

Press information

THE YEAR AHEAD – 2008/2009

Month	Event	Notes	Contact
JULY	Wallington Carbon footprint project	The National Trust's Wallington estate in Northumberland will become more energy efficient, explore the potential for renewable energy and conserve the carbon stored in soils and woodland over the next 3 years. This is the first challenge of this kind at a National Trust property.	SG
	Summer Sussed	Download your free planner packed full of events and activities to help you plan your summer holiday with the kids.	LB
	National Gardens Scheme	42 National Trust gardens will open on 19th July to raise funds for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) and promote the Trust's 'careership' scheme to train new gardeners.	AD
	Various outdoor theatre & concerts	A variety of outdoor concerts and theatre performances for the summer period.	LB
	<i>Maggie Taylor's Alice in Wonderland</i> exhibition at the Fox-Talbot museum	The first showing outside of the USA of the latest work by American artist Maggie Taylor (July 5 th -Dec 14 th). It features 'surreal' digital images she has created for a new edition of the classic children's tale by Lewis Carroll.	AD
	RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park	The 10 th anniversary of this popular horticultural festival (23 rd -27 th) at the award winning Tatton Park, Cheshire	AD
	Launch of Caxton's <i>Sarum Missal</i>	The only known copy of this 13 th century prayer book returns to its previous home at Lyme Park after a successful acquisition by the Trust.	AD
Quentin Blake at Nunnington Hall	Selling exhibition of Blake's work opens at the Trust's Nunnington Hall on July 1 st .	AD	
	Opening of Sheffield Park Garden	This 235 acre historic parkland is to be reunited with the garden and, after much conservation and restoration work, will open on July 10th.	AD
	Puffin Count results	The results of a 3 month survey for this iconic bird on the Farne Islands.	MC
	New species found on NT land	A round up of all the new species discovered on National Trust land.	SG
AUG	Heather	Top places to see heather and the wildlife that thrives on it.	MC
	Bat walks	Throughout August National Trust properties will be holding bat walks - a great opportunity to use a bat detector to identify bats searching for their evening meal.	MC
	Coastal erosion hotspots	Briefing examining where the hotspots of coastal erosion are located.	SG
	Greening our gardens	Making all of our Welsh gardens diesel free (using sustainable biodiesel) (12th)	MC
	Brancaster jetty opening	A new jetty at Brancaster beach, on the site of the 18th Century one, will allow local fishermen to land their stock once more.	SG
SEPT	The Deer rut	The best places to see the annual spectacle of the deer rut across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.	MC

	World National Sheep Dog Trials	This year the trails will be taking place at the beautiful and historic Dinefwr Park and Castle on 11 th September.	MC
	Gower anniversary	It's 75 years since the National Trust acquired its first strip of land on Gower. Now we care for 75% of the coast and 10% of the land on this stunning peninsula.	MC
	Autumn events	With the rich bounty of autumn comes a host of foodie events including local farmers' markets, delicious pudding evenings and irresistible pudding promotions.	LB
	Heritage open day	A national event, on the 13 th September, coordinated by The Civic Trust in partnership with English Heritage and the National Trust. Free entry to properties across the UK to celebrate the fantastic architecture and culture of heritage houses.	AD
	Hardwick Hall Elizabethan week	An event (24 th – 28 th) as part of Bess of Hardwick's 400th anniversary at Hardwick Hall.	AD
	Autumn colour	The best countryside sites to see autumn colour and wildlife.	MC
	70th anniversary of the acquisition of Little Moreton Hall, Cheshire	A book of memories and photos is being compiled to be displayed at the property, which is one of the most iconic black and white Tudor houses in the county. (15 th)	AD
	Waxcap watch	Launching Waxcap Watch '08, with the details of last year's survey to be released.	SG
	Water report and launch	New National Trust report published focusing on water quality, water management and water and wildlife. Launch event at Morden Hall (9 th).	MC
	Lord Litchfield at Nunnington Hall	A retrospective of Lord Lichfield's photography. Opens 23 rd .	AD
OCT	Oct half term and Halloween	Fun-filled family days out throughout the half term, from bat walks and craft workshops to Halloween themed events, including ghost tours and spooktaculars.	LB
	Putting the house to bed events	National Trust staff embark on an intensive season of specialised housekeeping in properties. Come behind-the-scenes and see the conservators in action as well as picking up some top cleaning tips.	AD
	Fine Farm Produce Award	The third year of this award that recognises the best produce from National Trust land.	SG
NOV	Anniversary acquisition Hafod-y-Llan	This iconic Welsh hill farm was acquired in 1998 following a hugely successful fundraising appeal. The farm is organic and is managed by a National Trust farm manager.	MC
	AGM	Liverpool, the European Capital of Culture for 2008, will be the host city for this year's National Trust AGM, so it's a great opportunity for members to visit the city and the Trust's four Liverpool properties; Speke Hall, Mr Hardman's Photographic Studio; Mendips and 20 Forthlin Road. (1-2 nd)	PO
	'Liverpool through the Lens' – the work of Edward Chambré Hardman	The essence of Liverpool and its people, between the 1930s and the 1950s, are captured in this display of original images by Liverpool photographer Edward Chambré Hardman. (1 st Nov-31 st Jan 2009)	AD
DEC	Christmas walks	Download one of the free National Trust walks to help get out and about during the Christmas holidays. There are also plenty of guided walks to choose from at National Trust properties.	MC
	Weather and Wildlife	This report will examine how weather and climate change affected wildlife in 2008.	MC
	Winter events	Escape the madness of Christmas shopping and spend some time with family and friends, from carol singing, mulled wine and mince-pie suppers to Christmas markets and a chance to meet Santa Claus.	LB

	Mendips wildlife survey results	Results of the wildlife survey at John Lennon's childhood home.	MC
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	Lundy Island	40th anniversary of Lundy Island opening to the public. The National Trust acquired this iconic Island in Sept. 1968 and opened it to the public in 1969. Owned by the National Trust and managed by the Landmark Trust this is one of the best known Islands in the UK.	MC
	Acquisition anniversaries in 2009	The Homewood - 10 years (1999) South Foreland Lighthouse - 20 years (1989) River Wey - 45 years (1964) Wakehurst Place - 45 years (1964) Nymans Garden - 55 years (1954) Sheffield Park Garden - 55 years (1954) Uppark - 55 years (1954) Claremont Landscape Garden - 60 years (1949) Smallhythe Place - 70 years (1939) (Also 110 years since Ellen Terry made it her home in 1899) Box Hill - 95 years (1914) Quebec House - 250 years since the Battle of Quebec (1759) Felbrigg – 40 years (1979)	
	Blewcoat School	300th anniversary of this architectural gem buried in central London. This historic building is now used solely as a National Trust gift shop.	AD

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