






What else do I need to know?


 Hardwick has lots of stairs. Seats are available to use whilst walking around the Hall. Please ask a volunteer Room Guide to point them out to you. Room Guides are there to make your visit more enjoyable.


 You do not have to struggle round the Hall with large rucksacks, pushchairs etc. You can leave them at the Entrance Hall and a receipt will be given.


 For younger visitors slings, hip carriers and reins are available free of charge.


 Visitors are asked to refrain from using mobile phones within the Hall.


 Sharp heeled shoes or muddy walking boots can damage floor surfaces, we can offer free slippers as alternative footwear.

 We welcome outdoor amateur photography at our properties. We regret that photography or filming is not permitted indoors when the house is open to visitors.

 We welcome school and group visits to both Halls, the Garden, Stainsby Mill and the Park by arrangement, on days when we are open to the public. Please contact the Group Visit Co-ordinator on 01246 858411 for an information pack.

 The Parkland is open for you to explore, but some areas are used for grazing sheep and cattle. Please keep your distance from the animals and keep dogs on leads. Dog owners are asked to take responsibility for the disposal of their own dog's waste.

 Visitors are welcome to walk dogs in the park on a lead, but please refrain from taking them into the gardens.

 You are welcome to cycle on the road in the Park, but not in the Gardens. Cycle racks are available in the main car park and near the Park Centre.

Please be careful when:

- Driving on the property - beware of oncoming estate vehicles
- Walking on the uneven surfaces and stairs
- Walking near ponds. Children should always be supervised

Can I get married at Hardwick?

Yes, the Entrance Hall can accommodate up to 70 guests for a civil ceremony. You can also enjoy your reception at Hardwick. Ask at the Gatehouse for a current wedding brochure or call 01246 858405.



How can I get more involved?

If you would like to do more to help us then why not consider:

- Becoming a member of the National Trust
- Considering a bequest or a gift to Hardwick or to the Trust
- Becoming a volunteer at Hardwick or Stainsby Mill

Please ask for details at the Gatehouse or call 01246 850430 during office hours.

Additional Access Information

There is complete wheelchair access to the ground floor of the Hall with the Entrance Hall, Interpretation Rooms, Threads of Time Exhibition, Shop and Restaurant. A computerised virtual tour of the Hall is available in the Butlers Pantry along with a comprehensive booklet of photographs in the Entrance Hall.

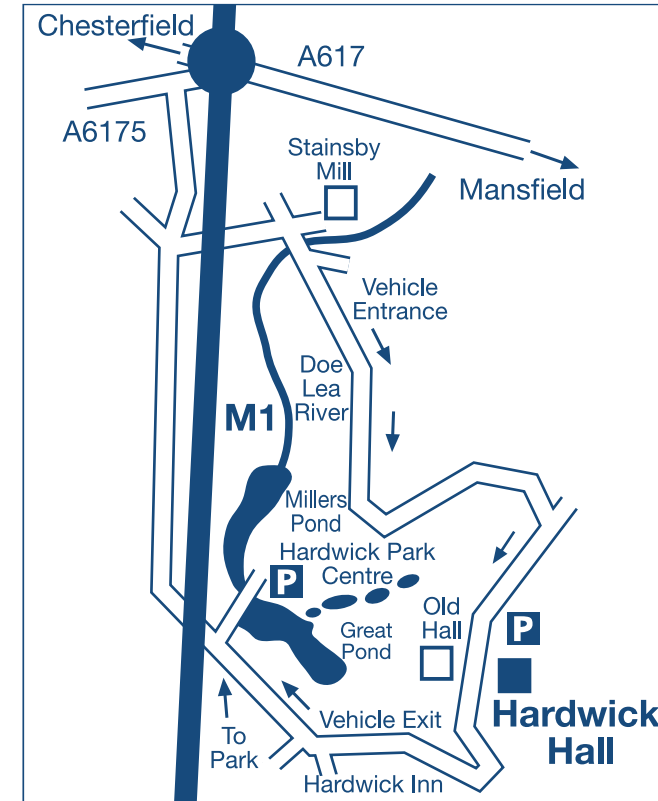
For visually impaired visitors there are items to handle in the Hall - please ask the Room Guide. Braille guides and large print guides are available from the Entrance Hall.

Accessible parking and toilet facilities are marked on the main map.

Don't leave until you have....

- Seen the Threads of Time Exhibition
- Visited the Stone Centre
- Been on a Stonemasons' Yard Tour, Wednesday and Thursday at 11.30am and 2pm, starting from the Gatehouse
- Visited Stainsby Mill, at the foot of the Estate
- Sampled Hardwick Park Farm meat in one of our delicious meals in the Great Kitchen Restaurant

Find out more about our exciting events in 2009 by picking up one of our Amazing Days Out leaflets or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events



Ticket Prices 2009

Hall & Gardens: Adults £10*; Child £5*; Family £25* Groups £8.50*

Gardens Only: Adults £5*; Child £2.50*; Family £12.50*

Stainsby Mill: Adults £3.30*; Child £1.65*; Family £8.25*

Old and New Halls: Adults £12.15*; Child £6.10*; Family £30.80*

NT Members FREE

*Including a voluntary 10% donation. Visitors can however choose to pay the standard admission prices which are displayed at the property and at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardwick

How do I get in touch?

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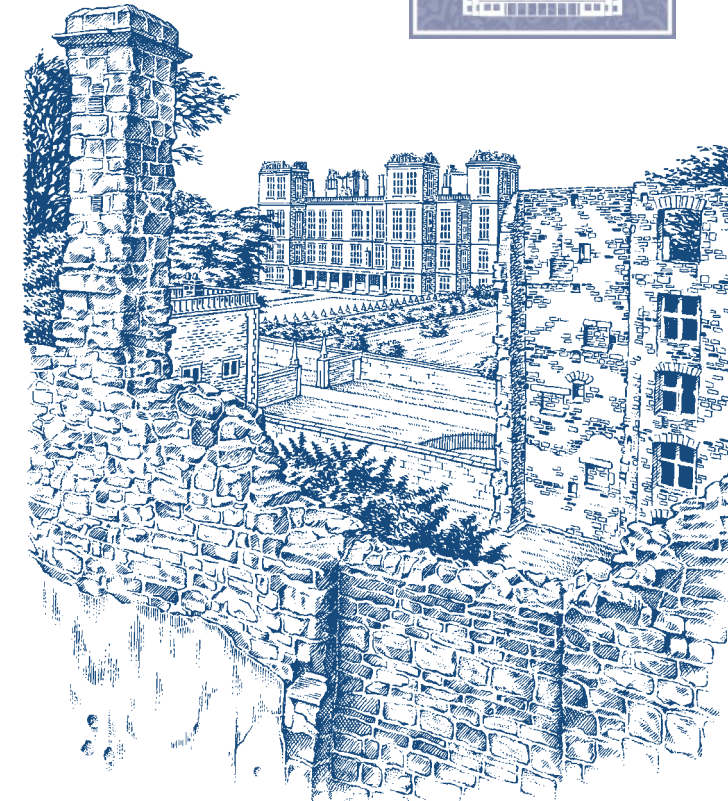
Old Hall (English Heritage) tel: 01246 850431.












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Welcome to Hardwick Hall in 2009



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- 1** Gatehouse: Main entrance to New Hall and Information Point
- 2** Entrance to Old Hall
- 3** Herb Garden
- 4** South Gazebo: Garden Exhibition
-  Parking: approximately 40 metres from the Gatehouse
-  Car Parking
-  Toilets
-  Parent and Baby Changing Room
-  Toilets for visitors with disabilities
-  Picnic Area
-  Shop
-  Restaurant/Kiosk
-  Introductory Talks

See the notice boards in the car park for a full map of the property, event information and on-going projects.

Herb Garden

The Herb Garden has been recently restored and redesigned. Enjoy the sensory experience. Discover the history of the Gardens in the South Gazebo Garden Exhibition. Why not join one of our garden events? Please pick up one of our Amazing Days Out events leaflets for more details.

Wine Glass Field



The Stone Centre and the Stonemasons' Yard

5 minute's walk from Hardwick, enjoy learning about the traditional craft of stone masonry still practised at Hardwick. Guided tours are available throughout the season on Wed and Thurs starting at 11.30am and 2pm from the Gatehouse. Find out more about our stone carving courses throughout 2009 from our events leaflet.

Welcome to Hardwick Hall, home of the remarkable Bess of Hardwick. Find out more about Bess and see for yourself the wonderful architecture and collection of Elizabethan furniture and textiles. 2009 marks 50 years of National Trust ownership of Hardwick Hall. Check our Amazing Days Out leaflet for details of events to celebrate our golden anniversary.

Where can I find food and drink?

The Restaurant inside the Hall offers a wide range of hot/cold meals prepared in our own kitchen and we use the best local food including meat from Hardwick Park Farm. Children's menu and high chairs are available. The Kiosk in the Car Park offers sandwiches, snacks, ice-cream and hot/cold drinks. Picnic benches are situated close by.

Where are the Toilets?

They are situated next to the Restaurant, in the Car Park and at the Park Centre. Baby changing facilities and accessible toilets are in the Car Park.

What time does Hardwick close?

Last entry to the Hall is 4pm and it closes at 4.30pm. The Shop and Restaurant close at 5pm and the Gardens close at 5.30pm. Last entry to the Stone Centre is at 3.45pm. Please allow enough time to enjoy your visit.

Where can I buy a guidebook?

Guidebooks are available at the Gatehouse, the Front Desk inside the Hall, and the Shop. The Garden Guide is available from the Gatehouse and Shop. Children's quizzes are available free from the Gardens, Hall and Mill.

What else can I do at Hardwick?

Stretch your legs: Enjoy a picturesque walk on one of our circular routes or Lady Spencer's Walk. Pick up a free Park map from one of the leaflet dispensers around the estate.
Stay in luxury accommodation: Two deluxe holiday cottages are available to hire set within the heart of the estate. High Hazels accommodates 12 people and No.4 Stableyard accommodates 6 people. For further information visit www.nationaltrustcottages.co.uk
Tel: 0870 4584422 or email: cottages@nationaltrust.org.uk
Eat fresh local meat: Hardwick Park Farm shop is open on selected dates throughout the year. Visit www.hardwickparkfarm.co.uk or Tel: 01246 859091 for further details.

Other National Trust properties in the area Stainsby Mill. Why not visit Clumber Park and Mr Straw's House in Nottinghamshire or Kedleston Hall, Sudbury Hall and the Museum of Childhood and Calke Abbey in Derbyshire?

Old Hall

(Managed on behalf of the National Trust by English Heritage)



ENGLISH HERITAGE

See Bess' first house - audio guide included in admission price. Visit the exhibition explaining how English Heritage and the National Trust care for Hardwick.

Hardwick and Conservation

Conservation repairs are continuing on the Hall turrets. Light levels are controlled in the house where there are fragile textiles. Light, particularly daylight, is extremely damaging and the tapestries are not renewable. Keep this leaflet on your windowsill for a week and see the difference! To find out more about how we care for Hardwick and its contents, join one of our 'Bess' Hidden Hardwick' tours or 'Putting the House to Bed' tours this season

In the Park

Stainsby Mill

Stainsby Mill A restored flour mill with a water wheel and working machinery. The Mill is situated at the main entrance to the estate on the edge of the parkland. Open 10am - 4pm same days as the Hall.

Hardwick Inn An early 17th century inn owned by the National Trust and managed by tenants, Mr and Mrs Peter Batty. Situated at the foot of the Hardwick Estate, please see the main notice board in the car park for directions.

Millers Pond

Park Centre The Park is open daily throughout the year. Parking is £1.50. Free to NT and EH members. Watch out for rare breeds, local birds and wildlife. Fishing tickets are available from June 2009 to February 2010.

Great Pond

Map not to scale



Car Park Entrance



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