

# HELMINGHAM HALL GARDENS

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 and dogs on leads are warmly welcomed so no one has to miss out on the fun!

# NEW FOR 2023 – WRIGHT'S CAFÉ

Wright's will be bringing all of its usual character and charm into the old Coach House at Helmingham Hall. Serving its usual salad selection, posh cheese toasties and speciality coffee, alongside a wide variety of sweet treats and weekly specials from the garden and grounds.

# STABLE SHOPS

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.



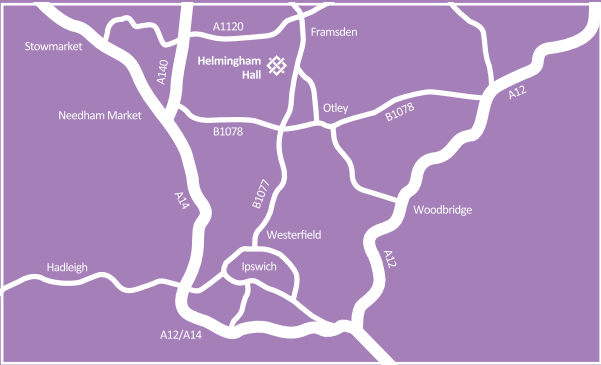
# OPENING TIMES AND ADMISSIONS

2ND MAY – 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday  
10:00am – 17:00pm

Adults: £8.00  
Children (5- 15 years): £4.00  
Under 5's: FREE  
Groups very welcome by appointment  
Groups (30+): £7.00  
(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.





## ART FOR CURE

Art For Cure, a national breast cancer charity based in Suffolk are staging one of their largest exhibitions in the gardens throughout the 2023 season. Open when the gardens are, over 50 sculptors will be exhibiting their work throughout the grounds in many different mediums from bronze, steel, marble, wood and willow. There will also be an exciting cultural programme of events happening over the summer relating to art, the sculpture and the gardens - all details are available on the Art For Cure website.

[www.artforcure.org.uk](http://www.artforcure.org.uk)



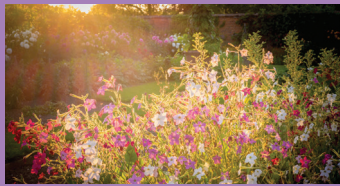
## PLANT HERITAGE SPRING PLANT FAIR & ARTISAN MARKET

SUNDAY 28TH & MONDAY 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: **£10.00 (£8.00 in advance)**

Children: **FREE**



## MIDSUMMER NIGHTS

THURSDAYS 22ND & 29TH JUNE  
AND 6TH & 13TH JULY  
10:00AM – 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: **£8.00**

Children (5-15): **£4.00**

Under 5's: **Free**



## MUSIC IN THE GARDENS

SUNDAY 2ND JULY – DIXIEMIX JAZZ BAND  
SUNDAY 30TH JULY – SWING MACHINE  
BIG BAND  
SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST – JAX & CO.

Enjoy an afternoon exploring the gardens (open from 10:00am) 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: **£10.00**

Children (5-15): **£5.00**

Under 5's: **FREE**



## THE FESTIVAL OF CLASSIC & SPORTS CARS

SUNDAY 6TH 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: **£12.00 (£10.00 in advance)**

Children (5-15): **£6.00 (£5.00 in advance)**

Under 5's: **FREE**

Family (2 adults, 2 children 5-15):  
**£30.00 (£25.00 in advance)**

## 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.**

## HELMINGHAM IN PICTURES



## SUFFOLK DOG DAY

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER  
10:00AM – 4:00PM

St Elizabeth Hospice 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!

[www.suffolkdogday.com](http://www.suffolkdogday.com)  
[suffolkdogday@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:suffolkdogday@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)



## PLANT HERITAGE AUTUMN PLANT FAIR & ARTISAN MARKET

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER  
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: **£10.00 (£8.00 in advance)**

Children: **FREE**



## THE ILLUMINATED GARDEN TRAIL

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 17TH 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! Along the trail cross the Helmingham's famous drawbridge (pulled up every night since 1510) and warm up with a complimentary mulled wine within courtyard steeped in over 500 years of magical charm. Continue through the gardens absorbing the magical sights and sounds, gather around fire pits to toast marshmallows for s'mores. With pop up stalls and the Stable Shops open where you may be able to find some early Christmas gifts!

Adults: **£16.00 - £23.00**

Children (3-15): **£11.00 - £14.00**

Family (2 adults, 2 children 3-15): **£43.00 - £60.00**