With holiday cottages dotted along the Norfolk and Suffolk coast, we can offer you a home from home experience.

Venturing further inland, we have a small number of hidden gems across the region that pose the perfect opportunity to enjoy a break in a quaint town or tucked away on one of our estates. Over in Cambridgeshire you can also take advantage of our camping sites, where you can either pitch up your own tent or campervan, or enjoy one of our boutique camping pods.

It's not too late to treat yourself to a few nights away: see our full list of properties at:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays/east-anglia-cambridgeshire-and-lincolnshire

Welcome to Wimpole, a transformation

Work to transform Wimpole is now a few months in, and our ambition to improve your journey on the estate is well underway. Our iconic Shire horses already have their new purpose-built Stables, allowing you and your family to get closer to these gentle giants.

The £6.4 million project, funded by our members, donors and property fundraising, will now see a brand new entrance into the estate including a new visitor welcome building and car park as well as the restoration of Grade 1 listed parkland. The entire project has been designed to help orientate you as visitors on your journey, from start to finish.

With work continuing throughout the summer, we are offering sneak previews of Wimpole's future: exploring snippets of the vital work we continue to do as part of the project around the estate.

For more information, please visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate/projects/welcome-to-wimpole



Conservation in action



Admit it, we are all a bit nosy. The popularity of fly on the wall documentaries, such as Alan Titchmarsh's Secrets of the National Trust, is proof that we all have an innate interest in people and their lives. I do however draw the line at watching a TV programme about other people watching TV!

We have previously closed our doors in the winter to carry out essential conservation work. Skilled conservators would beaver away in

private, only to unveil the fruits of their labour in the spring. But today we care for our places in full view of our visitors.

This year there is more conservation work to see than ever before. You will see the annual work we do to care for our collections, gardens, landscapes and buildings, but in addition, see our teams carrying out a number of major conservation projects that include creating new wildlife rich saltmarsh at Northey

Island; improving the environmental conditions of the library at Blickling Hall and repairing the roofs at Oxburgh Hall and Ickworth.

As well as feeding your curiosity, sharing the work that we do gives us the opportunity to say thank you. Without your moral, financial and practical support none of this could happen.

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What's on

This is just a selection of
what's on. Visit our website
for more events and inspiration
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/eastofengland



Book an event

Book online at
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events
or call our central box office to book
events at the following places...

- Anglesey Abbey, Cambridgeshire
- Blakeney National Nature Reserve, Norfolk
- Bourne Mill, Essex
- Brancaster Beach, Norfolk
- Blickling Estate, Norfolk
- Coggeshall Grange Barn, Essex
- Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Estate, Bedfordshire
- Dunwich Heath, Suffolk
- Felbrigg Hall, Norfolk
- Flatford, Suffolk
- Hatfield Forest, Essex
- Heigham Holmes, Norfolk
- Houghton Mill, Cambridgeshire
- Ickworth, Suffolk
- Lavenham Guildhall, Suffolk
- Melford Hall, Suffolk
- Orford Ness, Suffolk
- Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk
- Shaw's Corner, Hertfordshire
- Sheringham Park, Norfolk
- Sutton Hoo, Suffolk
- Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire
- Willington Dovecote and Stables, Bedfordshire
- Wimpole Estate, Cambridgeshire

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To book events at the following places,
please call the number listed...

- Ashridge Estate, Hertfordshire, 01442 851227
- Elizabethan House Museum, Norfolk 01493 743930
- Lynden New Bield, Northamptonshire 01832 205358
- Paycocke's, Essex 01376 561305
- Peckover House, Cambridgeshire 01945 583463
- Theatre Royal, Suffolk 01284 769505

Normal admission applies unless otherwise stated.
B = Booking essential. Please book early to
avoid disappointment.

Family ticket includes two adults and two children.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Essex

Paycocke's House and Grange Barn

Coggeshall, CO6 1NS

Tudor Takeover

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 June, 11am – 5pm and
Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 August, 11am – 4pm
Step back in time over 600 years as we are taken
over by the Tudors and Paycocke himself at
Paycocke's House. Take a short walk down
to Grange Barn if you're visiting on the August
weekend, as the ever-popular Craft Fayre will
also return.

St George and the Dragon Mummers' Play

Sunday 14 July, 11.30am & 2.15pm
The Mayflower Morris Men will perform their
Mummers' play in Paycocke's Garden. Paycocke's
houses two of the earliest identifiable
representations of Mummers in the carvings of
its cart-way. Enjoy an afternoon in the garden
with family or friends alongside some traditional
entertainment.

Theatre Production

Thursday 22 August, 7.30pm
We welcome DOT Productions to Grange Barn
as they present their adaptation of Jane Austin's
classic, *Sense and Sensibility*. Bring a picnic and
some wine to enjoy this brilliant performance.
Please visit our website for prices.

Bourne Mill

Colchester, Essex CO2 8RT

Bourne Valley Crafters Fair

Saturday 18 May & Saturday 7 September, 11am – 4pm
Celebrate summer and autumn at our bespoke
craft fairs. Enjoy strolling around stalls of
bespoke and unusual gifts and home items
available to buy, all of which are hand-crafted
by the Bourne Valley Crafters; a local group of
artisans and guests from the surrounding areas.



Hatfield Forest

Takeley, CM22 6NE

Magical Woodland Elves and Fairies

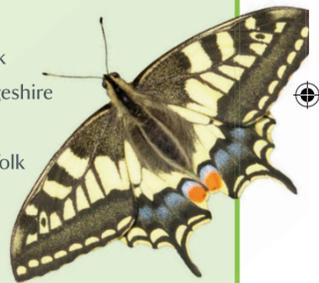
28 – 30 May, 10.30am – 12noon, or 1pm – 2.30pm
Join the learning team and explore the forest on
a quest to find magical elves and fairies. Try and
find all the secret doors and finish off by making
your own woodland wand to take home!
£7 per child. B

A Midsummer Night's Dream, presented by The Lord Chamberlain's Men

Wednesday 3 July, 7.30pm start
This enchanting Shakespearean comedy of
mischievous fairies, confused lovers and rude
mechanicals is an intoxicating tale of clarity
from chaos as tangled love gives way to
happily ever after.
£16 per adult, £10 per child. Family tickets
available from £29. B

WoodFest

Friday 6 – Sunday 8 September,
gates open 10am – 10pm
Set deep in the heart of the forest, WoodFest is an
annual celebration of the beautiful forest through
music, song, workshops and traditional crafts.
Live bands will perform over the weekend,
alongside lots of independent stalls and much
more. Enjoy locally sourced food and drink from
the Lakeside Café and the Real Ale & Gin Bar.
Weekend Camping available for caravans,
campervans and tents. New for this year will be
a Bushcraft & Wildcamp Experience hosted by
experienced survival experts, Woodlife Trails. All
camping options must be booked via the website.
Day visitors: members £5 per car,
non-members £13 per car.
Weekend camping: Please visit our website for
more details. B



Bedfordshire



Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Estate

Dunstable, LU6 2GY

Ranger-led Wildlife Walk

May – August

Join our expert rangers on a Wildlife Walk to learn
more about the amazing orchids and butterflies
that can be found amongst the chalk grassland of
Dunstable Downs and Sharpenhoe Clappers.
£5 per adult, £3.50 per child. B



Fairy Afternoon Tea

28 May – 1 June, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Create a flower crown that you can then
wear to your fairy themed afternoon tea. All
children's tickets include a fairy trail map, small
flower themed face painting and fairy crown
making workshop. Don't forget your wings
and your wellies.
£12.95 per adult, £7.95 per child. B

Glow Worm Walks

Friday 28 & Saturday 29 June and Friday 19 July
Have you ever seen a glow-worm? On warm
summer evenings they light up the chalk
grassland across the estate. Set out on an evening
adventure to discover these magical creatures.
£5 per adult, £3.50 per child B

Willington Dovecote and Stables

Willington, MK44 3PX

Open Air Theatre

Friday 28 June, 6pm

Enjoy an evening of outdoor theatre at
Willington with the historic Tudor stables as a
glorious backdrop for an adaptation of the
children's classic, *Alice in Wonderland*.
£12 per adult, £9 per child. Family ticket £38.
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Cambridgeshire

Wimpole Estate

Arrington, Royston, SG8 0BW

Opera in the Gardens - Handel's Theodora with Eboracum Baroque
Saturday 6 June, 7pm
Eboracum Baroque are delighted to continue their association with the National Trust at Wimpole Hall in this outdoor production of Handel's opera *Theodora*, in the beautiful Old Rectory Restaurant Garden. Eboracum Baroque will perform with a small orchestra, soloists and chorus. Directed by Chris Parsons.
£20 per adult, £9 per child. B

Wimpole History Festival

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 June, 10.30am - 5pm

Our feast of history and heritage for the whole family includes talks, debates, book signings and performances, as well as living history through the ages, historical walking tours, workshops, activities and events for young history lovers. Plus, there will also be a special series of talks hosted by National Trust specialists.
Prices vary, please see website for more details: www.wimpolehistoryfestival.com. B

Open Air Theatre

Sunday 11 August

Bring a picnic and relax as the Pantaloons theatre company put on a spectacular performance of Jane Austen's classic, *Sense and Sensibility*, in the Old Rectory Restaurant Garden. Enjoy this funny, fast-paced and faithful new adaptation featuring live music, audience interaction and romance.
£16 per adult, £10 per child. Family ticket £48. B



Anglesey Abbey

Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EJ

June Blooms

1 - 30 June

Enjoy heady scents in the formal rose garden, the buzz of insects in the wildflower meadows and a riot of colour through our herbaceous border. Don't miss, as recommended by our Head Gardener, '...the gardens at their absolute best.'

Design Your Own Adventure

29 July - 2 September

Whether you're a budding historian, a keen outdoor explorer, a nature you can design your own day of family adventure at Anglesey Abbey.
£2 per adventure guide

Dazzling Dahlias

9 - 29 September

Over the three-week period, there will be a variety of colourful pop-up installations throughout the gardens, as well as planters which can be spotted across the property and will feature some brand new varieties.

Winter Lights

Keep an eye out for tickets on sale later this summer.



www.nationaltrust.org.uk/angleseyabbey

Houghton Mill

Nr Huntingdon PE28 2AZ

Build a Bug Hotel

May half-term, 10.30am - 3.30pm
Join a scavenger hunt around Houghton Mill to find natural materials that can be used to create a pallet-style bug hotel for our nature trail.



Guided Mill Tours

Various Mondays and Thursdays throughout June, and August, 11.30am & 1pm
As Houghton Mill celebrates its 80th year under the care of the National Trust, join us on a guided tour around the impressive 18th Century working mill to discover more about the milling process; from grain to flour.
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Crafty Tuesdays

30 July, 6, 13, & 20 August, 1pm - 4pm
We will be hosting a variety of crafty activities throughout the summer holidays for all the family to enjoy. Drop in to the Mill on a Tuesday to see what you can get involved with.



Wicken Fen

Wicken, Ely, CB7 5XP

Creative Writing Workshop Series

Saturday 15 June, 10am - 2pm & Saturday 27 July, 10am - 4.30pm
Join our writer-in-residence, Guinevere Glasford, for a creative writing workshop inspired by the fenland in a wider People's Landscape theme. Her first workshop will be exploring People in the Landscape: The Fens, and the latter will look at Telling the Story of Wicken Fen.
Tickets from £25 per person. B



An Evening with Tony Juniper

Friday 14 June, 7.30pm

Join us for a lively look at the future of conservation in the UK and a deeper look at how the Wicken Vision is contributing to the way forward. Known best for his environmental campaigning, Tony's résumé includes Executive Director of Friends of the Earth and WWF-UK as well as President of the Wildlife Trust.
£8 per person, includes a glass of wine or alternative refreshment. B

Introduction to Lino Printing

Saturday 20 July, 10am - 4pm
Judith Handley will be hosting a lino print workshop, where she will be encouraging you to use the wildlife and plants of the Fen landscape as inspiration to produce your very own prints.
£60 per person, includes all materials. B



Peckover House

Wisbech, PE13 1JR

Author Book talks

15, 20 & 27 July, times vary
We have Diane Smith, Claire Upton and Jamie Maxwell joining us for a trio of exciting book talks this July. Diane will discuss the local aspect of her stories and characters, Claire will be showcasing her debut novel *Twisted Fate* and Jamie will be discussing his move from photographer to illustrator.

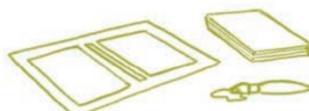
Alice in Wonderland Garden Party

Friday 23 August
We are transforming Peckover into an *Alice in Wonderland* spectacular for the whole family to enjoy. Join us for games and a Mad Hatter's tea party, just make sure you don't follow in the footsteps of the rabbit and try not to be late!
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Heritage Open Day

Saturday 14 September
This unique offer happens one day of the year and means visitors can explore Peckover for free. We will be hosting a variety of events including holding book binding demonstrations and garden trails that explore our glorious gardens.

Hertfordshire



Shaw's Corner

Ayot St Lawrence, AL6 9BX

Craft Tour

Tuesday 7, 14 & 21 May, 11am - 2.30pm
These creative workshops are perfect for anyone interested in lino cutting. You will enjoy an arts and crafts tour of Shaw's home, afternoon tea and a creative lino workshop inspired by the wonderful floral prints of William Morris, which feature throughout the Shaw's Corner collection.
£48 per person. B



Pygmalion Readings

Every Sunday in June, July & August, 2pm
Come and join our celebration of all things *Pygmalion*. Our dedicated volunteers will be performing excerpts from Shaw's most loved play in the garden throughout the summer months.

How to be a Lady Like Liza

Every Saturday in July & August, 1.30pm
Learn how to walk like a Lady (or Lord!), how to sit like a Lady and how to act like a Lady. These quick and fun demonstrations will give you the building block to transform yourself from Covent Garden flower girl to Duchess in no time!

Ashridge Estate

Ringshall, Near Berkhamsted, HP4 1LT

Half-term trail and crafts

Monday 27 - Friday 31 May, 10am - 4pm
Explore the woods on our tree themed trail followed by a visit to the visitor centre to do some complementing crafts.
£3 per child.



Northamptonshire

Lyveden

Nr Oundle, PE8 5AT

Little Acorns: Toddle & Explore

7 May, 4 June, 2 July & 10 September, 11am - 12pm
A nature themed activity session of crafts, stories and exploration of Lyveden.
£2 per child. B



Open Air Theatre

Tuesday 9 July & Friday 2 August, times vary
Lyveden and the Oundle International Festival are delighted to welcome the world's first cycling theatre company to the atmospheric setting of Lyveden's garden lodge for a bicycle-powered production like no other. We will also be welcoming The Pantaloons with their adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility*. This funny, fast-paced and faithful new adaptation from the critically-acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company features live music, audience interaction, romance and heartbreak.
From £6 per child & £16 per adult. Family ticket from £36. B

Bioblitz

Sunday 21 July, 10am - 4pm
Join wildlife experts at our family-friendly Bioblitz and help us find out how many different plant and animal species can be found on Ivinghoe Beacon.



Ashridge Adventurers

Tuesday 30 July and every Tuesday & Thursday in August, 10.30am - 12noon & 1.30pm - 3pm
Enjoy a morning or afternoon adventure of led activities and crafts to learn more about the many animal and plant varieties which inhabit Ashridge's vast estate. Sessions are designed for children aged 4 - 10 years old.
£4 per child. B



Suffolk

Dunwich Heath

Dunwich, IP17 3DJ



Sconeathon

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May, 10am - 5pm

Join us at Dunwich as we celebrate the quintessentially British scone with our famed annual Sconeathon.

Flatford

Flatford, CO7 6UL

Open Air Theatre

Saturday 15 June, gates open from 5pm, performance starts at 7pm

When Elizabeth Bennet meets the terse and abrupt Mr Darcy, she loathes him at first sight. Is there more to him than meets the eye though? Brought to life by award-winning writer Laura Turner, this adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel, *Pride and Prejudice*, has been a favourite of Chapterhouse audiences for years. Join friends and family for an evening of theatre beneath the stars, basking in the glow of this timeless story.

£16 per adult, £11 per NUS student/child, children under 5 free. Family ticket £46. **B**



Theatre Royal

Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QR

The Gruffalo

Tuesday 11 June, 2.30pm & 4.30pm, Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 July, 10.30am & 1.30pm

Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Songs, laughs and scary fun for children aged three and up.

Tickets from £10.50. **B**

Summer Holiday Drama Workshops

Tuesday 30 & Wednesday 31 July, Thursday 1 August, 10am - 3pm

Our theatre workshops will be fun, creative and a real confidence booster for your children. Come and sing, dance and act throughout summer.

Tickets £35. **B**

Bird Identification Course

Tuesday 28 May, 4 June, 20 & 27 August, 10 & 17 September, 8am - 12pm

Whether you are new to birdwatching or brushing up on your already existing skills, our half-day walks led by Suffolk bird expert, Steve Piotrowski, are a fantastic opportunity to learn how to identify a wide range of birds in varied habitats around the heath.

£35 per person. **B**

Insect Safari

Saturday 13 July, 10.30am - 12 noon

There is a stunning array of insects to discover around Dunwich heath: from bejewelled dragonflies that skim over the heather to mini-monsters that lay lurking beneath the sandy banks! This summer walk is the perfect treat for any insect lover.

£10 per adult, £5 per child. **B**

Rambles and Tour

Saturday 22 June, 20 July & 17 August, 10.30am start. Keep an eye out for additional dates and buildings tours.

Join an experienced National Trust guide for a walk through the beautiful Dedham Vale countryside. Each walk will start and finish at Flatford and vary in length from four to seven miles.

£7 per person

Open Air Theatre

Saturday 31 August, gates open 12noon, performance starts at 2pm

Join Chapterhouse Theatre Company for this brand-new adaptation of everyone's favourite swashbuckling pirate adventure: Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*. When he stumbles across a coveted treasure map, young Jim Hawkins finds himself on an epic adventure in the hope of finding Treasure Island. Not everyone is to be trusted however, and there is a dark secret lurking on board the ship...

£16 per adult, £11 per NUS student/child, children under 5 free. Family ticket £46. **B**

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Monday 17 June, 4.30pm, Tuesday 18 June, 10.30am & 1.30pm

Author and illustrator Eric Carle has captivated readers for five decades with his hungry caterpillar, introducing generations of children into a bigger, brighter world. Join us for a production that features 75 lovable puppets, adapting four of Carle's stories (Brown Bear Brown Bear, 10 Little Rubber Ducks, The Very Lonely Firefly and of course, The Very Hungry Caterpillar).

Tickets from £10.50. **B**



Ickworth

Horringer, Bury St Edmunds, IP29 5QE

Outdoor Cinema with Sundown Cinema

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 June, times vary Sundown Cinema return to Ickworth for a weekend of family favourites, comedy and action. Shown on our special LED daylight screen, it is the perfect opportunity to bring the kids along for some family film time. As evening viewings approach, relax with friends and a bottle of bubbly to watch our action and comedy films.

Tickets from £5. **B**

Melford Hall

Long Melford, Sudbury, CO10 9AA

Teddy Bears Picnic

Sunday 14 July, 11am - 4pm

Bring your favourite bear and a picnic to Melford Hall to enjoy our annual Teddy Bears Picnic in the garden. We will have themed trails and competition galore, as well as a Teddy Bear Clinic for any bears who need some TLC.



Lavenham Guildhall

Lavenham, Sudbury, CO10 9QZ

Discover Lavenham's Secrets

8 & 17 June, 13 & 15 July, 10 & 19 August and 14 & 16 September, 10.30am start

Discover Lavenham's secrets, past and present on one of our private tours. Why was the village so important in medieval times? What lies behind the success of its fabulously wealthy merchants? How did the money disappear so quickly? Oh, and where did they film Harry Potter's parent's house? Join us to find out!

£10 per person, includes a pastry and coffee. **B**

Corpus Christi Feast Days

Thursday 20 & Saturday 22 June, 10am - 5pm

It is to the religious Gild of Corpus Christi that we owe the existence of Lavenham Guildhall. Corpus Christi is a traditional feast day, which we will be celebrating with medieval food, traditional craft demonstrations, children's activities and plenty of dressing up!

Colours to 'Dye' For

Saturday 13 July, 11am - 4.30pm

July is the month where we return to our roots as we dig into Lavenham's historic woollen cloth trade. We have organised our expert demonstrators to return for a day, sharing their knowledge on dying cloth with dyes derived from natural sources, some of which are grown in our very own Dye Garden.



Ickworth's Country Estate Fayre

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 June, 10am - 4pm

Join us for the weekend to celebrate life on a country estate. Our property team will be on hand to chat to you about the house, gardens and parkland and also about the vital conservation work Ickworth is currently undergoing. We will be hosting live music, animals and a variety of food and craft stalls. Plus, there will be children's fun and games to make sure the whole family is entertained.

£2.50 per adult, £1 per child.

Melford Unwrapped - Beatrix Potter's Melford

Tuesday 9 July & Tuesday 6 August, 2pm - 4.15pm

Join us for a private viewing of our new Beatrix Potter exhibition and discover how her visits to Melford Hall inspired some of her many drawings and stories. Both staff and the resident donor family, the Hyde-Parker's, will be in attendance to answer any questions about the popular author or the Hall itself.

£28.50 per person, includes afternoon tea. **B**



Orford Ness

Orford

Island of Secrets

Opens on Good Friday

Over the past few years we have been gathering the memories of people who worked on the Ness during its life as a top secret military testing site. A new exhibition, by Ugly Studios, is now open in the NAAFI building, incorporating their words into a timeline of military experiments carried out during the 20th century.

For more information or to share your memories of Orford Ness during its time as a testing site visit: www.nationatrust.org.uk/orfordness

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Writing Workshop

Thursday 6 June, 10am - 4pm

Enjoy a day of writing in one of the UK's most enigmatic wild locations. The day will be spent in guided exploration and writing, with a lunch-time writer's surgery with Liz Ferretti. Liz is an Arts Council award-winning writer who has worked with countless writers across the country. Suitable for writers of all levels, working in any genre.

£65 per person. **B**



Open Air Theatre

5 July, 16 August & 25 August, 6.30pm

Join us throughout the summer for our ever-popular theatre performances. This year we are joined by The Handlebards for their rendition of *Much Ado About Nothing*, The Pantaloons with their adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility*, and the Lord Chamberlain's Men make a return with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Tickets from £10. **B**



Melford Unwrapped - A Family at Sea

Tuesday 23 July & Tuesday 20 August, 2pm - 4.15pm

The resident family at Melford Hall, the Hyde Parker's have had a prominent place in much of Britain's naval history. From the circumnavigation of the globe in the 18th century, to the war of American independence and the battle of Jutland, a Hyde Parker could be found on the bridge. Learn more about their rich history at this talk, tour and afternoon tea.

£28.50 per person, includes afternoon tea. **B**

Sutton Hoo

Woodbridge, IP12 3DJ

Anglo-Saxon re-enactment

Saturday 22 June, 10am - 9pm & Sunday 23 June, 10am - 5pm

Celebrate the summer solstice in Anglo-Saxon style with re-enactment group Wulfheodenas. Meet King Rædwald and his warriors and see master craftsmen at work whilst Anglo-Saxon music drifts through the camp.

Autumn Birds

Sunday 28 July & Saturday 10 August, 1pm - 3pm,

Sunday 22 September, 10am - 12 noon

Stroll to the saltmarsh with our expert rangers to discover the wading birds that have arrived ahead of the cold weather.

£13.60 per person. **B**

Edith In The Beginning

Saturday 24 - Monday 26 August, 7.30pm

A new play by Karen Forbes telling the story of Mrs Edith Pretty, the woman famously linked to the discovery of the Sutton Hoo treasure. Join Stuff of Dreams for a very special, site-specific, outdoor theatre production staged at Sutton Hoo. Immerse yourself in the atmospheric landscape and hear Mrs Pretty's fascinating life story!

£15 per adult, £13 per child. **B**

Norfolk



Blickling Estate

Blickling, Aylsham, NR11 6NF

The Edge of Things

May – October 2019

The Edge of Things draws inspiration from Blickling's nationally significant book collection which houses over 12,500 volumes, but is under threat from damp and death watch beetle. Joan Gabie and Neville Gabie have focused on four of the collection's most intriguing titles from the seventeenth Century, looking at them with a contemporary eye.

Summer Fun at Blickling Estate

1 June – 31 August

There's nothing quite like summer at Blickling Estate. Explore the garden in full bloom and discover outdoor activities for all the family. Enjoy everything from cycle hire in the park to green fingered fun in the walled garden. Collect a children's map from visitor reception before heading out on a colourful adventure. Don't miss our First Children's Literature Festival on 6 July with Lauren Child, creator of much-loved *Charlie & Lola* stories headlining the event. **Costs vary.**

Classic Ibiza

Friday 9 August

The Urban Soul Orchestra returns to Blickling for an evening of the biggest anthems from Robert Miles, Massive Attack, Faithless and more. Performing with a live DJ and internationally renowned vocalist this is a night to remember. **£39.50 per adult, £17.50 per child (5 – 16 years old), under 5 free. B**



Felbrigg Hall

Felbrigg, Norwich, NR11 8PR

Bat Walk

Friday 28 June, 19 July, 16 & 30 August, times vary

Explore the world of bats as we take a stroll through the park when night falls. Going on a nature walk at night is one of the 50 Things to tick off before you're 11¾. Learn about these fascinating mammals and listen to them with the help of a bat detector. Just remember to bring a torch! **£5 per adult, £3 per child. B**



Dragonflies and Damselflies Workshop

Saturday 29 June, 10.30am - 1.30pm

Dragonflies are some of the most colourful and charismatic insects found in the UK, making them a fascinating subject of study. At this time of year, most of the British species can be found around the Felbrigg Estate, which provides an excellent habitat for common species, as well as the odd rarity. **£17.50 per ticket. B**

Family Birdwatch

Thursday 15 August, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Have a go at using our spotting scope to see which birds lives around the estate as we explore different habitats. After a walk we will be making bird feeders for you to take home and use in your garden. **£5 per adult, £3 per child. B**



Sheringham Park

Upper Sheringham, NR26 8TL

Open Air Theatre

29 June & 20 August, times vary

Join us in June for *Sense and Sensibility* and in August for *The Jungle Book* as Sheringham Park is transformed into an outdoor theatre experience. The ever-popular *Pantaloons* return with their unique adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel of scandal, scoundrels and severely sprained ankles. We are also excited to welcome local artists, *Strange Fascinations*, to bring *Mowgli*, *Baloo* and the fearsome *Shere Kahn* to life.

£12 per adult, £9.50 per child (pre-booked), £14 per adult, £11 per child (on the day). B

August Music Nights

Friday nights throughout August

This year, our programme of musical entertainment will bring jazz, blues and glam rock. Come and dance the summer nights away.

**£7.50 (pre-booked)
£9.50 (on the day). B**

The International Garden Photographer of the Year Exhibition

31 August – 27 October, dawn to dusk

The International Garden Photographer of the Year is the UK's premier competition specialising in garden, plant, flower and botanical photography. Showcasing brand new images from all over the world, this year's exhibition will feature pictures of the natural world at its finest.

Oxburgh Hall

Oxborough, PE33 9PS



Bee Weekend

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 June, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Join us to celebrate the value of bees as we welcome The West Norfolk Bee-keeping Association, amongst others, to host various interactive displays. Childrens' activities, including trails will be available.

Open Air Theatre

Thursday 18 July, doors open 6.30pm

Prepare to be enchanted this summer! The Lord Chamberlain's Men presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shakespeare's rustic and supernatural comedy packed with some of his most famous characters. A perfect play for the outdoors, in the enchanting surroundings of Oxburgh Hall. Please bring your own rugs or low backed seating and come prepared for the weather. Picnics welcome and the Tea-Room will be serving drinks and light snacks. **£16 per adult, £10 per child, under 5 free. B**

War of the Roses re-enactment

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 August, 11am – 4pm

What was life like as a medieval soldier in the 15th century? What did they look like? How did they eat? Find out how members of the family would have lived as soldiers during the War of the Roses as Oxburgh Hall becomes a soldier's encampment for the weekend. Real cannon fired each day!



Blakeney National Nature Reserve

Morston, NR25 7BH

Breeding Birds of Blakeney Point

Wednesday 5 June, 9.30am – 12noon

Join our rangers to discover some of the ground nesting birds that breed on the shingle ridge of Blakeney Point. See our Little Tern colony in action and learn more about the UK's smallest and rarest sea birds. Sorry, no dogs. **£12.50 per person. B**



Heigham Holmes

Martham, Great Yarmouth, NR29 4RG

Heigham Holmes Open Day

Sunday 4 August, 11am – 4pm

Heigham Holmes Nature Reserve is open to the public for visiting just one day a year. This secret island is a hidden gem amongst the Norfolk Broads and is home to a host of wildlife! Enter on a special swing bridge at Martham Ferry to enjoy a family day out with a picnic. We will have various activities on throughout the day including bug hunting and pond dipping. Light refreshments will be available subject to availability.

Walk on the Wild Side

Sunday 29 September, 10.30am – 12.30noon

Explore the wildlife and secret history of Heigham Holmes on a ranger-led wild walk through the reserve. Venture off the beaten track and look out for wildlife along the way. **£10 per adult, £5 per child. B**

For more information about Heigham Holmes, or to book an event, please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/HorseyWindpump

Blakeney Point Flora & Fauna Walk

Sunday 30 June, 9.30am – 1pm

Join us for a leisurely five mile walk with wildlife expert Richard Porter to discover the birds, butterflies and flowers of Blakeney point. Sorry, no dogs. **£17.50 per person. B**

Great British Beach Clean – Marine Conservation Society

Sunday 22 September, 10am – 1pm

Working in partnership with Norfolk Wildlife Trust, join us for a Great British Beach Clean on Blakeney Point and Cley Beach. Help us keep this important stretch of coastline litter free. Bags and litter-pickers provided. Please note: sturdy gardening gloves are needed. Meet at Cley Beach car park (not NT).

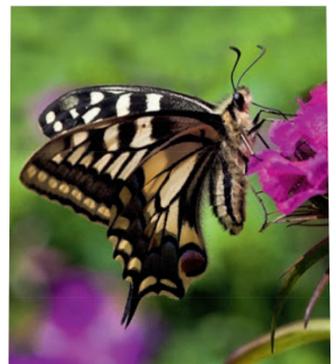
Horsey Windpump

Horsey, Great Yarmouth, NR29 4EF

World Swallowtail Day

Sunday 9 June, 11am – 3pm

Join us on World Swallowtail Day to learn more about (and hopefully see) the UK's largest butterfly, unique to this corner of Norfolk. Visit our wildlife garden where our team of experts will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about these beautiful creatures.



Elizabethan House Museum

Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QH

Culinary Conquests

Monday 29 July, 11am – 4pm

Our cook is exploring new and exotic flavours that were found in Victorian Britain. See if you can spot some familiar recipes as well as some more unusual combinations.

A Civil War Conspiracy

Monday 12 August, 11am – 4pm

Find out what a common soldier's life would have been like during the English Civil War and its links to Great Yarmouth.

Daring Dressing Up

Monday 26 August, 11am – 4pm

Dive head first into our vast costume collection! Try out a 'new look' with our period costumes that range from Tudor to Victorian times and learn more about the art of getting dressed throughout the eras.

Brief



'Sensitive chaos'

Artist Antony Lyons was busy over the winter months, gathering and recording material for his environmental art exhibition 'Sensitive Chaos' that is now open at Orford Ness. Lyons creates imaginative geo-poetic responses, influenced by changing ecologies and cultural stories.

Supported by Arts Council England and Heritage Futures, the installation he has created on site uses film and sound to reflect the slow shifting and drifting land form of the Ness, exploring the site's heritage of battling: whether that be against the dramatic sea around it, or its more literal military history.

Lyons expresses the intimate drama and atmosphere of Orford Ness in this thought-provoking exhibition not to be missed.

This is a free event with admission to the Ness, find out more: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/orford-ness-national-nature-reserve/features/latest-news-from-the-ness

50 years with the Trust

2019 marks 50 years since Robert Wyndham Ketton-Cremer, the last squire of Felbrigg, left his home to the care of the National Trust.

From June, there will be a display in the house of some of his correspondence, including annotated books, which as a writer and historian meant so much to him. We will also be holding two living history weekends on 3, 4, 10 and 11 August, recognising some of the key figures in Felbrigg's history.

For more information, please visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/felbrigg

A place for nature

For the first time in over 100 years, Dunstable Downs in Bedfordshire is opening up five new meadows for you to enjoy. The land, which was previously used for arable farming, is four years into a 20 year process of grassland creation, which simply means turning farmed land into a natural habitat for wildlife.

The meadows are now bursting with wildflowers and insects making them a perfect habitat for ground nesting birds such as Skylarks, Meadow Pipits and Yellow Hammers. The meadows are open every day to enjoy a peaceful stroll through nature.

For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunstable-downs-and-whipsnade-estate

'Tis the sea-sun



As the days extend and stay light for longer, why not gather the family to visit one, two, three (or more!) of our special places in the East of England? We've got a lot to offer!

Reconnect with nature and get active outdoors at one of our picture-perfect open spaces. Take a trip to **Sheringham Park** if you fancy a long stroll with coastal views, or head to **Hatfield Forest** for a woodland walk. If you prefer to travel on two wheels,

then enjoy the rolling hills of **Ashridge Estate** for an exhilarating ride.

Anglesey Abbey is the place to head to if you enjoy a wander through vibrant gardens. A particular highlight for this time of year is the iconic Rose Garden.

For the foodie families among you, pack your blankets and picnic baskets and enjoy a quiet spot in the gardens of **Peckover** or **Shaw's**

Corner. If you prefer a more striking view, pop to Norfolk to absorb the rippling reflection of **Oxburgh Hall**, in the moat, whilst enjoying delicious delights.

From giant chess to connect4, croquet to cricket, let the kids have some fun with the many outdoor opportunities we offer to keep them busy between exploring. Head to **Melford Hall** to enjoy fun family games, or **Wicken Fen** to enjoy a serene boat ride.

The 'pièce de résistance' of any British heatwave however, is to get out and about and enjoy a day at the beach. We care for over 100 miles of coastline in the East of England alone, so that you and your family can take full advantage of those summer days.

Whether you breathe in the fresh air at **Dunwich Heath**, or appreciate the dramatic coastal views of **Brancaster Beach**, make sure you enjoy an ice cream or two with us this summer.

A vision from the beginning



In 1899 a tiny fragment of undrained fen was purchased by the National Trust. Today our vision for Wicken Fen's future remains unchanged; to expand, protect and conserve one of Europe's most important wetlands while opening it up for everyone to experience.

Over the summer we're inviting you to come and find out all about our vision for Wicken Fen and celebrate this stunning nature reserve. We've got a fun packed summer for you to explore, discover and celebrate all things Wicken Fen. So whether you're a pond dipper, den builder, bird spotter or cuckoo caller, there's something for you.

Taking our big sky landscape as inspiration, you can also get creative through our photography competition and arts workshops, wildlife walks and talks or simply find some peace and quiet out on the reserve and listen to the reeds in the breeze and feel the sun on your face.

All abuzz

Summer is always buzzing across the region with big skies full of winged wonders as the sounds of insects and sights of colourful butterflies fill the air. Our rangers, farmers and volunteers work hard to create places where wildlife can thrive and thanks to your support our places are brimming with wildlife over the summer. From little terns on the Norfolk coast to kingfishers at Flatford, there will be butterflies galore at Dunstable Downs in Bedfordshire and Sheringham Park in Norfolk.

If you're quick you can spot dragonflies at Wicken Fen or maybe at Hatfield Forest in Essex, and hear the nightingales singing once more in our woodland areas in Essex and at Pin Mill in Suffolk.

Calling all nature detectives

Ashridge Estate in Hertfordshire is bursting at the seams with all sorts of life: each of which is counted every year by a dedicated team of rangers, and this year, you!

On Sunday 21 July we will be holding a bioblitz at Ivinghoe Beacon to get the whole family involved in this important conservation work.

From bugs and beetles to bees and butterflies, our knowledgeable countryside team will be on hand to help you find and identify the different species that make their home at Ashridge. They will give you the tools you need to have a go at surveying. You could spend all day exploring the landscape or drop in for 10 minutes and blitz it!

Countryside Manager, Emily Smith said 'These surveys are so important to the conservation work that we carry out throughout the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out

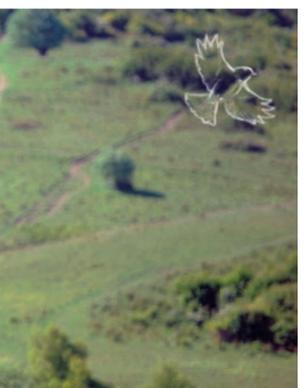


more about the work we do and it's a great way for children to learn more about nature and wildlife. It's lots of fun too and a great excuse to get outside for a bug hunt.'

As well as the bioblitz, our Ashridge Adventurers is returning every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer holidays. These fun

morning or afternoon sessions will have a different activity each week with pond dipping, den building, minibeast hunting or natural art.

For more information please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge-estate





Inspired by books

Artists Neville Gabie and Joan Gabie have drawn inspiration from Blickling's book collection for the latest Trust New Art project, *The Edge of Things*; choosing to work with four of the collection's most intriguing titles from the seventeenth century, when the thirst for understanding of the known world was being rethought.

Conrad Gesner was the first person to create an index of animals and birds, having details of species sent to him from around the world that he then commissioned artists to illustrate. Gesner's book, *Historia Animalium*, separated fact from fiction, in order to establish a credible record of all known species at that time and dispel myths about others, such as sea monsters.

The *Eliot Bible* was the first bible to be translated into the Massachusetts Indian dialect by Englishman John Eliot, who lived with the colony and learnt their language phonetically. Today only a small number of copies exist and are treasured because they contain the only examples of written language of the Wampanoag Tribe.

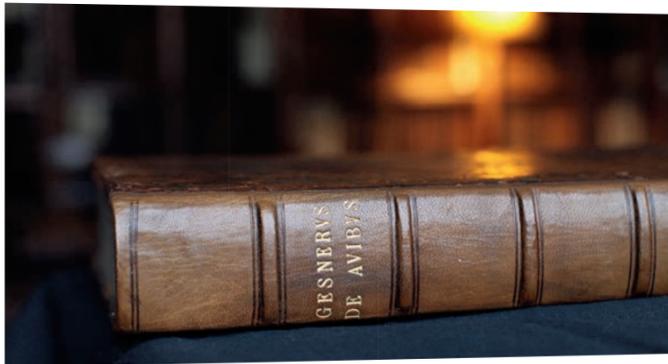
The Micrographia of Minute Bodies by Robert Hooke is a fascinating book and the first of its kind to show the detail seen through a microscope. Hooke was a man at the cutting edge of scientific discovery in the seventeenth century and is most famous for his magnified drawings and observations of the flea, which caused a sensation at the time.

Several books in the collection also explore the movements of the earth and planets. As we reach 50 years since the first moon landing we are reminded that the moon has always been part of our culture, in poetry

and literature. *The Harmonica Macrocosmica* reveals a scientific desire to explore the world and outer space.

The Edge of Things looks at these four historical books from a contemporary perspective. To help, Neville and Joan have worked with the Wampanoag community, a paleobiologist at Bristol University, astronomers from North Norfolk and volunteers at Blickling to create the installations that are on display, along with the books, from 17 May until the end of October.

Take a look on your next visit.



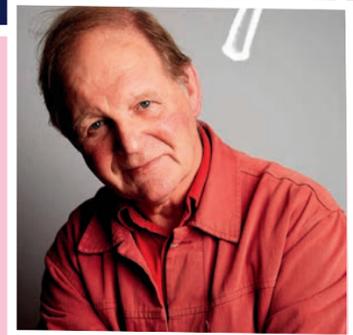
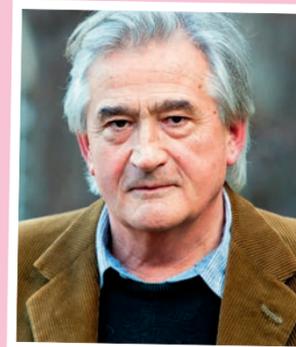
Escape to the Wimpole History Festival



Wimpole History Festival will be serving up a glorious feast of history, heritage and hospitality amid the idyllic parkland of the Wimpole Estate in June.

See, smell, touch and taste the hidden stories of the past with our interactive 'living history' displays, falconry and archery. Enjoy exclusive walking tours of the Estate specially curated for the Festival, or drop into the Scything Festival for a flavour of authentic agricultural experience.

There will be talks from leading historians, broadcasters, writers, commentators and academics, including Antony Beevor on the



Battle of Arnhem, Sally Wainwright discussing her latest production for the BBC, Gentleman Jack, Lucy Worsley on Victoria, Andrew Roberts on Churchill, Halle Rubenhold on the victims of Jack the Ripper and Michael Morpurgo with a music and story performance of *The Mozart Question*, plus a new family marquee and a sword school and archery for your young historians in training.

To sustain you throughout, there'll be an array of delicious food and drink on offer from our pop-up food park (as well as the Estate's own cafés and restaurant).

Join us as we bring history to life in a Wimpole weekend of wonder www.wimpolehistoryfestival.com

The story comes to life



2019 marks 80 years since George Bernard Shaw won his Best Screenplay Oscar for the film production of *Pygmalion*. To celebrate this anniversary, Shaw's Corner has a new exhibition which shines a light on this well-known play and the stories of love and betrayal behind his work.

The exhibition takes you back to 1912 when George Bernard Shaw fell in love with Mrs Patrick Campbell and cast her as leading lady in the role of Eliza Doolittle. Read the legendary love letters between Shaw and Mrs Campbell and discover how the affair unfolds, Shaw's wife Charlotte's hurt and the impact on their marriage.

See the famous Oscar award, which Shaw himself didn't actually collect on the night of the ceremony, but still proudly displayed on his drawing room mantel piece (not on the floor as a doorstep, as he claimed!).

Visitors will be able to get into character as Eliza Doolittle as they take to the stage in their own production of Act Three in Mrs Higgins' drawing room complete with William Morris fabrics and wallpaper that can be seen throughout Shaw's Corner.

Volunteers will be bringing life to Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins by performing excerpts from the play in the garden on Sundays in June, July and August.

Also new for 2019, the house is opening its doors earlier at 11.15am for bookable early bird tours. You'll be able to go behind the ropes to get up close to George Bernard Shaw's fascinating collection.



For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/shaws-corner

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