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# Near you



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## Summer's here at last

Summer is the season of warmth, longer days and an abundance of wildlife – you just want to be outside. There are many summer adventures to be had at a National Trust place near you.

**W**hy not set your children free with our '50 things to do before you're 11¾' activities? The landscape at Kinder, Edale and the Dark Peak in Derbyshire is perfect for climbing a huge hill or stargazing in the night sky, while at Mr Straw's House in Nottinghamshire you can follow the self-guided nature activities. Tick off lots of challenges at Belton House in Lincolnshire with their Friday '50 things' Challenges (check website for details). Help a plant grow, go on a scavenger hunt and keep a nature diary.

For more summer fun why not take part in the Summer of Sport in the North Orchard at Hardwick in Derbyshire (20 July – 1 September) and see what sporting challenges you can complete? And at Calke Abbey

also in Derbyshire the Garden of Imagination returns in the summer holidays and a visit to the new Calke Explore in the woodland is a must.

If you like things a little more serene, head to the gardens at our places to see flowers in full bloom and borders at their best. At Stoneywell in Leicestershire avoid the crowds with a pre-booked visit and see bracken in the woodland and meadow grass in the garden, you may even spot a common lizard basking in the sun.

Stroll through the kitchen garden at The Workhouse in Nottinghamshire and explore the new experience that awaits you in the recently renovated Firbeck Infirmary. While at Gunby Estate, Hall and Gardens in Lincolnshire see the herbaceous borders in their 'hot' colour glory with a fusion of bright pinks, strong reds and sunshine yellows.



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Meal times in the summer are al fresco and having a picnic is the quintessential British way to eat outside. At Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire the Pleasure Grounds are the perfect spot for a picnic and you can see the young cygnets on the lake. While at Ilam in Staffordshire, picnic as you take in the views of Dovedale and the surrounding countryside and at Woolsthorpe Manor in Lincolnshire enjoy your picnic in the shade of the North Orchard and ponder life's big questions as Newton did.

Nature flourishes in the summer, there's so much to see. At Tattershall Castle grab a deckchair and watch the wildfowl and dragonflies paddling and buzzing in and around the moat and at Lyveden in Northamptonshire the wildflower meadows are alive with butterflies and bees.

The highlights for this season are hazy days, borders in bloom and wondrous wildlife, sure signs that summer is here. You help us protect these signs of summer.

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## From the Director for the Midlands

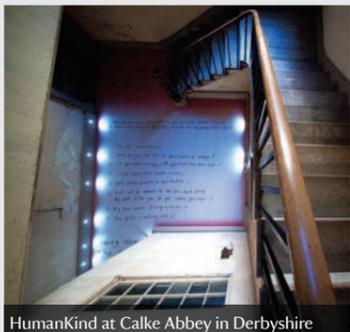


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Welcome to the summer edition of Near You. My enthusiasm for nature began with a cloud of butterflies across a meadow. We are trying to make sure that the land that we care for offers that experience to everyone – whether that is through dedicating land for nature, or nature friendly farming as described at Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire. This can make a positive change really quickly and I hope that you will see some of the impacts of that this year at our places.

We also have a number of new exhibitions exploring different stories about our places. At Calke Abbey in Derbyshire our Humankind exhibition explores the stories of the family who lived there in a new way – reminding us that social isolation is, sadly, nothing new. Meanwhile, in the Peak District, we are marking the ‘mass trespass’ that led to the opening up of this landscape (and indeed the National Parks movement).

If you manage to visit us, I hope that you will also see some of the new investments that we have made in visitor facilities to ensure that we are meeting the needs of everyone.



HumanKind at Calke Abbey in Derbyshire

However you spend your summer, I wish you all the best for the season.

*Andy Beer*  
Andy Beer

# People's Landscapes in the Peak District with Jarvis Cocker

This year, a new national programme has been launched entitled ‘People's Landscapes’. Five locations will be the focus of a national contemporary art project unearthing stories of protest and passion, including the Peak District in the Midlands.

On 23 April 1932, around 400 people conducted a mass trespass in the Peak District, to protest the lack of public access to vast areas of the landscape. It's believed that this forged the way for the creation of the UK's National Parks, of which the Peak District was the first to be established in 1951.

To mark this fight for access, we've worked with musician and presenter Jarvis Cocker, who has created a walk following part of the route taken by the trespassers on their way to Kinder Scout, to be launched this summer. Beginning at Edale train station, a range of unusual artistic experiences will form part the walk, including footage inspired by the dramatic landscape of the Peaks and songs of protest by artists such as Ewan McColl.

We're also working with the local communities and INSTAR artists, Trish Evans and Nick Humphreys. The LoudsPEAKER project brings together young people from rural Peak District and urban Sheffield communities, to build deeper connections between the Dark Peak's landscape and emotive history and the city.

These commissions have been supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England and with additional support from Art Fund, as part of Trust New Art, the National Trust's programme of contemporary arts.



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For all the latest information on these events and the Jarvis Cocker trail, please visit the Peak District website



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## HumanKind: Exploring isolation and loneliness, kindness and compassion at Calke Abbey

For over thirty years, Calke Abbey in Derbyshire's unique story has painted a picture of a reclusive family who lived eccentric and disconnected lives. Now, to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of the ‘Isolated Baronet’ Henry Harpur, we're partnering with the University of Leicester to reveal new perspectives of a kind and caring family, whose loving connections helped them through difficult times.

Drawing on new research developed with The Research Centre for Museums and Galleries at the University of Leicester, HumanKind tells powerful stories of moments in the lives of six members of the Calke household in an immersive exhibition in the family apartments. Further afield, full-scale models of some of Calke's rooms bring these stories out into the parkland and

staleyards, providing a space for discussion and reflection.

There are ways for everyone to get involved in HumanKind: take inspiration from the pledge wall, get talking at a chatty café, and engage online as we explore beyond Calke's walls, into the often-isolating digital world.

‘There are times when many of us feel lonely, and Calke's history of isolation makes it the perfect place to talk about loneliness openly,’ says Alison Thornhill, Community and Engagement Manager at Calke. ‘We want to break down the stigma and encourage people to make connections with each other, even if that's sharing a smile or saying hello when we're out and about. These small acts of kindness can make someone's day.’

By joining the wider conversation around isolation, we're exploring how special places like Calke can help people feel less lonely, and more connected with people and places.



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See HumanKind now and find out what this exciting project means to you online using #YourCalke. Visit

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/calke-humankind](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/calke-humankind)

and look out for more about HumanKind in the National Trust Magazine



## Love the countryside?

## Love nature?

Then join us this summer at BBC Countryfile Live

This year's Countryfile Live takes place at Blenheim Palace from 1-4 August and Castle Howard from 15-18 August and we'd love to see you there!

Special National Trust passes for members start at £44\* for two adults at Blenheim Palace and £35.20\* for two adults at Castle Howard and include a car parking pass, making this great value for money. Use code NT19 to book.

For more information about this year's offer visit

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/countryfile-live](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/countryfile-live)

To book tickets visit [www.countryfilelive.com](http://www.countryfilelive.com) \*including 10% booking fee.



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## A day in the life of..

Jacqueline Churchill, Senior House Steward, Tattershall Castle, Lincolnshire

As I wander across the Inner Ward to carry out the quarterly insect pest inspection, the morning sun is warming up the beautiful red brick of the Great Tower here at Tattershall Castle. It reminds me of the first time I saw it nearly 18 years ago. It was love at first sight and I knew I wanted to get married here. Nine years later (it took me a few years to find my prince), my husband and I became part of the Castle's history as we said our vows. Over the years and as our family grew, we came to events and explored with our children, seeing the site with refreshed eyes.

Two years ago, I applied to be a Conservation Volunteer, as I wanted to give back to the property to help future generations enjoy it too. Having worked alongside the staff and volunteers, I found it more rewarding than I had ever imagined and today I am proud to be the Senior House Steward here at Tattershall Castle. My role is very varied, one day I may be cleaning a medieval decorated fireplace or dusting the stained glass windows, the next I could be maintaining the habitat of great crested newts.

Every day I am excited to engage with our supporters in the stories and conservation work we do and how they can better understand how we look after this unique property.

To find out more about the work of Jacqueline and her team at Tattershall Castle, visit:

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tattershall-castle](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tattershall-castle)



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# What's on



## Derbyshire

### Calke Abbey

#### Capture Calke on Camera

Sat 6 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm

Want to get some handy hints on how to take better photos? Come and join members of the photography team on a walk and have some fun looking for different views to photograph. Beginners, intermediates and experts welcome!

#### Kids with Cameras

Sat 6 Jul, 1.30pm-2.30pm

Come and join the photography team on a kid's camera walk and have some fun looking for different views to photograph. Pick up some handy tips and tricks along the way.



#### Garden of Imagination

Sat 13 Jul - Sun 8 Sep, 10.30am-4pm

Enjoy carefree summer days and let your imagination run wild in our natural outdoor play area, open every day of the summer holiday. The wide open meadow is a safe space for children to explore, with lots of activities to keep their imaginations busy.

#### Country Food and Drink Fair

Sun 1 Sep, 10am-4pm

Celebrate local food that's grown, raised, baked or caught within a 30-mile radius of Calke. Enjoy the best of the season at the country food and drink fair, with lots of local food and drink to taste and buy.

#### Bonhams Valuation Day

Tue 17 Sep, 11am-2pm

Bring your silver, jewellery, pictures, ceramics, furniture, clocks and works of art to be valued by experts from Bonhams Auctioneers.

**Valuations will cost £2 per item, £5 for three items**

### Hardwick

#### We are Bess

Sat 25 May - Sun 2 Jun, 11am-4pm

From household names to local Derbyshire women, the portraits of 20 modern women, taken by award-winning photographer Rachel Adams, sit alongside the historic portraits in the Long Gallery to reveal a new side to Bess of Hardwick's story.

#### Monthly Ranger Walks

Fri 28 Jun, Fri 26 Jul & Fri 30 Aug, 10am-12noon

Enjoy the Hardwick parkland through the changing seasons on a guided walk with one of the Rangers. Find out more about the estate and how we care for it. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

### Hardwick Estate: Stainsby Mill

#### Maypoles at the Mill

Sat 25 May - Sun 2 Jun

(excl. Mon & Tue), 10am-4.30pm

A colourful celebration of the beginning of summer in the Mill with ribbons and flowers. A trail for children of all ages.

#### Summer Fun at Stainsby Mill

Wed 24 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 10am-4.30pm

Delight in being taken back to a simpler time when the power of water was so important in producing flour for bread. Children of all ages can have a go at grinding grain and play outdoor games from bygone times.

### Key to symbols



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Booking essential. Call individual property



Booking essential. Call Central Box Office on 03442 491895 (5% booking fee applies)



Event repeated on other dates, check website for details



School holiday event



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## Ilam Park, Dovedale and the White Peak

### Orienteering at Ilam Park

Sat 25 May – Mon 30 Sep, 11am-5pm  
Our permanent orienteering course is available all year round, whatever the weather. Ideal for beginners, families, dog walkers and school groups. Purchase an orienteering map from the shop and off you go!  
**£1.50 per map**

### Woodland Explorer Trail at Ilam Park

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 11am-4pm  
Build a den, balance on logs and search for hiding fairies on a trail at Ilam Park. Dogs on leads welcome. Trail maps available from the shop.  
**£1**

### Free Monday and Friday Walks at Ilam Park

Mon 3 Jun – Mon 30 Sep (Mon & Fri only), 11am-1.30pm  
A great introduction to the White Peak, or simply a chance for fresh air and exercise! Routes change weekly and may include stiles, slopes, steps, mud and livestock. Just meet our team of volunteers by the shop. Dogs welcome too.

### Free Nordic Walking Taster at Ilam Park

Wed 5 Jun & Wed 10 Jul, 10am-11am  
Nordic Walking uses poles to work the upper body muscles as well as the legs. The session is delivered by White Peak Nordic Walking and is ideal for beginners.

### Kedleston Hall

#### Make a Nature Crown

Mon 27 May – Fri 31 May, 11am-3pm  
Create a crown inspired by nature and using natural materials.  
**£1.50**

#### Marvellous Moths

Sun 2 Jun, Sun 7 Jul, Sun 4 Aug & Sun 1 Sep, 10am-11.30am  
Join us outdoors as we reveal some normally unseen nocturnal residents of Kedleston Park, when we look inside our overnight moth trap. Get a close up view of some of the big, bright and beautiful species of mysterious moths.

#### Hands on for Home Educators

Mon 3 Jun, Mon 1 Jul & Mon 2 Sep, 10.30am-12noon  
A practical session aimed at families who home educate. Suitable for a mix of ages, but children should be over 5 years old. Gloves and tools will be provided, but please come dressed for the outdoors and expect to get your hands dirty.

#### The Kedleston Hall Wednesday Writing Group

Wed 5 Jun, 10am-12noon  
Join Paul Broesmith, writer and theatre producer, as he guides you through exercises and processes designed to develop your skills across a range of genres, formats and styles. Suitable for beginners as well as those who wish to hone their existing works.  
**£14.50**

#### Outdoor Theatre: The Secret Garden

Sun 30 Jun, 7.30pm  
Chapterhouse Theatre Company present a family favourite in the pleasure grounds at Kedleston Hall. Bring a chair and picnic for this evening performance.  
**Adult £16, child £11, family £46**

#### Bats and Bangers Walk

Mon 5 Aug, Mon 12 Aug & Mon 19 Aug, 6.30pm-10pm  
After a bangers and mash meal and an indoor presentation, a 2-mile walk at dusk with bat detectors will allow you to identify the types of bats in the parkland with our local bat expert.  
**£13**

#### Outdoor Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Sat 24 Aug, 7pm  
The Lord Chamberlain's Men present one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies this summer, outdoors at Kedleston Hall. Bring a picnic, drinks and a chair and enjoy an evening of laughter and entertainment.  
**Adult £16, child £10, family £45**

#### Kinder, Edale and the Dark Peak

#### A Moorland Meander – Derwent Dams Guided Walk

Fri 31 May, 11am-2.30pm  
Take in some of the best valley and moorland walking. This walk requires an intermediate level of fitness as we will be walking approximately 6 miles along stony and grassy paths. Dogs on leads welcome. Meet at Fairholmes Visitor Centre.

#### Mam Tor Guided Walk

Fri 7 Jun, 11am-1.30pm  
See this Early Bronze Age burial site and location of an Iron Age Fort. This walk is approximately 3 miles along stony paths with a steep climb and requires an intermediate level of fitness. Dogs on leads welcome. Meet at Penny Pot café.

#### Longshaw, Burbage and the Eastern Moors

#### Magnifying Glass Trail

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 10am-3.30pm  
Butterflies, bees and dragonflies are emerging, and northern hairy wood ants are busy on their woodland nests. Pick up a trail from the welcome building or shop and discover hidden nature. Bring your camera to capture the tiniest aspects.  
**£1 per trail sheet, £2 per magnifying glass**

#### Explore Longshaw – Weekly Drop-In Walks

Wed 29 May – Sun 29 Sep (Wed & Sun only), 11am-1.30pm  
Our varied and interesting volunteer-led walks take place on Wednesdays and Sundays each week, usually covering around 4 miles in distance. The walks are free, although donations to our Peak District Appeal are very welcome.

#### Climbing for Beginners

Sat 8 Jun, Sat 22 Jun, Fri 2 Aug & Mon 12 Aug, 9am-12.30pm or 1pm-4.30pm  
Our friends from Adventure Expeditions will guide you through basic climbing techniques on some of the world famous crags around Longshaw and by the end of the session you will have reached the top.  
**£25**

#### Wildflower Wander

Sun 16 Jun, 10am-12noon  
Join ranger and wildflower expert Mark Bull on a wander to find and identify wild flowers in Longshaw's amazing hay meadows. Meet at Longshaw's Haywood car park, below the Grouse Inn.  
**£5**

#### Zipwire, Climbing and Abseiling

Tue 2 Jul & Fri 16 Aug, 9am-12.30pm or 1pm-4.30pm  
Highly qualified instructors from Adventure Expeditions will rig up the Tyrolean Zip Wire at Bole Hill Quarry. With safety gear on you are harnessed in and speed across the gap. After this you can abseil down and try some rock climbing.  
**£35**



#### World Ranger Day

Wed 31 Jul, 10.30am-3pm  
Join us to celebrate World Ranger Day! Find out about rangers around the world and the fight to protect wildlife. A fun day, with hands-on activities, machinery, and demonstrations.

#### Mini-Orienteering & Adventures!

Fri 2 Aug – Fri 30 Aug (Fri only), 10.30am-2.30pm  
Are you a budding adventurer? Orienteering is a great way to improve your navigation skills, and our mini-orienteering course can help you learn the basics in the grounds of the Moorland Discovery Centre.

#### Summer of Sport – Aiming and Archery!

Tue 6 Aug – Tue 27 Aug (Tue only), 10.30am-2.30pm  
Are you the next Robin Hood? Join in some target practice and other family challenges in the grounds of the Moorland Discovery Centre. Have a go at badminton, swingball and other games to test your aim!

#### Wildlife Wednesday

Wed 7 Aug, Wed 21 Aug & Wed 28 Aug, 10.30am-2.30pm  
Join the rangers to find out about some special inhabitants of Longshaw, and tick off some of your '50 things to do before you're 11¾.' The summer is alive with wildlife!

#### Wildlife Wednesday – "Archaeology Take-Over"

Wed 14 Aug, 10.30am-3pm  
Become an archaeologist and have a go at some hands-on, fun activities to find out how humans have used and shaped the landscape of Longshaw and the Peak District in the past. Joint event with Peak District National Park Archaeologists.



#### Sudbury Hall and the National Trust Museum of Childhood

#### Royal School for the Deaf Exhibition

Sat 1 Jun – Sun 1 Sep, 11am-5pm  
An exhibition produced in partnership with the Royal School for the Deaf Derby, and part of our Heritage Lottery Fund supported project; Exploring Childhoods. Designed and led by students, we explore the childhoods of people from the deaf community.

#### Deercote Walking Tour

Thu 6 Jun, Thu 4 Jul, Thu 1 Aug & Thu 5 Sep, 10am-11.30am or 2pm-3.30pm  
A rare visit to Sudbury's historic, Grade II listed Deercote. Built in the 1700s as a large ornamental deer enclosure, it is a dramatic focal point when looking north to the wider parkland. Book your time slot at visitor services.  
**£2.50 for non-members**

#### Father's Day Spaceship Challenge

Sun 16 Jun, 11am-4.30pm  
Work as a team with your family and friends to design and build your own spaceship. Why not leave it on our launch pad to inspire other space cadets?

#### Yoga in the Garden

Wed 26 Jun – Wed 17 Jul (Wed only), 10.30am-11.30am  
A four week Iyengar yoga class set in the beautiful outdoor setting of Sudbury Hall. The class is adults only and suitable for beginners to intermediate level. A fun and dynamic approach to body awareness and well-being.  
**£24 for all 4 sessions**

#### Out of this World Summer: Rocket Porthole

Mon 29 Jul – Sun 4 Aug, 11am-4.30pm  
Design your very own rocket porthole. Become an astronaut for the day and join us for some out of this world fun!  
**£1 per craft**

#### Pride and Prejudice

Fri 2 Aug, 7.30pm-10.30pm  
When Elizabeth meets Mr. Darcy, she loathes him at first sight. But is there more to him than meets the eye? Step back in time with Chapterhouse Theatre Company and award-winning writer Laura Turner to meet Jane Austen's notorious heroine.  
**Adult £16, child £11, family £36**

#### Monsters, Myths and Mayhem

Fri 23 Aug, 7pm-9.30pm  
Join The Lost Boys on an epic exploration of classical Greek mythology featuring Hercules, Achilles, Medusa, the Minotaur, the Kraken and more! Expect a wacky adventure; wigs, swords and sticky back plastic abound.  
**Adult £16, child £11, family £36**

## Leicestershire

### Stoneywell

#### Half Term Arts and Crafts Trail

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 10.30am-3.30pm  
Discover how Stoneywell cottage was made by Arts and Crafts designers and makers. You can also have a go at designing your own cottage.  
**£2 per trail**

#### Summer Woodland Walk

Wed 5 Jun & Wed 18 Sep, 1.30pm-2.45pm  
Join one of our volunteers on a glorious summer walk to discover what delightful wildlife can be found in the woodland; butterflies fluttering by and a chorus of summer birds is guaranteed.

#### Father's Day Tennis Court Games

Sun 16 Jun, 10.30am-3.30pm  
Bring Dad along for traditional games including quoits, boules, and clock golf. Prizes for champion putters – may the best dad win! There'll be delicious cakes in the tea-room, crafts in the stables and the cottage will be open to explore.

#### Flower Arranging Workshop

Thu 20 Jun, 10.30am-3.30pm  
Our flower arranging team love continuing the Stoneywell tradition of creating beautiful arrangements from the garden foliage and blooms. They will give three demonstrations then guide you in making two of your own arrangements to take home. Light lunch included.  
**£50 per person**

#### Summertime '50 things' Fun

Sat 13 Jul – Sun 1 Sep, 10.30am-4pm  
All summer long, come to Stoneywell for some '50 things' challenges. Adventure through the garden and woodland and get close to nature. You can also make some fun wildlife-inspired crafts in the stables.

#### Flavour of the Fifties

Sat 14 Sep & Sun 15 Sep, 10.30am-4pm  
This Heritage Weekend we're going back to the fifties, when Stoneywell became the Gimson family's permanent residence. Play games, marvel at objects from the era and enjoy fifties treats in the tea-room.

#### Creativity Day

Wed 25 Sep, 10.30am-3pm  
Find a spot by the cottage or in the garden and let the creative juices flow. Our volunteers will be on-hand to talk about how Stoneywell inspires them. Enter your favourite piece into our creativity competition (see website for details).

This is just a selection of the hundreds of National Trust events and activities taking place in the East Midlands.

## Lincolnshire

### Belton House

#### Paint the Garden

Sun 2 Jun, Sun 7 Jul, Sun 4 Aug & Sun 1 Sep, 11am-4pm

Take inspiration from the formal gardens at Belton to create your own work of art. Recreate the beauty of Belton's gardens in paint, pencil or crayon. All materials supplied.

#### Behind the Spine Library Tour

Sat 8 Jun & Sat 10 Aug, 10am-12noon  
Explore the library, study and attics to find out what's been eating away at the books and witness conservation in action. You'll also discover the team's favourite finds as they open up some rarely seen pages of the collection.

£12.50 

#### Pony Rides at Belton

Sun 16 Jun, 10am-4.30pm

Meet the ponies at the top of the oval to enjoy a ride through Belton's historic parkland this Father's Day. Rides are suitable for children over the age of 2 years.

£3

#### Behind the Door Tour

Sat 13 Jul & Sat 7 Sep, 10am-12noon  
Go behind the scenes on this special tour to explore the lesser known parts of the mansion, including the attic accommodation, and find out more about the work of the National Trust.

£12.50 

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream Open-Air Theatre

Sat 13 Jul, 7.30pm-9.30pm

The Lord Chamberlain's Men invite you to join them at Belton House this summer to celebrate their 15th year with Shakespeare's enchanting comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Adult £16, child £10 

#### Garden Detectives

Wed 24 Jul - Wed 28 Aug (Wed only), 11am-12noon

Become a detective and search for clues about the untold stories of Belton's gardens with this interactive tour. It's been specially designed for families with children aged 5 years and over in mind.

£3 

#### Summer Nights Outdoor Film Festival

Fri 9 Aug & Sat 10 Aug, 9pm-11.30pm

Enjoy a classic film under the stars on Belton's Oval Lawn this summer. Screening a different film each night, Belton invites you to pack up a picnic and enjoy this outdoor cinema under the summer sky.

Adult £15.50, child (under 12s) £10.50 

#### Paws for Cause

Sun 8 Sep, 9.30am-5.30pm

A chance for dogs and their owners to get together for an action-packed day of fun including dog agility, dog show and a sponsored walk. The money you and your four-legged friend raise will help support valuable conservation work at Belton.

#### Tea with the Gardener

Mon 9 Sep, 2pm-3.30pm

Join Head Gardener Jon, for a walk around Belton's formal gardens and pleasure grounds to discover their history and how they're cared for. Followed by a cup of tea or filter coffee in the Stables restaurant.

£12.50 

#### Celebration in Bloom

Wed 11 Sep - Sun 22 Sep (excl. Mon 16 Sep & Tue 17 Sep), 12.30pm-5pm

Inspired by Belton's creative women, come and enjoy floral displays in the mansion in celebration of Sophia Cust, Marian Alford, Florence Woolward and Nina Cust. 

### Gunby Estate, Hall and Gardens

#### 'Here and Now' - Vivica

Sat 1 Jun - Sun 30 Jun, 11am-5pm

Enjoy the exhibition 'Here and Now' by art collective 'Vivica', where they explore their responses to Gunby. Vivica are a group of four artists: Glynne Bulman, Gabrielle Harris, Susan Reimer and Paul King, who each work in different disciplines.

#### Rose Day

Sun 23 Jun, 11am-5pm

Enjoy displays of the 40+ rose varieties found in the gardens, as well as trade and craft stalls with lovely wares. Three floors of the house will be open with lots of flower arrangements containing roses in the rooms too.

#### 'Temporal Echoes'

##### - Gudrun Ståhl Sharpley

Mon 1 Jul - Wed 31 Jul, 11am-5pm

'Temporal Echoes' is a vibrant exhibition by local artist Gudrun Ståhl Sharpley. Gudrun is a figurative artist who revels in working with figures and faces, shapes and colours, focusing on movement within her work as her main theme.

#### Treasure Island

##### - Open Air Theatre

Sat 20 Jul, 7pm-9pm

When Jim Hawkins stumbles across a treasure map, he finds himself on an epic adventure to find Treasure Island. But not everyone is to be trusted, and a dark secret lurks on board the ship... Don't miss this adaptation by Chapterhouse Theatre Company.

Adult £16, child £11, family £46 

#### National Gardens Scheme Day

Sun 4 Aug, 11am-5pm

Join our annual celebration of the Gunby gardens, whilst raising money for NGS. There will be plant sales, craft and trade stalls and three floors of the house open too. £6.75 (normally £9.25) and will be donated to NGS.

Free for members and under 5s

#### Pride and Prejudice

##### - Open Air Theatre

Sat 17 Aug, 7pm-9pm

When Elizabeth meets the terse and abrupt Mr. Darcy, she loathes him at first sight. But is there more to him than meets the eye? Brought to life by award-winning writer Laura Turner, this adaptation has been a favourite of Chapterhouse audiences for years.

Adult £16, child £11, family £46 

#### Heritage Open Day

Sun 15 Sep, 11am-5pm

Enjoy three floors of the house and explore eight acres of gardens. Bring the family and enjoy a free day out!



### Gunby Hall Estate: Monksthorpe Chapel

#### Service at Monksthorpe Chapel

Sat 15 Jun, Sat 20 Jul & Sat 17 Aug, 3pm-4pm

Attend a service in this Baptist place of worship built in 1701.

#### Harvest Festival Service at Monksthorpe Chapel

Sat 21 Sep, 3pm-4pm

Visit Monksthorpe Chapel and attend our Harvest Festival service led by Rev. Colin Bowden from Burgh-le-Marsh.

### Tattershall Castle

#### Medieval Falconry Weekend

Sat 29 Jun & Sun 30 Jun, 11am-4pm

Be transported back to the 'golden age of falconry' with Raphael Historic Falconry. Watch these historically accurate birds swoop and soar and learn all about hawking in Lord Cromwell's time.

#### Play On!

Fri 19 Jul, 7pm-10pm

Join The Lord Chamberlain's Men for an evening of laughter as they perform Play On! a mixture of Shakespeare and Who's Line Is It Anyway. Bring a picnic and enjoy this hilarious evening with the Castle as a backdrop.

Adult £16, child £10 

#### Story Week: A Dragon's Quest

Mon 22 July - Sun 28 July, 11am-4pm

Make your very own pet dragon and take it with you on the Dragon Quest around the castle. Nothing could be more exciting for little ones than taking part in a themed craft before following an adventurous story booklet.

Additional charges for the craft and trail 

#### National Play Day

Wed 7 Aug, 11am-4pm

Let your imagination run wild for National Play Day at Tattershall Castle. Choose from a range of games to play, both inside the Great Tower and outside in the grounds.

#### Extreme Teddy Bears Picnic

Sun 11 Aug & Mon 12 Aug, 11am-4pm

A teddy bears picnic but with a medieval twist. Bring along your favorite furry chum and complete all the Tattershall Tasks, including a teddy zip wire that starts 35 meters in the air from the top of the Great Tower.

Additional charges apply 

#### Tattershall Tourney

Sat 24 Aug - Mon 26 Aug, 11am-4pm

Come marvel at the Plantagenet Medieval Society as they present the pomp and pageantry of a knight's tournament, complete with medieval minstrels, dancing and hand-to-hand combat. Get involved with squire training, dancing, have-a-go archery and meeting the knights. 



### Woolsthorpe Manor

#### Planets and Discovery

Mon 27 May - Fri 31 May, 11am-3pm 

Experience the colossal scale of the solar system, get to know our weird and wonderful planets and make parachutes to bring spacecraft to a safe landing. After your mission, you can follow a trail to discover more.

£2 per child 

#### Dads' Rocket Challenge

Sat 15 Jun & Sun 16 Jun, 11am-3pm 

Get competitive with Dad (and Mum) this Father's Day weekend. Launch rockets and see if you can top the leader board!

£1

#### Space Race Rocket Workshops

Wed 17 Jul, Wed 31 Jul, 

Wed 14 Aug, & Wed 28 Aug, 11am-1pm or 1.30pm-3.30pm  
Experience Newtonian physics in action as you shoot rockets into the sky. Join in the Space Race and design, build and test rockets of different types.

£2 per child

#### Planet Earth Workshops

Wed 24 Jul, Wed 7 Aug & Wed 21 Aug, 

11am-1pm or 1.30pm-3.30pm  
Would seeing Earth from space change your perspective? Join in the Planet Earth workshops to challenge how you feel about and see the world in which we live.

£2 per child 

## Northamptonshire

### Canons Ashby

#### Moths and Butterflies

##### Family Trail

Sat 25 May - Fri 7 Jun, 10am-4pm   
Flitter and flutter across the parkland looking for our British butterflies and moths. See how many you can find, discover more about these beautiful winged creatures and pick up your sticker from the Coach House shop.

#### Father's Day Trail

Sat 8 Jun - Sun 23 Jun, 10am-4pm  
Explore the grounds and discover parts of Canons Ashby you might not normally notice. Then, if you're with a Dad who deserves it, give him a special "Great Dad" sticker from the Coach House shop.

#### Sense and Sensibility performed by The Pantaloons

Sat 6 Jul, 6pm-8pm

Elinor has a lot of good sense. Her sister Marianne has an excess of sensibility. Together they make a snappy title for Jane Austen's classic novel of scandals, scoundrels and severely sprained ankles. Experience music, audience interaction, romance and heartbreak.

Adult £15, child £10, family of 4 £40 

#### '50 things to do before you're 11¾'

Thu 1 Aug - Thu 29 Aug (Thu only), 11am-2pm 

Keep the kids happy this summer, ticking off our challenges whilst enjoying family fun in the fresh air every Thursday in August. Join us for activities based around the '50 things' scrapbook and start collecting stickers for each completed challenge.

Prices may vary, see website for details

#### Alice in Wonderland by Immersion Theatre

Sun 11 Aug, 6pm-8pm 

Immersion Theatre proudly bring their most spectacularly bonkers show to date. Follow Alice and the White Rabbit as they set off on a musical adventure and meet a host of outlandish characters. Why not come dressed up as your favourite?

Adult £14, child £8, children under 3 free 

#### Bookfest

Sat 24 Aug - Mon 26 Aug, 10.30am-4.30pm

There will be bargains aplenty at the Brewhouse Bookshop's annual sale, raising money to look after our historic site. Peruse our collection of second-hand books and stock up in preparation for those cosy autumn evenings.

This is just a selection of the hundreds of National Trust events and activities taking place in the East Midlands.

## Lyveden

### Little Acorns: Toddle & Explore

Tue 4 Jun, Tue 2 Jul & Tue 10 Sep, 11am-12.30pm

A nature-themed activity session of crafts, stories and exploration of Lyveden for under 5s.

£2 

### Kite-Making Workshop

Sun 16 Jun, 11am-4pm

Bring Dad along to make a kite this Father's Day. After all that hard work, treat him to a Workers Nuncheon in the Cottage tea-room so you're ready to head back out and see how high your kite can fly!

£1

### Outdoor Theatre: The HandleBards' Much Ado About Nothing

Tue 9 Jul, 6.30pm-10pm

Expect chaos and laughter when a group of soldiers return from war, kindling new love interests and re-kindling old rivalries. Pedaling from venue to venue with all the set, props and costume, this bicycle-powered production is like no other.

Adult £16, child £6 

### Little Grey Men Children's Trail: Bill Badger & The Pirates

Sat 13 Jul - Tue 3 Sep, 11am-4pm

Inspired by the characters and stories of local Northamptonshire author 'BB', our summer trail explores the woods, meadows and moats at Lyveden in search of a new adventure.

£1

### Wild Wednesdays at Lyveden

Wed 17 Jul - Wed 4 Sep (Wed only), 11am-4pm

Get involved with hands-on activities for all ages including pond-dipping in the moats, counting butterflies in the long grass or graffiti hunting around the garden lodge. Activities vary from week to week, check out the website for more details.

### Outdoor Theatre: The Pantaloon's Sense & Sensibility

Fri 2 Aug, 7pm-10pm

Elinor has a lot of good sense. Her sister Marianne has an excess of sensibility. Together they make a snappy title for Jane Austen's classic novel of scandals, scoundrels and severely sprained ankles. Experience music, audience interaction, romance and heartbreak.

Adult £13, child £8.50



## Nottinghamshire

### Clumber Park

#### ParkRun

Sat 1 Jun - Sat 31 Aug (Sat only), 9am  
ParkRun organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. Come and join the Clumber ParkRun family of more than 350 people who take part each week. Meet outside Central Bark.

#### Celebrating 130: A Chapel Exhibition

Sat 1 Jun - Sat 31 Aug, 10am-4pm

To celebrate the 130th anniversary of the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin being opened, there will be a small exhibition in the Chapel highlighting some of the beautiful ecclesiastical objects.

#### '50 things to do before you're 11¾'

Sat 1 Jun - Sat 31 Aug, 10am-4pm

Call in at the Discovery Centre and pick up your brand new '50 things' booklet. Experience Clumber Park in a whole new way and collect your stickers and stamps when you're done!

#### A Seasonal Stroll

Sat 1 Jun & Wed 12 Jun, 11am-12noon

Enjoy guided walks around the Pleasure Grounds to explore this historic Ducal Landscape and learn about the developments of the Clumber Park Revitalised Project. Meet in front of the Duke's study. Walks are every first Saturday and second Wednesday of the month.

#### Discovery Club

Sun 2 Jun, Sun 7 Jul, Sun 4 Aug & Sun 1 Sep, 10.30am-12.30pm

Discover an exciting new activity every month with our Discovery Centre team. Enjoy Mini Beast Mayhem in June, Terrific Trees Plant It in July, Grow it, Eat it & Wild Food in August and Spider Safari in September.

#### Clumber Park's Wartime Weekend

Sat 8 Jun & Sun 9 Jun, 10am-5pm

Clumber Park's Wartime Weekend allows visitors to experience glimpses of Clumber Park's role in the Second World War, with living history displays, fun activities, great entertainment, food, drink and traders.

#### Pretty Muddy

Sat 29 Jun, 10am-4pm

Race for Life Pretty Muddy is our brilliant muddy obstacle course where you can scramble over the A-frame and crawl through the mud pit. Have fun with friends and raise valuable funds for life-saving research. A children's course is now available.

#### Race for Life: 5k & 10k

Sun 30 Jun, 11am-1pm

Declare war on cancer and run, walk or even dance your way around the course. The routes are picturesque, mostly flat and made up of a mixture of forestry tracks and tarmac roads. Feast your eyes on our beautiful landscape.

#### Summer of Sport

Mon 22 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 11am-4pm

Join us for a summer of fun and games and enjoy the great outdoors with free sporting activities every day on the front field.

#### Tomato Tasting

Thu 1 Aug - Thu 29 Aug (Thu only), 1pm-3pm

Enjoy a taste of our Walled Kitchen Garden tomatoes, with opportunities to buy some to take home. Among this year's crop will be: 'Banana Legs', 'Green Zebra', 'Striped Hollow' and 'Ivory Egg'. Be sure to vote for your favourite tomatoes each week.



#### Mr Straw's House

#### Make a May Millipede

Tue 28 May - Sat 1 Jun, 10am-4pm

It's May and insects are everywhere. Why not come and create your own marvellous millipede, cute caterpillar or beautiful butterfly? You could also try out some '50 things to do before you're 11¾' in our orchard.



#### Straw's Stroll

Tue 11 Jun, Tue 23 Jul & Tue 27 Aug, 9.30am-11.30am

The Straw's Stroll guides you around Clumber Park, introducing you to the history of this once grand estate and the Straw family's connections, both personal and business.

£5 

#### The Straws Revealed

Thu 20 Jun & Fri 16 Aug, 11am-1pm or 2pm-4pm

Join us for a behind the scenes tour to discover hidden treasures within the cupboards and drawers. See what our conservation staff and volunteers are working on and discover our new display, 'The Straws on the Home Front.'

£10 



#### Cream Tea in the Garden

Thu 27 Jun, Thu 18 Jul & Thu 5 Sep, 10am-4pm

Why not join us for a scrumptious cream tea in the garden? Enjoy a homemade fruit scone served with preserve, clotted cream and any hot drink of your choice.

£5

#### Towpath Trek

Tue 2 Jul & Tue 10 Sep, 9.30am-11.30am

Enjoy a steady sightseeing walk with a five-minute break along the towpath where we'll share a brief history of the town.

£5 

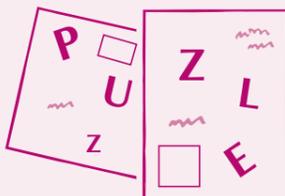


#### Poster Puzzle

Thu 25 Jul - Sat 31 Aug (excl. Sun & Mon), 10am-4pm

During the wars everyone was encouraged to contribute to their own table and every available piece of land was turned over to growing. A few campaign posters can be found but several of the words have gone missing, can you find their letters hiding?

£2



#### The Workhouse, Southwell

#### Trust New Arts Project

Sat 1 Jun - Mon 30 Sep, 12noon-5pm

In conjunction with the National Trust programme, we have partnered with the Arts Council, Nottingham County Council, MenCap Nottinghamshire and Reach UK to develop a contemporary art commission with young people and adults through the lens of people with learning difficulties.

#### Hands On or Hands Off? If Walls Could Talk

Sat 1 Jun - Mon 30 Sep, 12noon-5pm

This Workhouse exhibition is an exciting opportunity to see conservation in action, focusing on how and why we conserve our wallpaper. The exhibition includes wallpaper samples from a workshop held by local artist Sarah Holden involving Brownies and Guides.

#### The Doll's House Project

Sat 1 Jun - Mon 30 Sep, 12noon-5pm

This artistic installation aims to engage audiences with the voices of young people experiencing poverty and stigma in contemporary Britain. We are joining forces with young parents from Homeless Housing project Newark Emmaus Trust, along with artist and academic Dr Natalie Jones from Warwick University.

#### South Essex College Costume Exhibition

Sat 1 Jun - Mon 30 Sep, 12noon-4pm

This year the students of South Essex College of Further & Higher Education are creating costumes based on the research of 6 women involved in nursing at The Workhouse. Their stories will be featured alongside their historical attire.

#### Workhouse Live

Wed 24 Jul - Wed 28 Aug (Wed only), 12noon-5pm

Help inmates doing their daily jobs. Go back to school, write on a slate, learn to count but don't even think about misbehaving! Education played an important part in pauper children's lives, discover how this prepared them for life outside the institution.

#### Pauper's Yarn Family Tour

Fri 26 Jul - Fri 30 Aug (Fri only), 11.15am-12noon

Join an inmate as they take you for a behind the scenes tour before the site opens at 12noon. Start your day here with a pauper inmate and find out what life was really like on this family-focused introductory tour.

#### Pauper Pickings

Sat 3 Aug - Sat 31 Aug (Sat only), 12noon-4pm

Every Saturday in August, pick vegetables with the paupers in the garden. Explore the abundance of fresh, local and seasonal produce and fill a bag to take home with the help of the pauper inmates.

## Your contacts

Belton House	01476 566116
Calke Abbey	01332 863822
Canons Ashby	01327 861900
Clumber Park	01909 544917
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Hardwick	01246 850430
Hardwick Estate: Stainsby Mill	01246 856522
Kedleston Hall	01332 842191
Lyveden	01832 205158
Peak District: Dark Peak	01433 670368
Peak District: Eastern Moors	0114 289 1543
Peak District: Ilam Park	01335 350503
Peak District: Longshaw	01433 631757
Peak District: Penny Pot Café	01433 670293
Mr Straw's House	01909 482380
Stoneywell	01530 248048
Sudbury Hall and the National Trust Museum of Childhood	01283 585337
Tattershall Castle	01526 342543
Woolsthorpe Manor	01476 862823
The Workhouse, Southwell	01636 817260

## Notes

Normal property admission applies to all events unless otherwise stated.

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

Guided walks: Prior booking for guided walks is essential as places are limited. Contact numbers are given above. Sorry, no dogs allowed unless otherwise stated.

All event details correct at time of going to press.

This is just a selection of our events. To find even more great things to do visit us online at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands)



# TOP FIVE



## Natural play areas

When summer arrives it's time to play. Lots of our places have natural play areas – perfect for family adventures and great for ticking off some of the '50 things to do before you're 11¾'.

To find out more visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/play-time](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/play-time)

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### Hardwick, Derbyshire

There are so many ways to play at Hardwick; whether that's climbing one of the trees in the parkland or becoming an explorer on one of the trails. Run, jump and swing your way down the woodland play trail and test your agility on natural obstacles. When it's time to relax, why not build a den using the sticks down Lady Spencer's Walk? It's the perfect hiding place to share stories of your Hardwick adventure.

### Stoneywell, Leicestershire

Stoneywell is like stepping into a Swallows and Amazons adventure. The fort can be your base as you explore and get close to nature. The garden and woodland are the most idyllic spot for a '50 things' exploration, reminiscent of the generations of Gimson children who could spend all day out in the garden, only returning when the bell rang, calling them back for tea.

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### Tattershall Castle, Lincolnshire

Come and explore Tattershall Castle's brand new outdoor play area this summer. Taking inspiration from William Weir, the architect who helped restore the castle between 1912-14, all the games are themed around building or agility, mimicking the skills of the Edwardian labourers who worked on the restoration. Compete with family or friends to win at giant jenga, wiggle your way over the agility bridge or test your balance on the wooden beams.



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### Lyveden, Northamptonshire

Get outdoors and explore the garden landscape at Lyveden with a pair of binoculars and see if you can spot any skylarks, swallows, or even the red kites. From discovering what lives in the murky water of the moat to making your very own bug house and sweeping the meadows to find out what bugs are living there; you can try your hand at lots of different activities each Wednesday.



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### Longshaw, Derbyshire

Playing at Longshaw is natural. Jump into the magical world of bugs, beasts and keep your eyes peeled for wood ants and mischievous boggarts along our trails. Young imaginations can run wild with the Boggart Trail with balancing on beams, hopping and hiding in the tunnels, and searching for the boggart houses. For big kids Longshaw is a playground of rocks to scramble over, woods to weasel through and places to picnic.



# Wildlife-friendly farming at Clumber Park



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At Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire, we're working closely with one of our long-term tenant farmers Will Pringle, as well as Natural England, to provide crucial habitats for wildlife and to restore the historic landscape.

This work is part of a Higher Tier Stewardship Agreement, a land management scheme managed by Natural England. It will see almost 500 acres of arable farmland (an area approximately the size of 310 football pitches) converted back to scenic and peaceful woodland pasture, restoring a large area within the park to how it would have looked when the Dukes of Newcastle lived here.

The work will include sowing grass seeds, wildflowers, and planting over 1,700 trees, to create a thriving habitat for insects, butterflies and birds. It is hoped that, in time, small mammals, bats and birds of prey will be attracted to the extra food sources the habitat will provide and will make this area their home.

Will's family have been working with this land for generations. 'Restoring the landscape and encouraging wildlife to return to Clumber Park is very important' says Will. 'My family have farmed on this land for over 70 years, and this

agreement with Natural England will provide a lot of stability for us for years to come.'

'Working with Will and Natural England is a great opportunity to restore a large area of priority habitat whilst re-introducing livestock farming to this historic landscape' added David Wraith, Area Ranger at Clumber Park.

Find out more about this conservation work we're getting up to at Clumber Park by visiting

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/friendly-farming-at-clumber](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/friendly-farming-at-clumber)

## Punting to make a splash at Belton House



© Belton punting on the river - watercolour by Lady Marian Margaret Compton

This summer you'll be able to enjoy that quintessentially English pastime of punting on the river at Belton House in Lincolnshire.

Throughout the 19th century, the Brownlow's would have enjoyed Belton's wilderness garden from the water. Punts were stored in the boathouse and the family would have often enjoyed river trips and

waterside picnics.

Following the restoration of Belton's unique boathouse and thanks to your support, punting will be re-introduced to the River Witham and you'll be able to take a journey through the lost wilderness garden.

So, this summer why not relax as your punt guide gently propels you along the River Witham towards the

parkland? Sit back and you'll be able to see the river banks from a different perspective. Let your imagination recreate the beauty of the wilderness garden that, over the coming years, we hope to restore.

We'd love to see your punting pictures, so please share them with us @NTMidlands #NTMidlands

For the latest updates visit

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/punting-at-Belton](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/punting-at-Belton)

## Reducing the impacts of HS2 on Hardwick

You may already be aware that the government's HS2 rail plans are going to have a significant impact on Hardwick near Chesterfield. The proposed route goes directly through the Hardwick Estate and we're very concerned that the current plans threaten the special qualities of Hardwick, and the ability for people to enjoy this much-loved place.

We've worked hard to develop ways to reduce the impact of the plans so that Hardwick remains a beautiful and accessible place to visit. Our plans intend to protect the historic landscape surrounding the Halls, as well as providing habitat improvements and limiting the impact on our tenant farmers.

We've now shared our detailed proposals with HS2 Ltd, and we're determined to find a solution for Hardwick and its surrounding communities as the design for the railway continues this year.

Want to help? You can help us protect Hardwick by letting us know 'what Hardwick means to you?' Your responses will help us demonstrate to HS2 Ltd why Hardwick matters. Please send your responses to: [hs2@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:hs2@nationaltrust.org.uk) All responses will be treated confidentially and may be used in written materials anonymously. Thank you.



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For further information about the National Trust's approach to HS2 and other properties impacted, please visit

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hsr2](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hsr2)

...and don't forget to share your play adventures with us



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# Neither made of butter nor a fly!

Why do we all love butterflies? Because of their incredible colours and patterns from the gaudy peacock with its big 'eyes' (a defence against predators) to the dingy skipper (the name says it all – but look more closely). Perhaps it's because they are seen mostly on warm, sunny days when we are out and about, and for me because their presence is an indicator that the environment is in good heart.

Unfortunately, butterflies are struggling. So much so that most species have declined in the wider countryside in the past 50 years or so. This makes National Trust places especially important for butterflies, where we manage their habitats, including our gardens, to benefit them.

Our meadows in the Peak District, such as the newly acquired High Fields, support especially high numbers of dark green fritillary, and Ticknall Quarries at Calke Abbey in Derbyshire has seen the recolonisation and increase in numbers of the spectacular silver washed fritillary in the past three years.

Also at Calke Abbey, last year we reintroduced the grizzled skipper (prettier than it sounds). To improve the habitat for them and encourage their caterpillar's food plant, we cleared back scrub, felled birch to let in more light and planted more wild strawberry. At Hardwick, Calke Abbey and Kedleston Hall in Derbyshire, we have planted disease resistant elms to support the small populations of white-letter hairstreak butterflies there. While at Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire, we are restoring the heath which benefits the small heath butterfly and the striking, metallic orange small copper butterfly.

More frequently seen at our places are the small tortoiseshell, comma, red admiral, peacock, meadow brown, speckled wood, ringlet and gatekeeper, so look out for them when you visit us this summer.

By Carl Hawke, Wildlife and Countryside Consultant



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## What's next for our new farms in the Peak District?

As National Meadows Day approaches on 6 July, we take another look at Greensides and High Fields – two wildflower-rich areas of farmland in the Peak District which the National Trust saved for the nation in 2018. One year on, the Peak District team has been busy getting to know the two farms, and rangers and volunteers have been fixing walls and fences, surveying wildflowers and making plans for the farms' future.

The land at both Greensides and High Fields is a combination of pasture and hay meadows which hum with life at the height of summer. The colourful carpet of meadow flowers attracts bees, butterflies and birds, filling the air with the sounds of nature. Both farms also include rare areas of limestone pavement (a naturally

occurring rock formation) which are home to flowers and ferns, peeking out between the gaps.

Luke Barley, White Peak Lead Ranger, says: 'Two of our local tenant farmers have been helping us to graze the land to keep it in good condition while we finalise our plans for the long-term future of these precious areas of farmland. After centuries of careful stewardship there's no need to rush nature; the farms and their wildlife are safe and we'll work in harmony with the land to improve them in the future.'

We have secured the future of Greensides and High Fields thanks to very generous legacies from our supporters.

Look out for further updates on Greensides and High Fields at

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/peak-district-meadows](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/peak-district-meadows)

## Canons Ashby's staircase gets a historical makeover



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The team at Canons Ashby in Northamptonshire, has been working with one of the UK's oldest carpet manufacturers to create a new covering to protect the main stairs in the house.

Helen Roadnight, House Manager at Canons Ashby explains, 'The current staircase carpet is a modern addition and was wearing thin in places, so we needed to install something new. We decided to make the most of this opportunity and try to create a carpet similar to the one that would have been on the stairs during Victorian times based on several watercolours by former resident, Clara Dryden.'

The new carpet has been designed and made by Kidderminster-based Grosvenor Wilton, using looms which are up to 120 years old and methods that have remained largely unchanged since 1790.

The carpet is being installed over the summer, so remember to look down on your next visit to see this new take on Canons Ashby's past.

Find out more about the project and see a film of the new carpet being made at

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby-carpet](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby-carpet)

## Volunteers 'buddy up' at Calke Abbey

Volunteers are at the heart of what we do and it's thanks to over 500 dedicated volunteers that Calke Abbey in Derbyshire can open to visitors every day.

This year, as Calke embarks on HumanKind, a project exploring how special places can help tackle loneliness, the team has launched a 'buddy scheme' to help new volunteers feel at home.

'Many people volunteer because they want to meet people, so it's important to make them feel part of the team,' says Karen Heath, a Room Guide volunteer at Calke. 'The buddy scheme means they have a friendly face around while they settle in, especially in more solitary roles like room guiding.'

The scheme pairs experienced volunteers with new faces to offer support when they begin volunteering. Whether sharing a coffee, learning about volunteering systems, or finding their way around an unfamiliar place, it's all about giving new volunteers a warm welcome to the Calke family, and discovering how the National Trust can create more opportunities to support the amazing volunteers at our special places nationwide.

Find out more about what it's like to volunteer at Calke Abbey at

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/calke-volunteer](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/calke-volunteer)

## News in brief

### Happy Birthday Gunby!

This summer marks the 75th anniversary since Gunby Estate, Hall and Gardens in Lincolnshire was gifted to the National Trust by the Massingberd family in 1944.

Gunby has an intriguing history, for instance did you know it was nearly knocked down to make way for a runway but was saved at the very last minute?

Step into the next chapter of Gunby's history by visiting to find out more this summer. Plan your visit at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gunby-estate-hall-and-gardens](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gunby-estate-hall-and-gardens)

### New Perspectives: coming up at Lyveden

This summer, Lyveden in Northamptonshire is bringing together an outdoors art installation in collaboration with the local community. The artwork will comprise of lots of individual elements, in partnership with local groups and schools, and aims to deepen our contemporary perception of Thomas Tresham's story of religious persecution.

For the latest information and behind the scenes details, visit Lyveden's social media platforms @NTLyveden.

### River Dove project flows on

Rangers, volunteers and anglers are joining forces again this summer to help restore the natural flow of the River Dove in the Peak District by carefully removing two more man-made weirs. The work will help to make the river an even better home for wildlife.

We couldn't do this work without the support of our members and our colleagues at Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Wild Trout Trust.

Find out more at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Dovedale-letting-the-dove-flow](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Dovedale-letting-the-dove-flow)



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