



ENGLISH HERITAGE

# MARBLE HILL REVIVED COMMUNITY UPDATE

Winter 2020



The dressing room at Marble Hill, prior to the removal of the collection.

## MARBLE HILL HOUSE

Over the past three months our Collections Team has removed over 1,000 historic items from the house in time for the start of building works. Specialist art handlers have helped us to pack and transport the house's delicate gilt furniture and precious paintings.

Since the collection was removed we've made some intriguing discoveries - a fragment of historic wallpaper was found beneath the replica wallpaper in the Dressing Room, and we've uncovered evidence of previously unknown doorways.

The Collections Team will stay involved during the building work to make sure the house is protected, and to record any more discoveries we might make during the project.



The Dressing Room as it appears now during conservation works.

Check the notice boards and the website for information about the talks and events we'll be holding to keep you up to date with the conservation work.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more or to get involved, visit [english-heritage.org.uk/marblehillrevived](http://english-heritage.org.uk/marblehillrevived)

## WHAT IS MARBLE HILL REVIVED?

Marble Hill is a much-loved space for both locals and Londoners, young and old, to relax and play. However, since the 1980s it's seen little investment.

Opening times for the historic house were limited and much of the park's original character has been lost. Right across Marble Hill, the facilities need upgrading.

A £4.08m grant from the Heritage Fund and Community Fund presents a unique chance to revive Marble Hill, to bring its stories to life, to involve more local people in it, and to invest in its long term future.

Marble Hill Revived is about keeping what makes Marble Hill so special, but also making it better.

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# LANDSCAPE



Visualisation of one of the new flower gardens © J & L Gibbons

Landscape work began in the north woodland quarters in December. We're removing some self-seeded species of trees and ivy in the woods. By doing this we can allow more light into the undergrowth, encourage more biodiversity and make sure that beneficial native plant species are protected. It will also help newly planted trees to grow to maturity.

If you'd like to get involved with the work, join us at one of our community volunteer garden mornings on the 9th, 10th and 19th February. Help clear the ground and plant new trees as you meet new people and learn new skills. Email [marblehillrevived@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:marblehillrevived@english-heritage.org.uk) to find out more.

## EVENTS

We have plenty of events coming up this year. There's something for everyone, from workshops and walks exploring the ecology and wildlife of the park to talks and tours exploring the house's history and archaeology. Younger visitors will love our Family Heritage Days, put on in partnership with Marble Hill Playcentres.



Take a look below at what's coming up in the next couple of months, and check the website for full details.

### FAMILY HERITAGE DAY WITH THE MARBLE HILL PLAYCENTRES

2 February & 1 March

### CHILDREN'S NATURE TRAIL

17 February

### WINTER TRAIL IN MARBLE HILL PARK

17 – 21 February

### BUILD A BAT BOX

20 February

### AT ONE WITH NATURE TALK

2 March

### SPRING SONG IN THE KITCHEN GARDEN WITH GREG TASSEL

24 March

### COMMUNITY PICNIC

4 April

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## MARBLE HILL PARK

We want to make sure that everyone has a great experience when they use the park. At the moment we're reviewing our dog walking code of conduct.

We're already working with local dog walkers, families, vets and professional dog walkers, but we want to hear from as many people as possible. To find out more and get involved in our consultation, email [MarbleHillPark@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:MarbleHillPark@english-heritage.org.uk)

### NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND

Marble Hill Revived has been awarded a grant of over £4m by The National Lottery through the Parks for People Programme.



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