People’s Landscapes in the South West

This summer, two new artworks will reflect and respond to the stories of people in two unique places in the South West: the Tolpuddle Martyrs’ tree and the Tin Coast.

‘Paint Freedom’ in Dorset

The National Trust cares for the 320-year-old sycamore tree in the village of Tolpuddle, which is recognised as the symbolic birthplace of the Trades Union movement.

The Tolpuddle Martyrs met under the tree to discuss their poor wages and living conditions, and in 1834 were arrested and subsequently convicted for swearing a secret oath as part of the formation of a union.

We’ve commissioned the British contemporary artist Bob and Roberta Smith, who will be reflecting on the history of the tree and the Martyrs, and the themes of justice, freedom and rights, through a piece of work titled Paint Freedom.

Of the artwork Bob says: ‘Trees are amazing things, they are symbols of life and this tree has been around for many years in Tolpuddle. So my idea was to invite people to paint their version of the tree on a placard, and to use these to create a ‘forest of trees’. The placards will also feature portraits of people who we think might have a similar fate to the Tolpuddle Martyrs.’

You can read more about Bob’s participatory work, and others in the national programme, in your Magazine.

‘Gorthwedh: contrasts of the Tin Coast’

Set within the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, the Tin Coast ‘Gorthwedh’ (meaning ‘contrast’ in the Cornish language, and pronounced gorse-weth) is a project that will be reflecting on the area’s industrial past, its social changes and its meaning to residents and visitors today.

Callum Mitchell, a Cornish-born artist, will be working with the National Trust team on the Tin Coast, Falmouth University BA (Hons) Architecture students and other local artists.

The work will pose the question ‘why is this place special to you?’ and will include the creation of temporary structures on the landscape that will tell the stories as they start to take shape.

Of the commission Callum says: ‘The themes, challenges and potential of the project are all very appealing to me and I’m confident that together we can create something that is innovative and engaging, as well as being representative of the local community.’

Gorthwedh is part of a series of activities, including walks and family events, taking place in the area throughout the summer. Find out more at nationaltrust.org.uk/tolpuddle.
Wood, fashion and 100 years of the Forestry Commission

‘Tree of Life’ is the new fashion exhibition upstairs in Killerton House, Devon, celebrating Killerton’s link to the founding of the Forestry Commission in 1919.

MP Francis Acland, whose family owned the Killerton estate, was instrumental in the creation of the Forestry Commission a hundred years ago.

The exhibition – revealing fabulous pieces from the National Trust’s largest fashion collection – demonstrates how materials processed from various species of trees can be used to make fibre, cloth, dyes, paper, footwear and headgear.

It includes examples of clothing made from these materials, as well as decorative pieces patterned with motifs inspired by seasonal trees, leaves, blossom and fruit.

The story of Francis Acland’s role in the Forestry Commission continues on the ground floor of Killerton House with another new exhibition: ‘Seeing the wood and the trees.’ This exhibition looks at what happened in 1919 when the Forestry Commission was founded and how the National Trust team at Killerton today is working to look after woodlands and trees on the estate for the future.

For more information visit: nationaltrust.org.uk/killerton

Charlotte Eddington, Assistant to the Costume Curator at Killerton, putting the final touches to a piece from the ‘Resonance’ collection by eco-fashion designer José Hendo.

Ancient grain for new flour at Dunster Mill

They’re grinding spelt at Dunster Watermill in Somerset. Following requests from visitors for spelt flour Stephen Hayes, who is the Mill Operations Manager, decided to start working with the ancient grain which is popular due to its distinctive nutty flavour.

The mill at Dunster Castle already produces 10 tonnes of wholewheat flour each year, on a site with a tradition of milling dating back at least to the Doomsday Book of 1086.

It’s a rare example of a working 18th-century mill with double overshot waterwheels, meaning it operates with two separate wheels allowing the mill to run one or two millstones.

You’ll be able to see the mill in action on the first Wednesday of every month, and certain other dates throughout the year. The Watermill Tea-room serves bread made with this very locally produced flour, and you can buy bags of spelt and wholewheat flour from the shop.

Floralia: a celebration at Stourhead

In ancient Rome, Flora was a goddess of flowers. At Stourhead this May and June look out for floral arrangements and Roman symbols of fertility throughout the garden, including at the Temple of Flora, above left, which was the first of three temples to be built here in 1745.

As the rhododendrons and azaleas come into bloom there’s also a chance to learn more about the floral stars of the collection. Stourhead’s gardeners will be leading free tours at 2pm every Tuesday and Thursday in May and June. Spaces are limited and can be booked on arrival.

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What's on for summer 2019
Dorset / Gloucestershire / Somerset / Wiltshire

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

Bath Skyline
Bath BA2 3AH

City to countryside walk
Tue 4 & 18 Jun, 2 & 16 Jul, 6 & 20 Aug & 17 Sep, 10am-3.30pm
Stretch your legs, learn about the local history and glimpse a different side to Bath, on this guided walk.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Wildflower amble
Sat 6 Jul, 10am-12.30pm
To celebrate National Meadows Day, we'll be exploring the wildflower-rich 17th-century medicinal herb garden of Fountain Court, with activities for adults on weekdays.

Focus on Fountain Court
Sat 1 Jun - Sun 21 Jul, 10am-4pm
Talks, costumed storytellers and a children’s trail themed around the 17th-century medicinal herb garden of Fountain Court, with activities for adults on weekdays.

Dyrham Park
Near Bath SN4 8ER

Sunset deer park walks
Various Tue & Thu in Jun & Jul (see web for details), 7.30-9.30pm
Enjoy a leisurely guided walk around the park as the ‘golden hour’ sets in; perfect for photographing.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£10

Folktales of Gloucestershire: a solstice morning ramble
Fri 21 Jun, 9-10.30am
Before the park opens on solstice morning, walk with storyteller Anthony Nanson and hear folk tales of Gloucestershire and beyond, told at viewpoints around Dyrham Park.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£15

Summer solstice evening opening
Fri 21 Jun, 5.30-9.30pm
This solstice day, stay a little longer or come along after work, to see of the setting sun from the topograph viewpoint.

The great outdoors family trail
Thu 25 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 8am-4pm
Explore the parkland on a self-led trail, with lots of activities to tick off your ‘30 things’ list on the way.
£1

‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’
Fri 2 & Sat 3 Aug, 6.30-8.45pm
Bring a chair and a picnic and spend a summer’s evening watching The Lord Chamberlain’s Men’s enchanting, fast-paced production of one of Shakespeare’s best-loved comedies.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £17, child £10, family tickets available

BRISTOL

Leigh Woods
Near Bristol

World Ranger Day activities
Wed 31 Jul, 10.30-11.30am, 12 noon-1pm, 1-2pm & 2-3pm
A selection of activities for budding rangers: practical habitat management, a butterfly survey and a veteran tree survey, for ages 10 - 16.
Park at North Road entrance (BS8 3PL), follow arrows to the event.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Owls, bats and bird calls
Wed 28 & Sat 31 Aug, Tue 5 Sep, 7.30-9pm
Join wildlife expert Ed Drewett to explore the woods by night; learn how to detect individual species of bats, spot tawny owls and identify birds from their calls. Meeting at North Road entrance (BS8 3PL).
Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £10.50, child £7.50

Events near you for summer 2019

The Woodland Play Area is the setting for adventures, exploration and creativity. There’s a different theme for every Wild Wednesday during the summer holidays.
Child £2

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We have indicated where there is an event charge and where booking is necessary. Please note that normal admission charges apply unless you are a member. All children must be accompanied by an adult. And please check beforehand as to whether or not dogs are welcome. We do take every effort to ensure that all event details are correct at the time of going to press. The National Trust reserves the right to cancel or change events if necessary. Tickets are non-refundable.

BROWSE ISLAND

Adult £10.50, child £7.50
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

North Road entrance (BS8 3PL), follow arrows to the event.

Nature detective trails
Daily from Sat 1 Jun, 10am-4.30pm
Pick up an activity card from reception and explore the garden. Watch the birds, make friends with a minibeast, which theme will you choose?

Heritage Open Day
Sat 21 Sep, 10am-4.30pm
Free entry for all as part of the Heritage Open Days’ festival of history and culture. Look out for special short talks in the garden throughout the day.
**TYNTESFIELD**

Outdoor theatre on the croquet lawn
14 Jun - 7:30pm. Much-Ado-About-Nothing with the HandleBards.
16:20, 7:30-9:30pm: A Midsummer Night’s Dream with The Lord Chamberlain’s Men.
16 Aug, 6:30-8:30pm: ‘Alice in Wonderland’ with Iimmersion Theatre.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

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**DORSET**

**Corfe Castle**

Visit and help the siege engineer needed to become a noble knight. Travel back in time to the 12th century and learn some skills you’d have sought out these enigmatic creatures. Experience the sights and sounds of the top of the hill.

Wed 2 - Sat 5 Aug, 10am-5pm
Adult £7, child (5-12 years) £6 (includes cold drink)

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**Brownsea Island**

Poole Harbour

Supported by the National Lottery

**TYNTESFIELD 2019**

Beatriz Potter tales
Wed 7 & Thu 8 Aug, 10:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm
Celebrate National Playday at Tyntesfield, with storytelling, face painting, crafts and games inspired by the tales of Beatriz Potter.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Child £9 (2-5 years)

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**DORSET**

**Brownsea Island**

Early bird wildlife walk
Sat 1 Jun, 7:30-10am
Take a boat to the island before the public arrive and soak up the uninterrupted sounds of summer birdsong. Includes range-led walk, boat fare and breakfast.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £25, child £12.50

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**DORSET**

**Corfe Castle**

World’s Fair
Mon 3 - Sun 9 Jun, 10am-4pm
Celebrate our oceans during the week leading to World Oceans Day. Join marine experts and find out more about your local sea life and what you can do to protect it.
Booking essential via website
Boat fees apply

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**Max Gate**
Dorchester DT1 2FN

**Tea with Hardy**
Wed 28 Jul, 10am – 11am

Every day at Max Gate, Thomas Hardy fans and friends and visitors. Tea with Hardy and a mystery historical guest will be enacted by the New Hardy Players.

**Poetry at Max Gate**
Wed 29 Jul, 7.45pm

A performance of ‘Standing on the Shoulders of Giant’ by the New Hardy Players, including poems from poets who influenced Thomas Hardy and those he inspired.

**Tim Laycock’s tuneful stories**
Sat 22 Jul, 7-7.45pm

A combination of stories, folklore and tunes, all connected to the life and works of Thomas Hardy. There will be three performances over the afternoon, starting from 1pm, each around 30 minutes.

**‘Far from the Madding Crowd’**
Thu 27 Jul, 7.45pm

A production by the ever-popular New Hardy Players based on Thomas Hardy’s beloved novel.

**Booking essential via Dorchester Arts 01305 266926**
Adult £15, child (under 18) £7.50

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**Studland Bay**
Dorchester BH19 3AQ

**Wakye, wakye, paddleboard and beach**
Every Sat, 1 Jun – 13 Jul, 8.35-11am

A two-hour kayak trip in Studland Bay followed by a full English breakfast at Knoll Beach Café.

**Booking essential via website £10**

**Paddleboard yoga**
Every Sat, 26 Jun – 25 Aug, 7-9am & 10-11am

Take your yoga to a new level while enjoying the great feeling of floating on the water. Followed by group breakfast on the beach with the instructor.

**Booking essential via website £25 (includes healthy breakfast)**

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**Hicdote**
Near Chippenham GL5 6LR

**Rose month**
Sat 3 & Sun 4 Jun, 10am-5pm

Pick up a rose trail and learn about the top 15 roses in the garden. On Thursday afternoons there are talks on the care of roses, their history and companion planting.

**Beginners tapestry weaving workshop**
Sat 11 Jun, 8am-4pm

Learn how to warp up a simple woven frame and then make a woven sample inspired by the colours of early summer, using tapestry techniques.

**Booking essential 01386 438333 £50**

**Harvesting basket workshop**
Sat 6 Jul, 11am-4pm

Join Helen Lombard as she guides you through how to make your own harvest basket.

**Booking essential 01386 438333 £50**

**Rachel Dein: ‘Hicdote through the seasons’**
Daily from 10am, 9am-5pm

Acclaimed artist Rachel Dein will be exhibiting her latest exhibitions at Hicdote made using plants and flowers from the garden collected throughout the seasons.

**Lodge Park and Sherborne Estate**
Alldown GL5 3PP

**Sherborne Park summer ranger walks**
Fri 7 & 21 Jun, 5 & 19 Jul, 2, 16 & 30 Aug, 10am-12 noon

See woodland paths, the orchard, butterflies and bees can be found at New Park and the best places to spot them.

**Edwardian weekend**
Sat 13 & Sun 14 Jun, 10am-5pm

Meet some colourful characters who can tell you all about New Park’s Edwardian past, join in the games and the conversations to learn how people lived at New Park 100 years ago.

**‘The Tiger Who Came to Tea’**
Sat 6 Jul - Sat 15 Jun, 11am-5pm

‘The beloved artwork of Judith Kerr’s Children’s little masterpiece’, performed by Chapterhouse Theatre.

**Snowshill Manor and Garden**
Broadway WR12 7BJ

**Have a go at stone carving**
Sun 2 & Tue 4 Sep, 10am-5pm

Create your own stone sculpture on a one-off workshop, taught by Miranda Wakeman, professional sculptor and qualified tutor.

**Booking essential 01386 249189 £70**

**Snowshill centenary celebration**
Sat 22 - Sun 23 Jun, 11am-5pm

On 24 June 1919, Charles Wade the beloved artist of Judith Kerr’s children’s book is on exhibition, celebrating its 100th anniversary.

**Booking essential 01451 844257 £3**

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**Badgers and TB, nature talk and tea**
Thu 20 Jun, 11am-4.30pm

Discover the lives of badgers with Professor Richard Delahaye, Wildlife Biologist from the Animal and Plant Health Agency. Includes full afternoon tea served on vintage china.

**Booking essential 0344 349 1895 £29**

**Antics**
Wed 10 Jul, 6.30-9.30pm

Wildlife presenter Miranda Krestovnikov places how to bring more wildlife into your garden with this nature talk, with unusual tips and amusing anecdotes from years of filming birds. Followed by a light meal.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £48**

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**Chedworth Roman Villa**
Yamsworth GL5 3JL

**Father’s Day gladiator arena**
Sat 15 - Sun 16 Jun, 10am-4.30pm

See your dad sold as a slave to fight in the gladiator arena. Legio II Augusta, a premier Roman re-enactment group, return with exciting displays of gladiator style fighting.

**The Romans are coming**
Sat 3 - Sun 4 Aug, 10am-3.30pm

Discover what life was like in ancient Rome with re-enactors, military displays and drills.
Deer and nightingale twilight trek
Thu 8 Aug, 7.90pm
As night falls, begin your Exmoor adventure, keeping your eyes peeled for red deer as you make your way up Dunkery Hill. Return in the dark to close in, listening out for nightjar.

Adult £10, child (age 10-17) £5
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Lytes Cary Manor
Near Somerset TA11 7HU
Lytes Cary craft market
Tue 20 Aug, 11am-5pm
Held in the courtyard, the craft market showcases a variety of handmade products crafted by local artisans and artists. Entry is free to the market.

Free entry to the manor
The Royal Chair
Mon & Tue 19 & 20 Aug, 9am-12.30pm
Learn about the history of the Royal Chair and how it has been used throughout history.

Adult £10, child (age 5-16) £5
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Stonehenge summer archaeology walks
Sat 8 Jun, Wed 12 & Thu 21 Jul, Sat 1 Aug & Wed 9 Aug, 10am-2.30pm
The Stonehenge landscape is an intriguing place, with many secrets lying tantalisingly below ground. These walks will guide you to the landscape with new eyes.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £10, child free

Gladey worm walk at Figsbury Ring
Sat 8 Jun, 7-9pm
Glow worms are often seen from late June to mid-August and are easily visible with a little patience. This walk will allow you to appreciate the glow worm, during one of their most active times of the year.

Adult £10, child free
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Warm Day Ranger at Dinton Park
Wed 13 Jul, 10am-4pm
Have a go at new activities with the rangers, plus why not pre-book a Tree Climbing Adventure or have a go on a zip wire!

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Child £10 (age 6-16), plus charges for tree climbing

Wild Wednesdays
Wed 17 Jul, 10am - 1pm
Join the Ranger for a day of activities with the rangers, from cooking on a campfire to building dens, and anything in between. Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Wiltshire countryside
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Holnicote Estate
Near Minehead TA24 8TJ
Deer and nightingale twilight trek with supper
Thu 1 Aug, 6-9pm
Join Deer Ranger, Charles, for supper and a chat about Exmoor’s deer and nightingales, before heading out for wildlife spotting at dusk. Look out for deer and their young and listen for the call of the nightingale. 18 July, suitable for ages 10+. 8 Aug: family friendly, suitable for ages 6-17.

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The calm after the storm

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In addition, they had the considerable task of moving items from the extensive collection to dry rooms, to minimise any risk of damage to these precious objects.

Fast-forward to today, and the house is fully open again having been repaired, restored and conserved, and the team at Newark are enjoying welcoming visitors back to enjoy the breadth of this fascinating and much-loved house once again.

Drake comes home

Don’t miss a rare opportunity to see this painting of Sir Francis Drake in his former home at Buckland Abbey.

See What’s On for dates and times.

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Watering at Woolacombe

Over the summer, rangers at Woolacombe Warren will be creating a pond and water trough system to bring water to the cattle grazing the land.

By creating this natural, sustainable and free water source, the rangers will be saving the Trust the cost of transportation and fuel involved in taking water to the cattle.

The work is being carried out with careful consideration so it won’t disturb the existing natural flow of water or the habitats and resident wildlife it currently supports.

Once the new reservoir system is in place, it should also create a thriving environment to be colonised by water-loving creatures like frogs, toads, newts, dragonfly larvae and water boatmen, and plants such as greater bird’s-foot trefoil.

Cattle on Woolacombe Warren, North Devon

Celebrating 70 years with 7,000 trees

Visitors will have the chance to sponsor one of 7,000 trees that the Arlington Court staff and volunteers are planting on the historic estate in North Devon. They’re celebrating 70 years of the National Trust looking after Arlington Court, and true to the spirit of this lovely place the new woodland will help wildlife to thrive.

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Glorious gardens

We care for lots of gardens across the South West. Whether you’re a passionate plant-spotter or looking for a colourful, fragrant spot to stop for a picnic we’re sure you’ll find a garden to suit you.

Find out more by searching online for ‘National Trust South West summer gardens’.

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‘Top of the Gorge’ festival

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