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MARBLE HILL REVIVED COMMUNITY UPDATE

Autumn 2020



Head Gardener, Kate Slack, inspects fresh hay from Ham House, to be laid at Marble Hill, find out more overleaf.

MARBLE HILL REVIVED UPDATE

Throughout the pandemic, the park at Marble Hill has been operating with a smaller than usual team – but it's still been open for everyone to enjoy. We've also continued to work on the Marble Hill Revived project in a way that has ensured the safety of our park users, staff and contractors.

We recently completed the walkway nearest to Orleans Gallery and we've also been improving the sports pitches, with one rugby pitch and one football pitch undergoing significant drainage work. They have been reseeded and the grass has already started to return. Work will continue on two of the remaining pitches and cricket pitch from September.

Of course the impact of the pandemic has been challenging for us, and delays have been unavoidable. We are now planning to open the new café in 2021,

with the house to follow in 2022. The house will still be opening free of charge five days a week, as planned.

Improvements to the sporting facilities will be finished by spring 2022, although many will be completed before this date.

We're grateful for your patience during any disruption while works continue, as we revive Marble Hill and secure its future for the whole community.

We'd love to hear your feedback on Marble Hill Revived. If you're able to spare a few minutes of your time, please follow this link and let us know what we are doing well, and what we could be doing better: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MarbleHillRevival

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

WHAT IS MARBLE HILL REVIVED?

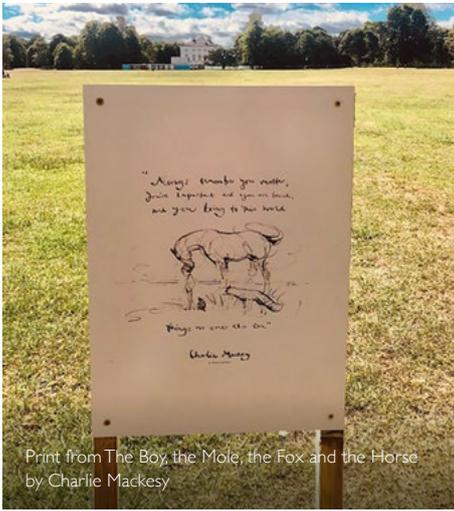
Marble Hill is a much-loved space for both locals and Londoners, young and old, to relax and play. However, since the 1980s it's seen little investment.

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.

Step into England's story



Print from The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy

LATEST NEWS:

As you explore the grounds, discover 12 prints from the award-winning book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, which were gifted by author Charlie Mackesy.

Keep an eye out for the horse chestnut trees along the new avenue in front of the house. Many thanks to the Marble Hill Yoga Team, who made a donation towards these.

Following your feedback earlier this year, we've now introduced a dog walking code of conduct and a professional dog walking licence. Information signs on dog walking can now be found across the park. For more information, or to apply for the licence, please contact MarbleHillrevived@english-heritage.org.uk

You may also have seen us online... In collaboration with our partners at The Environment Trust we delivered five virtual art picnic sessions to 13 members of the Richmond English as Additional Language (EAL) Friendship Group.

EVENTS

We're excited to announce that we'll be holding community events again from autumn onwards. Our plans include talks on history and wildlife. All events will be held in accordance with the latest government guidelines.

You can find the full list of events on our website and social media channels, but here are a few highlights:

FAMILY HERITAGE DAYS

Sundays 20 September, 18 October and 22 November, 10am - 1pm
book via www.marblehillplaycentres.com/

PLANTING FOR BUTTERFLIES

(Zoom seminar)
Mon 7 September, 10am
Email: Rachel.Morrison@english-heritage.org.uk to sign up

A HOME FOR BEES (Zoom seminar)

Mon 5 October, 10am
Email: Rachel.Morrison@english-heritage.org.uk to sign up

SEPTEMBER LECTURE SERIES

Tuesdays in September, 6pm

TWICKENHAM LUMINARIES

VIRTUAL TOUR: Orleans House, Strawberry Hill House, Popes Grotto, Turners House and Marble Hill –
Mon 14 - Fri 18 September.
For more information go to Popesgrotto.org.uk

MARBLE HILL REMEMBERS

Wed 11 November, 11am



Marble Hill volunteers transport hay from Ham House across the Thames

SAVING LONDON'S MEADOWS: ONE HISTORIC HOUSE HELPS ANOTHER

In July we took a special delivery from Ham House, our 17th-century neighbour on the opposite side of the Thames – a boatload of freshly-cut hay, full of the seeds of flowering plants and delicate grasses.

The meadows at Ham House are incredibly rich in biodiversity but sadly, such meadows are now incredibly rare in the UK – an estimated 97% have been lost in the past 50 years. By spreading the cut hay at various locations at Marble Hill, we hope that areas of meadow will flourish across the park, full of colourful flowers like Lady's Bedstraw and wildlife such as grasshoppers and butterflies.

By working together, the National Trust and English Heritage aim to protect wildlife in London and support the long-term survival of the meadowlands in our care nationwide.

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If you have any questions or comments or would like to meet and hear about our plans, contact Rachel Morrison, our Audience Development Manager at

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NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND

Marble Hill Revived has been awarded a grant of over £4m by The National Lottery

