

Press release



## **Haddon Hall re-opens for the 2020 season**

Medieval stately home, Haddon Hall, is set to open its doors to the public this month with an exciting programme of events for visitors to enjoy during the 2020 season.

Located in the heart of Derbyshire, the 900-year-old Hall is believed to be one of the most important historic houses in the Western World and has been described as '*the most perfect house to survive from the Middle Ages*'\*. Left under lock and key by its owners for 200 years from the reign of Queen Anne to the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Haddon earned the name Sleeping Beauty, with most of its magnificent furniture and interior décor left untouched – creating a unique opportunity for visitors to step back in time and see one of the most important Early English Furniture collections in England.

With a packed programme of events, musical performances and guided tours planned for 2020, Haddon's season commences on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March with its first artisan market of the year, *Mercatum*, which features a wonderful array of stalls for visitors to explore. From 10am – 5pm, visitors can shop the finest crafts and learn new skills from talented artisans at drop-in workshops and demonstrations, whilst enjoying the atmospheric setting of the magnificent Hall, which will be awash with Easter décor and flowers.

Following *Mercatum*, Haddon will officially open its doors on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, with an Easter Exhibition which will run until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. The exhibition uncovers the origins of Easter traditions from pre-Christian beliefs and folklore to biblical accounts of Christ's death and Resurrection. During the Easter weekend, Haddon will also be hosting a family-friendly event, with an appearance from the Easter bunny, egg and spoon races, an Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet competitions and archery workshops.

Haddon also hosts a variety of free and ticketed guided tours throughout the year, including 'Highlights of the Hall' Tours, Specialist Tours, Private Tours and Countryside Walks, where visitors can explore the magnificent history of the Hall and its grounds. New for summer, the Hall will be offering escorted tours of Haddon's ancient parkland, allowing guests the chance to see Haddon within its original setting whilst experiencing something of real historical significance.

Renowned for its beauty, Haddon is surrounded by an abundance of beautiful Elizabethan Walled Gardens, offering seemingly endless views of the River Wye, Haddon estate and Peak District National Park. The Gardens can be discovered on Guided Tours and Head Gardener Tours with Lindsay Berry, where garden enthusiasts can discover the secrets behind each garden's planting and their organic management. The gardens are famous for their roses and can be enjoyed via a stroll of the terraces, where visitors can enjoy the Fountain Terrace garden, which is filled with shades of pinks and purple, and the Bowling Green Terrace, which features an Elizabethan style knot garden, bordered with germander hedges and filled with wildflowers.

For more information on 2020 at Haddon Hall, visit [www.haddonhall.co.uk](http://www.haddonhall.co.uk).

**OPENING TIMES**

*Open Daily*  
27th March – 1st November 2020  
*7 days a week*

General  
10:30am – 5pm  
Last entry at 4pm

**PRICES**

Adult (16 and above) - £18.50  
Concession (Over 60) - £17.00  
Student (With a valid ID) - £15.00  
Child (Age 0-15) - FREE

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