

U3a Garden Group Excursion to Helmingham Hall gardens in Suffolk

on Sunday 29th May, 2021

Helmingham Hall is one of our best known and popular gardens and because it would be quite a long drive for many of us now, we are arranging a coach excursion.



We have selected this particular date because there is a Plant Heritage Spring Plant Fair & Artisan Market. This offers a great day out for garden enthusiasts! Over eighty exhibitors include specialist nurseries and suppliers of garden accessories, as well as National Collections. The Garden Marquee has talks & insider tips and tricks and a Problem Plant Clinic. A new addition to the show is their Artisan Market with crafts and home accessories. Visitors can also enjoy the stunning gardens of Helmingham and fantastic local food, drink & music!

It is hard to exaggerate the effect this beautiful park, with its red deer, spectacular moated Hall in mellow patterned red brick with its famous gardens will have on the visitor. The whole combines to give an extraordinary impression of beauty and tranquillity. A classic parterre flanked by hybrid musk roses lies before a stunning walled kitchen garden with exquisite herbaceous borders and beds of vegetables interspersed by tunnels of sweet peas, runner beans and gourds. On the other side lies a herb and knot garden behind which is a rose garden of unsurpassable beauty.

The colour combinations in all these are in immaculate taste and are both subtle and very beautiful. The influence of the well-known garden designer Xa Tollemache, is clearly visible - the parterre was redesigned in 1987 and the new rose garden to the east of the coach house was created in 1982, together with the knot and herb garden.

The charge which includes coach, driver's tip and entrance to the garden and plant fair is £45.

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