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OPEN GARDEN SCHEME

There is an open day for gardens - private and public held in June/July - tickets available from The Aylsham Heritage Centre

www.aylshamheritage.com www.opengardens.co.uk/open_gardens_ in_norfolk.php

BLICKLING ESTATE

Aylsham, Norfolk NR11 6NF 01263 738030 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/blickling-estate

Blickling has always been a place of pilgrimage and tranquillity. Among its former residents were the Boleyn family during the 16th c. Hire a bike or take a walk and head out into the park, following the marked routes. You will find peaceful woodland, historic buildings, stunning views and abundant wildlife.

The gardens here have good all year round interest from Spring Bulbs, azaleas, rhododendrons, herbaceous borders, flower parterre and magnificent Autumn colours. Doric Temple, orangery, formal wilderness garden with radial walks and Secret Garden. Parkland and Lake with many attractive walks.

MANNINGTON HALL

Mannington Hall, Itteringham NR11 7BB 01263 584175 www.manningtongardens.co.uk

Mannington Hall is a moated medieval house in the vicinity of Itteringham village, between Aylsham and Saxthorp. The house was completed in 1460 by William Lumnor and existed with very little significant alteration until ownership changed hands to the Walpole family during the early eighteenth century.

The house is not open to the public. It is the family home of the current Lord and Lady Walpole.

However the gardens are open during the summer from May to September. It is famous for its roses. One rose garden is enclosed by hedges and another by walls. There is a classical temple, nineteenth century follies and a woodland garden. There are trails to take you into ancient and coppice woodland, wet wildflower meadows, grassland and green lanes. There is also an arboretum of native trees.

NORTH NORFOLK / COAST

FELBRIGG HALL

Felbrigg, nr Sheringham NR11 8PR 01263 837444 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/felbrigg-hall

Felbrigg has both opulence and homeliness, each room feeds the imagination. Outside, the restored walled garden is a delight and inspiration. It is decorative and productive, providing beautiful flowers for the hall and allotments providing fruit and vegetables for the community.

You can find a good many modern surprises within this traditionally laid out walled garden. Take a stroll around the Orangery built in 1704 that houses a collection of camellias, some of considerable size and age.

HINDRINGHAM HALL

Hindringham Hall, Blacksmiths Lane, Hindringham, Norfolk, NR21 0QA 01328 878226 www.hindringhamhall.org

Hindringham Hall and garden is one of Norfolk's hidden gems. Another fifteenth century moated manor house, however this house is more modest and was built by Martin Hastings, courtier to Henry Fitzroy, an illegitimate son of Henry VIII. The garden is very special, it has had many plaudits as a classic English garden. The garden has several components, a water garden, a wild garden, a bog and a walled fruit and vegetable garden. From April to September, the garden is open on Wednesday and Sunday for a limited time.

HOLKHAM HALL

Holkham, NR23 1AB 01328 710227 www.holkham.co.uk/index.html

Holkam is a spectacular example of the English Palladian architectural style in local yellow brick commissioned by Thomas Coke, 1st Earl of Leicester, between 1734-1764 designed by William Kent

Combining unspoilt coastline, big skies and open countryside. The evergreen oaks – a feature of the park, were introduced from Italy. The walled garden is magnificent and is being restored but can still be visited.





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WEST NORFOLK

HOUGHTON HALL

King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6UE 01485 528569 www.houghtonhall.com/

One of the finest Palladian-style houses in England, built and furnished between 1722 and 1735 for Robert Walpole, first Prime Minister, with interior decoration by William Kent. Home to the Marquess of Cholomondeley and family with one of the most outstanding collections of contemproary art in the UK in the house and grounds. These include permanent installations by James Turrell, Jeppe Hein, Richard Long and Anya Gallachio.

The old kitchen garden has been restored by Lord Cholmondeley as a memorial to his grandmother, Lady Sybil. Contrasting 'ornamental gardens' include double-sided herbaceous borders, an Italian garden, formal rose parterre (with over 150 varieties of rose), fruit and vegetable garden, glass house, rustic temple, statues, fountains and Jeppe Hein's 'Waterflame'.

OXBURGH HALL

Oxborough, nr Swaffham, Norfolk PE33 9PS 01366 328258 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/oxburgh-hall

Built during the Wars of the Roses in the 15th century, Oxburgh is a moated medieval country house, intended to be a family home. It was completed in 1482 for Sir Edmund Bedingfeld.

Henry VII and his Queen, Elizabeth of York stayed at Oxburgh and there are needlework hangings made in part by Mary, Queen of Scots and Bess of Hardwick, and the inevitable priest hole consistant with the family's catholic beliefs. There are turrets and a private chapel, constructed later during the nineteenth century with reclaimed materials.

Oxburgh's beautiful gardens are the perfect place to enjoy nature at its best. The walled garden with a vegetable garden and an orchard, it supplies the tea-room with salad, vegetables, rhubarb, beetroot, potatoes and celeriac.

My Lady's Wood is an ornamental area of water and woodland and provides a tranquil semi-formal landscape with ornamental woodland, trees and shrubs, while the small bridges and summerhouses present places to pause.

FAST NORFOLK

EAST RUSTON OLD VICARAGE GARDENS

East Ruston, Norfolk NR12 9HN 01692 650432

www.e-ruston-oldvicaragegardens.co.uk/pages/view/564/home.htm

A remarkable garden created by the owners Alan Gray and Graham Robeson that did not exist forty years ago. It is now 32 acres in size and still growing. It is located a couple of fields inland from the North Sea coast yet well protected by dense wind breaks of pines, making it possible to grow remarkably tender exotic plants.

Sculptures, lavishly planted pots and finely detailed decorative gates combine to make this a very special place. There is a theatrical brio to the planting with gardens designed like rooms, leading from one to another. The scale of the operation is breathtaking, glass houses are positioned around the garden and used to bring on the next seasons plants close to the place they are going to be planted. This is a 'must see' for anyone interested in gardening. Open from April to September.

HOVETON HALL AND GARDENS

Hoveton, Norfolk NR12 8RJ 01603 784297 www.hovetonhallestate.co.uk

Hoveton Hall Estate covers 620 acres of parkland, gardens, woodland, arable and grazing land. This Hall was constructed between 1809-1812 and has been owned by the Buxton family since 1946.

At the heart of the estate is Hoveton Hall, a fine Regency house built of gault brick with a slate roof.

The design is attributed to Humphry Repton and his son John Adey Repton and the hall bears marked similarities to Sheringham Hall, at Sheringham Park, which was Repton's last commission.

There is a lake with surrounded by magnolias and rhododendrons and a woodland walk. A walled garden, known as the 'Spider Garden' as access is provided by an ornamental wrought iron Spider's Web gate was made in 1936 by Eric Stevenson of Wroxham. At the centre of the garden is a circular flint spider web edged with box created in 1998 by landscape gardener James Smith.

The gardens are open for 2 months from 1st May to Thursday 30th June, every day except on Saturdays.







FAT & DRINK

Byfords

1-3 Shirehall Plain, NR25 6BG Tel: 01263 711400 www.byfords.org.uk/

Follys Tearoom

Hoppers Yard, Bull Street NR25 6LN 01263 713569 www.follytearoom.co.uk

The Kings Head

19 High Street, NR25 6BN 01263 712543 www.kingsheadholt.org.uk

Black Apollo

Holt High Street, NR25 6JN. 01263 712495 https://twitter.com/Holtcoffee

The Owl Tea Rooms (Café)

Church St, Holt NR25 6BB 01263 713232

Picnic Fayre (buy your picnic here!) The Old Forge, Cley, NR25 7AP Tel: 01263 740587 www.picnic-fayre.co.uk (5 minute drive out of Holt)

The Dun Cow

Purdy St, Salthouse NR25 7XA 01263 740467 www.salthouseduncow.com (In Salthouse, towards the salt marshes outside Holt)

Cookies Crab Shop

The Green, Salthouse, NR25 7AJ 01263 740352 www.salthouse.org.uk

SHOP

Bakers and Larners

10 Market Pl, Holt, NR25 6BW 01263 712323 www.bakersandlarners.co.uk

Old Town

47-49 Bull St, Holt NR25 6HP 001263 710001 www.old-town.co.uk

Old Stables at Bayfield

Bayfield Hall, Glandford, NR25 7JN 001263 715538 www.bayfieldhall.com/theoldstables (5 minutes drive out of Holt)

Berber

23a Lees Yard Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6HS 07754 240015 www.berberinteriors.com

Tatty Tides

6 Lyles Court, Lees Yard, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6HS 01263 711505 www.tattytides.co.uk

The Tannery (Leather Goods) 4-6 & 29 Bull Street, NR25 6HP 01263 713642 www.thetannery.co.uk

The North Norfolk Fish Company

8 Old Stable Yard, NR25 6BN 01263 711913 www.northnorfolkfish.co.uk

PictureCraft Gallery

Lees Yard (off Bull Street), NR25 6HS 01263 711040 www.picturecraftgallery.co.uk/

FESTIVALS

Holt Festival (mid to end June) Box Office: Lion House Court, 26a High Street NR25 6BH 01263 711284 www.holtfestival.org

GALLERIES

Bircham Gallery

14 Market Place, Holt NR25 6BW 01263 713312 www.birchamgallery.co.uk/

Fairfax Gallery

2 Shire Hall Plain NR25 6HT 01263 711139 www.fairfaxgallery.com/Holt-Fairfax-Gallery.html

MORE INFO ON HOLT

www.ournorfolk.org.uk/top-five/georgian-holt-10-quirky-ideas/



