



News and events for autumn / winter 2019  
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# What's on

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



## Hertfordshire

### Ashridge Estate

Ringshall, Near Berkhamsted, HP4 1LT

#### Ashridge in Autumn

Saturday 12 October, 10am - 2pm  
A guided walk through Ashridge at one of the most scenic times of year. Enjoy a kaleidoscope of warming autumn colour as the leaves start to fall.  
Adult £8, Child £5, **B**

#### Photography Workshops

Saturday 12 & Friday 18 October, 10am - 4pm  
Feeling creative? Join local photographer Lyndsey Abercromby to learn how best to capture Ashridge's autumnal hues with your camera. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.  
£99, **B**

#### Haunted Ashridge Trail and Crafts

Monday 21 October - Friday 1 November, 10am - 4pm  
Things are getting spooky at Ashridge. Meet some of the ghosts of people who've lived here in years gone by on our trail, before making your own Halloween craft to take home.  
£3

#### The Nutcracker's Coming to Ashridge

Saturdays and Sundays from 1 - 29 December, Thursday 26 & Friday 27 December, 10am - 4pm  
Follow our Christmas trail through the woods and receive a present at the end.  
£3



### Shaw's Corner

Ayot St Lawrence, AL6 9BX

#### Outdoor Cinema - Pygmalion

Sunday 15 September, 8pm (gates open 7pm)  
Make the most of the late summer weather and enjoy an outdoor screening of Pygmalion in the beautiful garden at Shaw's Corner. This is the first time the film has been shown at the country home of the playwright, 80 years since George Bernard Shaw was awarded an Oscar for the adapted screenplay.  
£16.50

## Bedfordshire

### Dunstable Downs

Dunstable, LU6 2GY

#### Pumpkin Trail

Saturday 19 October - Sunday 3 November, 10.30am - 3.30pm  
Jack O'Lantern has organised a big Halloween party, but his friends have all become lost in Chute Wood. Help to find his friends and have the best party ever!  
£2.50

#### Adult Storytelling Evening

Friday 1 - Saturday 2 November  
Join us around a camp fire (weather permitting) as we entertain you with spooky tales of yesteryear. Enjoy an atmospheric night of good company and toasted marshmallows.



#### Wreath Making

Saturday 30 November - Sunday 1 December  
Join us for an evening of wreath making and festive shopping at Dunstable Downs. Create a unique wreath for the holidays and have exclusive access to our amazing shop after hours as well.



#### Breakfast with Santa

Friday 13, Saturday 14, Friday 20, Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 December  
9.15 - 10.15am and 10.30 - 11.30am  
Spend a morning with Santa whilst enjoying a wonderful breakfast on the Downs. Enjoy the view and take part in some festive activities, such as trails and small crafts.  
Child £7.50, **B**

## Book an event

Book online at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events](http://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

**0344 2491895**

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.

## Felbrigg Hall, Gardens and Estate

Felbrigg, Norwich, NR11 8PR

### Hall at Harvest

Saturday 28 September – Friday 4 October, 12pm – 5pm

Join us for our annual 'Hall at Harvest', when we will be celebrating the many varieties of fruit, vegetables and flowers grown in the walled garden. See the hall beautifully decorated by a team of volunteers and celebrate this special time of year.



## Blickling Estate

Blickling, Aylsham, NR11 6NF

### Annual Apple Harvest

Tuesday 24 September

Join us in the orchard for our annual apple harvest. Have fun picking our heritage varieties, helping the team to prepare for our apple weekend. On 28–29 September come and help us celebrate the apple harvest, enjoy tastings, juicing and buy produce to devour at home.

### Buildings, Books and Beetles experience

Every Thursday – Saturday

(until Saturday 26 October)

Join us for an immersive, guided experience which takes the wrap off some of our oldest and rarest books and find out about why they're important enough to be saved. Head up to the attics to hear more about the vital building work, see some of the critters who love to dine on the books, and find out how you can get involved in supporting this important conservation work.

£6, **B**

## Heigham Holmes

Martham, Great Yarmouth, NR29 4RG

### Walk on the Wild Side

Sunday 29 September, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Explore the wildlife and secret history of Heigham Holmes. Come for a wild walk through the reserve with a ranger. Venture off the beaten track and look out for wildlife along the way.

Adult £10, Child £5, **B**

### Awesome Autumn Ranger Ramble

Sunday 27 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm

This secret island is a hidden gem in the Norfolk Broads and is home to a host of wildlife. Come for a wild walk with a ranger and see what autumn wildlife you can spot. Wellies essential!

Adult £10, Child £5, **B**

### Heigham Holmes Deer Ramble

Sunday 24 November & Sunday 8 December, 2pm – 4pm

Join our Rangers for a glimpse into the private world of Red and Chinese Water Deer. Come and look for the wild deer that frequent Heigham Holmes and keep an eye out for other wildlife.

Adult £10, Child £5, **B**

### Family Fungi Foray

Tuesday 22 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Join us as we explore the fabulous world of fungi with a guided walk aimed at families with children. Mushrooms come in a multitude of shapes, sizes and colours and there is a fantastic display in the woods at Felbrigg at this time of the year. Includes a fungus craft activity.

Adult £5, Child £3, **B**

### Bird Spotting Walks

Wednesday 18 September and

Wednesday 16 October, 1.30 – 3.30pm

Join Trevor Williams from the North East Norfolk Bird Club on a walk around the Felbrigg Estate. Spot and identify the many species of birds that make Felbrigg their home. No prior bird knowledge is necessary.

£5, **B**

### Enchanted Felbrigg

Friday 6 – Sunday 8 & Friday 13 – Sunday 15

December, 3pm–7pm

Follow a winter trail through the gardens and enchanted woodland. Enjoy the opportunity to unwind, surrounded by nature in all its winter glory. On your journey, you'll be able to enjoy lights, crafts and storytelling.

Adult £7, Child £3.50, Under 5's free

### The Edge of Things

Until Sunday 27 October

This year's Trust New Art project draws inspiration from four volumes in Blickling's significant book collection, looking at them through a contemporary eye. Responding to language, natural history, astronomy and science, artists Neville Gabie and Joan Gabie have created a series of installations and live projects.

### Christmas through the ages

Saturday 30 November – Friday 20 December,

11am – 7pm

Enjoy the colours, smells and sounds of Christmas across the estate. Begin your visit with the iconic tree-lined driveway before stepping inside to explore the house in its festive splendour. Head out into the spectacular garden of lights then warm up with mulled wine and a mince pie as you soak up the magical atmosphere until 7pm in the evening.



## Elizabethan House

### Museum

Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QH

### Heritage Open Day

Thursday 19 – Sunday 22 September,

10am – 4pm

With free admission as part of heritage open days, why not come and explore this delightful treasury of 16th-century domestic history?

### Apothecary's Potions

Monday 21 October, 11am – 4pm

Discover what weird and wonderful cures and remedies our apothecary has in store for you.

### Wise Women to Wicked Witches

Wednesday 23 October, 11am – 4pm

Discover the history of witches. From the tales of the wise women who helped heal to when suspicious eyes could turn their lives into a witch hunt. Hear tales of real life toil as well as those that could come straight from a fairy tale. For crafty fingers there's a chance to create your own familiar fiend just in time for Halloween!



## Sheringham Park

Upper Sheringham, NR26 8TL

### International Garden Photographer of the Year Exhibition

Saturday 31 August – Sunday 27 October, dawn to dusk

In the tranquil surroundings of the Bower garden, the International Garden Photographer of the Year is the world's premier competition and exhibition 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 best.

### Fascinating Fungi Trail

Saturday 19 – Sunday 27 October,

10am – 4.15pm

Find out about the amazing mushrooms that can be found at Sheringham Park at this time of year. Find the clues and win a prize.

£2.50



### Fungi Festival

Various dates in October

Mushrooms and toadstools are fascinating and diverse. Investigate the world of fungi and learn how to identify them by taking part in our annual foray or spend the day with us for a more in depth look at one of our workshops.

Foray £8 (2 hours), Day Workshop £24, **B**

### Family Survival School

Wednesday 23 October, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Has your family got what it takes to survive in the wild? Make your own weatherproof shelter and get a fire started without using matches. Look for edible plants and learn how to navigate using a compass. Come prepared for a full day out in the Norfolk backwoods! Includes free Survival Kit for participating children.

Child £22, Adult £18, **B**



## Oxburgh Hall

Oxborough, PE33 9PS

### Apple Day

Saturday 21 September, 11am – 4pm

As part of Oxburgh's Orchard week (16–22 September) the East of England Apple and Orchards Project will be on hand on Apple Day. Bring your own apples and pears to be identified and use our apple press to crush them into your own homemade juice! Bring your own container to take it home.



### Secret Tudor Music at Advent

Friday 22 November, 7 – 9pm

Saturday 23 November, 4 – 5pm and 6 – 8pm

Hear moving music by English composers such as William Byrd and Thomas Tallis performed by Eboracum Baroque in the perfect setting for Advent, the family chapel at Oxburgh Hall. Experience 'secret music' composed to be performed during masses delivered by Catholic priests who found refuge in priest holes much like the one in the King's Room. Tea-room open for drinks and snacks, including mulled wine.

Adult £15, Child £10 (£10 & £5 on 23 Nov), **B**

### Christmas at Oxburgh

Friday 6 – Monday 9, Friday 13 – Monday 16

and Friday 20 – Sunday 22 December,

11am – 4pm

Join us for a magical start to the season. Meet Father Christmas himself for an early Christmas gift. Grab a mulled wine or hot chocolate, discover 12 days of Christmas family trail or enjoy a guided winter walk. Warm up in the tea-room with an indulgent festive treat.

Child £8 for Father Christmas (accompanying non-member adults pay house & gardens entry price), **B**

## Blakeney National

### Nature Reserve

Blakeney, NR25 7NE

### Autumn Migrants

Saturday 26 October, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Join us for a guided walk around Blakeney Freshes and discover the birds that overwinter here on the coast. Hopefully experience the amazing sights and sounds of the thousands of Pink-Footed Geese as they come in to roost for the night.

Adult £10, Child £5, **B**



## Lavenham Guildhall

Lavenham, Sudbury, CO10 9QZ

### Human Cargo

Friday 13 September & Saturday 14 September, 7.30 – 9.15pm

Join Matthew Crampton, story teller, writer and singer as he tells true tales of emigration, slavery and transportation. He'll weave in Suffolk stories as he gives voice to those taken in distress across the seas – including Lavenham's Anne Baker and Mendham's Henry Cable, two youngsters, cruelly exiled to New South Wales.

£15, **B**

### Food for Thought Talks

Tuesdays 19 & 26 November, 3 December,

10.30am

A series of talks putting aspects of Lavenham's intriguing history under the microscope. Topics include Lavenham Boom and Bust (October 19), Priests and Purgatory (October 26) and the Magical Protection of Buildings (November 2). Talks are followed by a light lunch.

£20, **B**

## Ickworth

Horringer, Bury St Edmunds, IP29 5QE

### Wood and Craft Fair

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 October, 10am – 4pm

Don't miss our annual Wood and Craft Fair as it enters its 30th year. Take the rare opportunity to buy quality Ickworth wood milled from the estate. Browse craft and pottery stalls, learn about the different techniques of transforming wood and take part in some children's activities. A great weekend for the whole family!

£2.50

### Autumn Planter Workshop

Saturday 19 October, 11am – 1pm

With assistance from our Head Gardener in our West Wing gallery, create the perfect start for your bulbs to emerge in early 2020. Create a wonderful gift for your home for many years to come.

£30, **B**



## Melford Hall

Long Melford, Sudbury, CO10 9AA

### Lavenham to Melford Hall Railway Walk

Saturday 5 October, 10.30am

A guided four-mile walk retracing the route of the former Great Eastern Railway linking the medieval wool towns of Lavenham and Melford. Includes refreshments, lunch and entrance to Melford Hall.

£18, **B**

### Celebration of Autumn

Wednesday 23 October, 12pm – 4pm

Enjoy autumn related crafts and 50 things activities, including pumpkin carving. Bring your own pumpkin or pre-book one of ours on our website.



### Lantern Walks

Monday 28 October, Friday 8 November, Friday

15 November, Thursday 21 November, Saturday

30 November, Monday 2 December, Tuesday 10

December, Saturday 21 December, 6.30 – 8pm

Explore Lavenham's illustrious past by lantern light with a local guide. Come in and warm up with some tea and cake afterwards.

£12, **B**

### Packing Shed Theatre presents...

#### Terrifically Terrifying Tales

Friday 1 November, 5pm

Get into the spooky spirit this autumn with two new ghost stories performed live in Ickworth's West Wing Gallery. Discover the fate of a 'down on his luck' traveller, then jump into the world of the East Anglian Ghost dog and those who go looking for it.

Adult £12.50, Child (12 – 18) £10.50, **B**

### Ickworth's Light Nights,

Friday 22 November – Friday 6 December,

4.30pm – 8.30pm

This winter visit Ickworth's Italianate garden that glows. Awaken with a sensory and light-based trail capturing the magic of a gothic Victorian Stumpery.

£10 – £12, **B**



## Orford Ness

Orford

### Overnight Photography Tour

Saturday 21 September, 5pm – Sunday 22

September, 4pm

A very special chance to photograph Orford Ness in the morning and evening light. Stay overnight and continue photographing the following day. You'll be guided and supervised by rangers from the site and a professional photographer who has been photographing the site for many years. Their combined knowledge and experience will help you get the most out of the trip by offering historical knowledge of the site and creative and technical advice.

Members £135, Non Members £142, **B**

### Bird Ringing Morning

Saturday 12 October, 11am – 12pm

Spend an hour with volunteers from the Landguard Bird Observatory to witness conservation in action and learn all about the bird ringing carried out on the Ness.

### Photography Tour

Sunday 20 October, 9.15am – 4.30pm

A rare chance to spend a whole day of photography on Orford Ness, including working in the Cold War Atomic Weapons Research Establishment area accompanied by rangers from the site, who have been photographing it for many years.

Members £65, Non Members £72, **B**

## Flatford

Flatford, CO7 6UL

### Flatford Rambles

Saturdays 21 September, 19 October,

16 November & 28 December, 10.30am

Join a knowledgeable guide for a walk in Constable Country, starting and finishing at Flatford. The Flatford Rambles will follow paths to Dedham and beyond, taking in the lovely views which inspired the artist John Constable.

£8, **B**

### Flatford Buildings Tours

Saturday 28 September & Saturday 26 October,

10.30am – 3.30pm

Look inside Willy Lott's House, Flatford Mill and Valley Farm on this fascinating tour. Discover the secret poem carved on the staircase in Willy Lott's House and find out what Flatford Mill was like when it was owned by the Constable Family.

£8, **B**

## Sutton Hoo

Woodbridge, IP12 3DJ

### Myth and Magic

Saturday 14 September (5.45–7pm),

Saturday 28 September (5.30–6.45pm),

Friday 11 October (5.15–6.30pm),

Saturday 19 October (5.15–6.30pm)

Take this exclusive tour around the enigmatic burial ground as twilight descends and discover the beliefs Anglo-Saxons had about the magical properties the landscape held.

£10, **B**

### Spoon Carving with Back to Wilderness

Monday 16 September, 10am – 3.30pm

Learn how to use a knife in a woodland environment to make a wooden spoon or two and take home what you make! The techniques used to make a spoon will provide you with the basic principles and best practices to safely make many other wooden items – much like the Anglo-Saxons.

£45, **B**

## Dunwich Heath

Dunwich, IP17 3DJ

### Bird Identification Walk

Tuesdays 10 & 17 September, 8am – 12pm

Whether you're new to birdwatching or hoping to brush up your 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 Dunwich Heath. Light lunch provided.

£35, **B**

### Great British Beach Clean

Saturday 14 September 10.30am – 12.30pm

Turn the tide on litter! Join us on Dunwich Heath beach to support the Marine Conservation Society's 26th year of beach cleans. Equipment provided but please bring your own gloves.

### Meet Father Christmas

Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 December,

11am – 2.30pm

Father Christmas will be taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us here at Dunwich Heath.

£8



### Halloween Trail

Saturday 19 October – Sunday 27 October

Follow the spooky clues the Flatford Witch has dropped and claim a creepy prize when you return. The route follows our orange trail, which can be a little muddy after rain.

Child £1.50

### Christmas at Flatford

Saturday 30 November – Sunday 1 December,

10.30am – 3.30pm

Celebrate a traditional Christmas at Flatford. The beautiful hall of Valley Farm will be decorated for the season. Enjoy a cosy log fire

# Cambridgeshire



## Wimpole Estate

Arrington, Royston, SG8 0BW

### Wimpole Autumn Craft and Produce Fair

*Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 September, 10am - 5pm*  
Join us for an exciting new event! Bring your shopping bag and browse a selection of crafts and food stalls selling home-made or home-grown delicacies. Enjoy live music and local ales. A craft tent and a face painter will keep the children entertained.  
**Free admission to fair, admission prices apply to house, gardens or farm.**

### Pumpkin Carving

*Saturday 19 October - Sunday 3 November*  
Come and join us for some half term fun this October and carve a spooky pumpkin in the amazing Great Barn at Wimpole Home Farm! Pick your choice of pumpkin and carve it out using our special tools.  
**Home Farm admission plus £4 per pumpkin, timed ticket entry, B**



### Crafts at Christmas

*Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 November, 10.30am - 5pm*  
Wimpole's festive season starts up with our fantastic Christmas craft fair. Find unique and unusual presents from an exciting selection of new stalls along with some old favourites. Dedicated food area selling delicacies and tipples to suit all tastes. Visit our Stable Block shops and enjoy mulled wine and tasty mince pies.  
**£4 (under 14s free)**

### A Wimpole Christmas

*Friday 29 November - Monday 2 December, Friday 6 - Monday 9, Friday 13 - Monday 16 & Friday 20 - Monday 23 December, 10.30am - 3.30pm (closed 24 December)*  
A celebration of Christmas with a Georgian twist! Relax and enjoy time with family and friends across the estate with seasonal food, festive decorations and music. Home Farm open on the same days as the Hall. Garden, shops and restaurant open daily throughout December.  
**Adult £18.95, Child £9.50, Family £47.40, NT Members free, B**

### Seasonal Quiz Evening

*Saturday 16 November, 6 - 8pm*  
Join us for a family quiz night in the Reed Barn Tearoom.  
**£3 per person, 6 people per team, B**

### Christmas Celebration

*Saturday 7 - Sunday 15 December, 11am to 4pm*  
Selected rooms of the house will be decorated for Christmas with festive floral arrangements, plus Christmas trees from community groups. Enjoy music from local choirs and musicians or treat yourself to a glass of wine and homemade mince pie in the Reed Barn.



## Anglesey Abbey

Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EJ

### Brilliant Bats

*Saturday 19 - Sunday 27 October, 9.30am - 5.30pm*  
Anglesey Abbey will transform into a bat haven for October half term. Enjoy an adventure trail, bat themed crafts and nature activities in the House for a jam packed week that will have you coming back for more.  
**Prices vary, B**



## Wicken Fen

Wicken, Ely, CB7 5XP



### Walk for Wicken

*Sunday 13 October, 9.30am*  
Join us for our first sponsored walk at Wicken Fen! Choose from a 12.5km or 7.5km route and help raise funds for our new accessible elevated viewing platform and hide.  
**Adult £10, Family £15, B**

### Fen Explorer Geocache Challenge

*Wednesday 23 October, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm*  
Are you up for a challenge? Come and explore Wicken Fen, follow the trail using our GPS devices and find the geocaches. Beginners and experienced geocache explorers welcome.  
**Child £5.75, B**

### Father Christmas at the Fen

*Saturday 7, Sunday 8, Wednesday 11, Thursday 12, Saturday 14, Sunday 15 and Thursday 19 - Sunday 22 December, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm*  
Join us for seasonal fun and good cheer! Explore our Christmas trail, meet Father Christmas and create some festive crafts.  
**Child £10, B, 01353 720274**

### An Anglesey Abbey Thanksgiving

*Saturday 16 - Thursday 28 November, 11am - 4pm*  
Lord Fairhaven's American roots will be celebrated this November at Anglesey Abbey as we give thanks in the House. Step inside to discover how Lord Fairhaven celebrated this American holiday, with traditional Thanksgiving foods.

### Tinsel & Tweed

*Saturday 30 November - Sunday 5 January, 11am - 4pm*  
Step back in time to the 1960s and help create Christmas with traditional decorations and crafts in the house. Revel in festive smells and glitzy vintage decorations throughout the Domestic Wing. In contrast to celebrations 'below stairs', the rest of the house will be dressed-to-impress for his Lordship's Christmas celebrations.



## Houghton Mill

Nr Huntingdon PE28 2AZ

### Create an upcycled Bird House

*Thursday 24 October, 11am, 12noon & 2pm*  
Get creative with recycled and natural materials to make a unique house that the birds in your garden can call home.  
**£4, B**

# Essex

## Paycocke's House

Coggeshall, CO6 1NS

### Heritage Open Day

*Saturday 21 September, 11am - 5pm*  
Take advantage of free admission to Paycocke's house for one day only! Come and explore this stunning Tudor merchant's house; a grand example of the wealth generated in East Anglia by the cloth trade in the 16th century.



### Mid Essex Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers

*Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 October, 11am - 5pm*  
The Guild will be demonstrating their crafts throughout the house in celebration of the Campaign for Wool Week. Come and witness their skills!



### Yuletide Festivities

*Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 November, 10am - 3pm*  
The Company of Merrie Folke are back at Paycocke's this winter! Come and see the Paycocke family preparing for the Tudor festive period. Delicious treats will be prepared for the 12 days of Christmas inside the house, decked out with traditional decorations.

## Coggeshall Grange Barn

Coggeshall, CO6 1NS

### Heritage Open Day

*Saturday 21 September, 11am - 4pm*  
Enjoy free entry to Grange Barn as part of heritage open day and discover a Heritage Fair with local interest stalls.

