HELMINGHAM HALL GARDENS, THE COACH HOUSE TEAROOMS & STABLE SHOPS

A visit to Helmingham Hall Gardens makes the perfect afternoon out for the whole family. Escape everyday life and delight in the calm serenity of the gardens, observe herds of red and fallow deer living in the wild and enjoy the sights and sounds of the abundant species of wildlife that live here. Children can enjoy our exciting treasure hunt as well as other activities throughout the year and dogs on leads are warmly welcomed so no one has to miss out on the fun!

When the gardens are open The Coach House Tearooms serve freshly prepared light lunches, afternoon teas and homemade delights from 12:00 noon. Vintage Afternoon Teas are held on a regular basis – please see the website for details of how to book.

The Coach House can also be booked for private functions, corporate events, vintage afternoon tea parties and weddings.

The Coach House Courtyard hosts three wonderful shops offering a wide range of gifts, Suffolk crafts, art and garden ware. Home grown seasonal produce from the Helmingham Kitchen Garden is available as well as a wide range of plants. For an extra treat why not visit Cool Beans Ice Cream & Coffee Shop, open from 11:00am.



OPENING TIMES AND ADMISSIONS

1ST MAY – 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday 11:00am – 4:30pm (Also open Bank Holidays)

Adults: £7.00 Children (5- 15 years): £3.50 Under 5's: FREE Groups very welcome by appointment Groups (30+): £6.00 (Admission charges vary on event days)

Dogs on leads welcome Car and coach parking free





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HISTORICAL HELMINGHAM HALL

Helmingham and the Tollemache family have been together for many hundreds of years. The Hall and the old oak trees that stand today have seen much of the history of England pass before them, and many generations of this family. Helmingham Hall was completed in 1510, surrounded by its deep moat, serene gardens and deer park.

Some years after the family moved to Helmingham they started work on the gardens, but old maps and drawings show that the original shape of the main walled garden predates the house by many years: it was most probably of Saxon origin and constructed to protect stock from marauders.

The gardens today have been extensively redesigned by the current Lady Tollemache, a Chelsea Gold Medallist, and are open to visitors who find themselves enchanted by the herbaceous borders within the walled kitchen garden, the herb & knot garden, woodland and wild gardens. Also, there are two rose gardens, both formal, but very different in character. The main garden is on the west side of the house, but the second garden, to the east side of the house was only laid out in 1982. The intention was to create something that was close to the kind of garden the family might have had in Tudor times, but one that would include old, scented shrub roses. Some years later it looks as if it must have always been there.





PLANT HERITAGE SPRING PLANT FAIR & ARTISAN MARKET

SUNDAY 29TH MAY 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Hundreds of rare and unusual plants, garden & lifestyle accessories. Expert advice & demonstrations, specialist nurseries and National Plant Collections. Live music and local food & drink make this a fantastic day out for the whole family. Entry includes admission into the fabulous Grade 1 Listed Gardens.

Adults: **£8.00** Children: **FREE**



PLANT HERITAGE AUTUMN PLANT FAIR & ARTISAN MARKET

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Hundreds of rare and unusual plants, garden & lifestyle accessories. Expert advice & demonstrations, specialist nurseries and National Plant Collections. Live music and local food & drink make this a fantastic day out for the whole family. Entry includes admission into the fabulous Grade 1 Listed Gardens.

Adults: **£8.00** Children: **FREE**



MIDSUMMER NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE, THURSDAY 23RD JUNE, THURSDAY 30TH JUNE WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 11:00AM – 9:00PM

Evening openings are a perfect way to discover the garden on your way home from work or just to experience them in a new light. Enjoy a chilled glass of wine whilst you relax in the serenity of the gardens in the evening sunshine. Complete your visit by browsing our courtyard shops where you'll find lots of lovely gift ideas.

Adult: **£7.00** Children : **£3.50** Under 7's: **Free**



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THE GARDENS

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE - JAX & CO SUNDAY 17TH JULY - SWING MACHIN SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST - DIXIEMIX JAZZ BAND

> Enjoy an afternoon exploring the gardens (open from 11:00am) followed by live music in beautiful surroundings! Bring a chair, enjoy a picnic, take advantage of our house hot dogs & bar (open from 3:30pm). Delight in a relaxing evening in the enchanting gardens.

Adults: **£9.00** Children (5 – 15): **£4.50** Under 5's: **FREE**



SUFFOLK DOG DAY

SUNDAY 31ST JULY 10:00AM - 4:00PM

> The Suffolk Community Foundation are so excited to bring you news of the big return of this much loved event. The day will have everything dogs and dog-lovers alike could want from a day out - from exciting main arena performances and show classes, to high paced have-a-go activities, breed parades... and SO MUCH MORE!

Adult: £10.00 (cash only at entrance gate on the day - cards not accepted) Children & concessions: £5.00 Family (2 adults & 2 children): £5.00 www.suffolkdogday.com

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THE FESTIVAL OF CLASSIC & SPORTS CARS

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 10:00AM – 5:00PM

One of the largest displays of classic & sports cars in East Anglia – making this not just a day out for the car enthusiast but the whole family. Main ring entertainment, craft and trade stalls, children's activities, live music and great local food & drink make this an unforgettable day.

Exhibitors: **Pre-book** Adults **£10.00** Children (5-15) **£5.00** Under 5's: **FREE** Family (2 adults, 2 children 5-**£25.00**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For more information on any of our events please visit our website **helmingham.com**, or contact us on **01473 890799** or **events@helmingham.com** and follow us on social media for the latest news and updates.

Tickets for the gardens can be purchased on the day and do not need to be booked in advance.

WEDDINGS AT HELMINGHAM

Imagine a moated Tudor Hall set within a 400 acre deer park, with magnificent Grade 1 listed gardens as the backdrop to one of the biggest days of your life. Helmingham Hall Gardens is a truly picturesque venue for your ideal country wedding.

Take full advantage of the gardens and surrounding parkland for your photos while your guests enjoy Champagne and canapés on the Parterre, before heading to the marquee in front of the Hall for the evening's celebrations, or back to The Coach House for an intimate wedding breakfast.

With many flexible wedding packages available, please contact us today about hosting your entire day, reception only or simply using the gardens as a backdrop to your photos.





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THE HELMINGHAM PUMPKIN PATCH

OPEN ALL WEEKENDS THROUGHOUT OCTOBER AND OCTOBER HALF TERM 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Pick your own pumpkins at our spec-dracular spooky pumpkin patch! We will have thousands of pumpkins of all shapes, sizes and colours....along with some unexpected surprises! A fantastic experience for the whole family, come and join in with some Halloween fun, grab a wheelbarrow and away you go. Make sure to bring your wellies! Free entry, pumpkins various prices.







THE ILLUMINATED GARDEN TRAIL

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 4:30PM – 9:00PM

Make the most of the dark winter nights by stepping into a magical world of light, colour and sound, as you explore the grounds of Helmingham Hall adorned with thousands of lights transforming the gardens into an enchanted winter wonderland. An unmissable event to start off the festive season! Begin the trail by crossing Helmingham Hall's famous drawbridge (pulled up every night since 1510) and warming up with a complimentary mulled wine within the courtyard steeped in over 500 years of historical charm. Continue through the gardens absorbing the magical sights and sounds, gather around the fire pits to toast marshmallows for s'mores, and end the evening browsing the Stables Shops and pop up stalls where you may be able to find some early Christmas gifts!

Adults: £13.00 - £19.00 Children (5-15): £8.00 - £14.00 Family (2 adults, 2 children 5-15): £34.00 - £52.00