



Press Release - Autumn 2020

Haddon Hall to host Mercatum Winter Artisan Market in hall and gardens

Over the past few years, Haddon Hall has become renowned for its artisan markets, which bring together some of the finest artisans in the country in a curated event, set in the magnificent grounds of the Haddon estate. After holding two successful events this summer, Haddon will be hosting its Mercatum Winter Artisan Market over three weekends, with a number of rigorous health and safety measures in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable festive experience for everyone.

Taking place November 19th – 22nd, 26th – 29th and December 3rd – 6th, there will be a maximum of 70 artisans each weekend, placed in stalls which weave their way round the estate, starting along the driveway, moving to in front of the Stables, the Lower Courtyard and into the Banqueting Hall. Visitors will follow a one-way system out into the gardens, where there will be more stalls on two of the terraces, before heading into the Long Gallery and back out into the Lower Courtyard.

The hall will be decorated to create a wonderfully festive atmosphere, with live music playing each day. The stallholders will change from event to event, to provide a different experience each weekend.

Additional safety measures include limiting the number of visitors to enable the correct social distancing protocols, as well the provision of a cashless market, pre-booking tickets, hand sanitiser at each stall and temperatures taken upon arrival.

Lady Edward Manners said: “Our Winter Artisan Market is a truly special event – the hall and gardens will be dressed in festive regalia, with lots of twinkling lights and live music and some wonderful artisans joining us to help people with their Christmas shopping.

‘This has been a difficult year for so many, and with so many experiences cancelled, we were determined to create something that people could look forward to but feel safe at the same time. This will be the only time we open the hall this year, and we have put systems in place to ensure there won’t be too many people in one area at any one time. Haddon has always been a magical place at Christmas and we’re very much looking forward to welcoming people and putting a bit of joy back in to this winter!’

Tickets are £5.50 for adults, with free entry for children from 0-15 years old. The markets will run in two sessions, from 9.30am- 1.00pm and 1.30pm – 5.00pm.

Tickets for the car park are £3.50. All entrance tickets and car parking must be pre-booked online at www.haddonhall.co.uk.

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