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MARBLE HILL REVIVED COMMUNITY UPDATE

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There's an exciting opportunity to open up Marble Hill House more often, revive the landscape, and – from the play area to the sports pitches – improve the facilities across the park. We need your help to get it right.

More than 200 local residents came to our Open Days on Sun 13 May and Sat 23 June. There were tours of the house and the park, children enjoyed activities and games, and our team were on hand to answer questions about our proposals.

Residents were generally supportive of the proposals. Many agreed that conservation works to the historic house are desperately needed, that a better café in the park would be welcome, and that the extended community consultation programme is working well.

Our Community Steering Group continues to meet and we've held two more workshops to look closely at our

proposals for the landscape and café.

As a small number of people have questioned the evidence for restoring the historic garden at Marble Hill, we also invited independent garden history experts to review all the evidence – and to make sure it stacked up.

Thanks to everyone who has taken part in these initiatives and shared their thoughts with us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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 are 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 Lottery Fund and Big Lottery 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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GROUP	NCG	DEPT	MKTNG	TEAM	REGIONAL	JOB No.	4973	JOB NAME	MARBLE HILL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018 2PP
CLIENT	MICHAEL MURRAY-FENNEL	FORMAT	A4 PORTRAIT	SIZE	210x297MM 2pp	COLOUR	CMYK	DEADLINE	
ARTWORKER	STAGE (eg S1.1, 1.2 etc)		DATE		PRINTER NAME		PRESS PDF DATE		
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CAFÉ CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

A series of different options for a refurbished café in the Stable Block were discussed with local residents at a productive workshop on 2 June.

The session looked at the architectural merits, historic significance and commercial viability of each option. Attendees scored the different options to assess which would be the most suitable.

It was a really helpful workshop and we are taking all the feedback into account as we develop new proposals for Marble Hill.

HISTORIC GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

A small number of people have questioned the evidence for restoring Henrietta Howard's 18th-century garden between the house and the river.

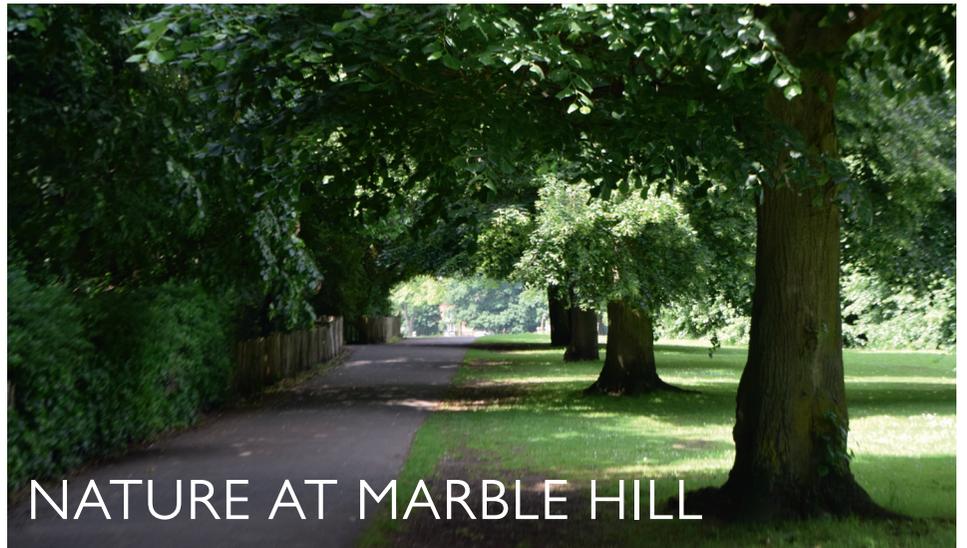
We welcomed the opportunity to look at the evidence again and on Wed 20 June we held a symposium to examine the issue in full. Speakers and attendees included many renowned – and independent – garden history experts.

The overwhelming verdict was that there is an abundance of evidence for the historic garden including a plan from approximately 1749 – the details of which have been confirmed by recent archaeological investigations – and bills for works carried out as well as estate papers, letters, engravings and even poems.

Our aim therefore remains to restore the character of this exceptional 18th-century landscape and to reinstate woodland walks, an orchard and a flower garden.



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NATURE AT MARBLE HILL

On 12 May, we invited local residents, members of wildlife organisations, students from the local school, and both current and former councillors to explore the park and consider our proposals to improve the landscape and increase its biodiversity.

In general, they welcomed our plans to increase the tree cover in the park, open up the woodland quarters and restore the wetland and meadow areas. Butterflies, bats, thrushes and owls are

among the species people wanted to see thriving in the park.

Some were concerned that new trees would significantly reduce the view to and from the river, and we were able to reassure them that they would in fact improve the view. The point was made that the restoration of the historic garden shouldn't come at the expense of biodiversity or the use of the park today – we couldn't agree more. The restoration should complement both.

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

Marble Hill Revived has been awarded a grant of over £4m by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund through the Parks for People Programme.



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