

WHAT'S ON AT HAREWOOD 2026



HAREWOOD





Winter Weekends

Winter at Harewood is a time of quiet beauty. As frost settles across the landscape and deer move through the stillness of the parkland, the estate enters a restorative pause. These colder months offer a rare chance to experience Harewood at its most peaceful, when the rhythms of nature slow and the focus turns inwards to care and conservation.

Between 16 January and 22 March 2026, Harewood will be open to the public Friday – Sunday only, with exclusive tours and experiences available on Thursdays.

As an independent educational charity, we're committed to the conservation of the Grade I listed House, its historic gardens, and the stunning grounds that surround them. As an accredited museum, we also protect an internationally significant collection of art,

furniture, and interior design, ensuring its legacy for future generations.

To support this essential work, the House must close at certain points during the year, allowing our team to carry out vital conservation and maintenance tasks. These closures are a crucial part of preserving Harewood's historical and cultural treasures, ensuring they remain vibrant and accessible for years to come.

Lunch is included with all Winter Weekends Thursday Experiences.

MENU

Winter Walled Garden Vegetable Stew or Slow Cooked Beef Stew served with crusty bread and butter. Tea and Coffee available. Served in Harewood's historic Billiard Room.

Behind the Scenes: Private Apartment Tour

Thu 29 Jan, Thu 12 Feb
11am & 12.30pm

The Private Apartments on the first floor of Harewood House have hosted artists, presidents, kings and queens for over 250 years, and have been used by the Lascelles family since the 18th century.

In this extended tour you will be guided around rooms that are still in use by the 8th Earl and Countess, filled with objects and artwork that reflect their family's diverse interests and tastes.



Harewood Curator's Highlight Talk and Tour

Thu 26 Feb, 11am

SOLD OUT

An extraordinary opportunity to tour the House with Harewood's Curator and Archivist, Rebecca Burton, who will share some personal highlights of the collection alongside the House's fascinating history.



Behind the Scenes: Attic Tour

Thu 5 Feb, Thu 5 Mar, Thu 19 Mar
11am & 12.30pm

This special tour is a rare opportunity to ascend into the attics of Harewood House, now a trove of collections as well as an evocative glimpse of times gone by.

Your expert guide will show a small group around rooms filled with history, bringing to life the stories of people who worked at Harewood since the 18th century.



Talk and Walk with Harewood's Head Gardener

Thu 12 Mar, 11am

Head Gardener Trevor Nicholson has been looking after Harewood's horticultural collections and landscape for over 30 years. Trevor will share his knowledge and passion during a fascinating illustrated talk about the gardens, plant collections and landscape of Harewood.

Charlotte Verity

The Season Following

Journey through the seasons
in a new exhibition open from
23 January – 7 June 2026

Detail of *Birches in Winter*, 2008-09 © Charlotte Verity. Photo by Ben Westoby.



Buds, 2020 © Charlotte Verity. Photo by Stephen White & Co.

The Season Following

Fri 23 Jan – Sun 7 Jun
10.30am – 4pm

Experience the fleeting nature of the seasons through the work of Charlotte Verity, a British artist known for her meticulously observed paintings of plants and flowers.

This exhibition marks the first time Charlotte Verity has exhibited within a historic country house setting, as well as the first time she has exhibited extensively in the North of England. The exhibition comprises paintings and prints spanning the past 15 years of her work, including some being shown for the first time.

Visitors will experience the changing seasons across five magnificent state rooms. Moving from winter through spring, summer and autumn, the exhibition will reflect nature's cyclical pattern, returning at the end with a grand winter painting. It invites people to linger, look closely, and celebrate the subtle beauty of nature throughout the year.

The exhibition is interspersed with a series of painted poems both historic and contemporary, related to the seasons. In other areas of the House, visitors will also have the opportunity to view exquisite floral pieces from Harewood's collection, including rarely displayed Sèvres porcelain.

Free Family Fun

FREE for Harewood Members and included with day tickets

From epic outdoor adventures to creative indoor play, Harewood is packed with spaces where children can explore, imagine and burn off energy at no extra cost.



Servants' Hall Family Fun Space

Daily throughout the year
10.30am – 4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

Looking for a cosy spot to relax and keep the little ones entertained?

Step into the Servants' Hall Family Fun Space, the perfect place for families to unwind, play and get inspired together. From art and imagination to dressing up and discovery, there's something for every young explorer.

What's inside?

- + Colouring sheets and creative activities
- + A cosy book corner for quiet reading
- + Family games to enjoy together
- + Activity sheets that change with the season



Saturday Craft Club

24 Jan – 21 Mar Excluding 14 + 21 Feb
11.30am – 3.30pm

Join us for free, seasonal drop-in crafts in the historic Servants' Hall at Harewood!

Let your imaginations run wild as our friendly volunteers guide you through hands-on crafts inspired by the season. Whether you're young or young at heart, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



New Relaxed Sessions for 2026 You asked and we listened!

We're delighted to offer a new relaxed hour for **Lego Club** between 11am – 12pm. This session is open to those with sensory needs who would prefer a calmer environment.



Nature Safari Bags

Daily throughout the year
10am – 5pm

Pick up a Nature Safari Bag from Visitor Information in the Courtyard and set off on your very own adventure.

Each bag comes equipped with binoculars, a compass, a torch, a magnifying glass, and a map of Harewood, helping you navigate the natural world around you.



Lego Club

First Sunday of every month
10am – 11am relaxed session
11am – 4pm

Unleash their creativity at our monthly LEGO Club!

Pop down to the Courtyard for a fun-filled session of building and imagination, where your little ones can create their own unique designs or favourite characters.



Welly Walk

Daily until 22 Mar, 10am – 5pm

Grab your wellies and set off on a fun filled journey along the North Park Walk! Keep your eyes, ears, and senses open as you explore the great outdoors with exciting activities to try along the way.

Spot majestic Red Kites soaring above the treetops and make friends with minibeasts along the way.





February Half Term



Get ready for the ultimate family adventure as we transform Harewood House into an interactive play space full of colour, fun and wonder!

Follow a bunch of friendly characters from Harewood's past and present as you discover stories through imagination and play.

Whether construction, art or role-play is your thing, let your imagination run wild and experience Harewood House like never before!

Activities aimed at ages 3+, but there will be fun for all the family.

Relaxed Mornings

Mon 16 & Sun 22
9.30am – 10.30am

This session is dedicated to SEND children and their families.



Secret Life of Mould

Mon 16 Feb
Drop in between 10.30am – 3pm

Join us for a hands-on session where families can explore the strange, beautiful and sometimes troublesome world of fungi.

Perfect for young scientists, nature lovers and curious minds, this session includes interactive stations and creative crafts.

Harewood Holiday Club

17 – 19 Feb, 4 – 6 Aug, 25 – 27 Aug, 27 – 29 Oct
9am – 4pm £40 per child includes lunch

Turn school holidays into unforgettable journeys of excitement, discovery, and creativity for your 7-11 year olds at Harewood!

Each day offers a new hands-on adventure, where they'll delve into history, unleash their artistic talents, and uncover the wonders of nature.





Spring

From 23 March, Harewood opens daily, welcoming visitors back just as the landscape begins its most vibrant transformation.

After a busy winter when our Gardens team planted 40,000 new spring bulbs across the Grounds, the estate is now waking up in a spectacular show of colour.

As the days lengthen and warmth returns, Harewood begins to show new signs of life. On the lake, native wildlife returns in abundance, bringing gentle movement and birdsong back to the water.

Spring is also the perfect time to discover the Himalayan Garden. A magical place at any time of year, but especially enchanting now, when thousands of rhododendrons light up the lakeside path and the glades are carpeted with primulas flowering in waves of purple, pink, orange and yellow.

This season promises some of the most breathtaking moments in the Harewood calendar, making it the ideal time to reconnect with nature.

Spring Artisan Market

In partnership with Little Bird Made
Fri 27 – Sun 29 March

Discover unique gifts from some of Yorkshire's finest independent traders and indulge in the region's best street food.

Seasonal Candle Making Workshop

Sat 28 Mar, 27 Jun, 26 Sep, 28 Nov
10.30am – 12.30pm
£55

Experience the relaxing and mindful process of creating your own candles with our Seasonal Candle Making Workshops, led by Wicks & Spritz.

With hands-on expert guidance, you don't need any previous experience to indulge in the joy of this craft and head home with a unique, handmade treasure to fill your house with beautiful scents.



Private Apartment Tours

5 – 8 Apr, 10 – 13 May, 4 – 6 Jun, 21 – 24 Jun
More dates coming soon
£15

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Art Club Mother's Day Special

Sun 15 Mar, 10.30am & 12pm
£7

Give your little artists the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and create something truly special! Each session explores themes unique to Harewood, encouraging children to try creative techniques they might not encounter in the classroom.

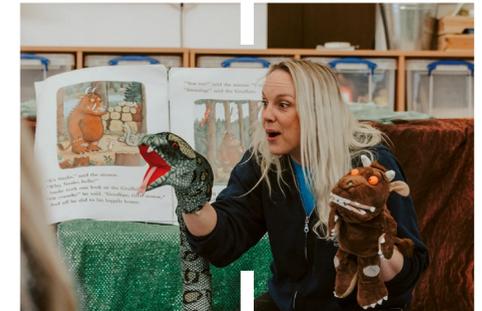
In this workshop, they'll craft a beautiful clay trinket dish. The perfect gift for a special person in their life.



Tree Toddlers Spring Special

Thu 19 Mar, 10.30am – 12pm
£12 for under 5 + adult

Throughout the morning, families will take part in a selection of spring-themed activities that introduce young children to the changing season in an engaging, hands-on way.



Adventure Babies Spring Special

Fri 23 Mar, 9.45am & 10.50am
£12 for under 4 + adult

Delight your little ones with captivating stories, and music that will ignite their imagination. Our expert-led classes create a nurturing and stimulating environment for their development.

Classes support language and communications development to build and strengthen brain connections.



Easter

This Easter, bring the whole family for a fun-filled day out! Enjoy Easter themed trails, spring crafts, and take part in Harewood's Golden Egg Heist.

Golden Egg Heist

Sat 28 Mar – Sun 19 Apr
£3.50 for activity and prize

Can you crack the case of the missing Golden Egg?

This Easter, the South Garden becomes the scene of a magical mystery. The Golden Goose's precious egg has been stolen and we need your help to crack the case!

Follow a family-friendly trail of mythical creatures, each with their own stories, nests and clues to share. Along the way you'll discover playful installations, puzzle boards to solve and photo moments hidden among the garden's winding paths.

Easter Estate Adventure

Fri 3 – Mon 6 April
Pre booking essential

Climb aboard our one-hour guided trailer tour and journey through the Harewood Estate, discovering the springtime secrets of our working farmland.

As you travel through private parkland, keep watch for Red Kites soaring overhead, Deer roaming the treeline and Highland Cows grazing in the fields. Along the way, you'll learn how Harewood's animals play a vital role in caring for and sustaining the land.

After your adventure, unwind in the elegant Stewards Room and enjoy a specially prepared Easter-themed light lunch.

Your ticket also includes full access to Harewood House, Gardens and Grounds, plus the Golden Egg Heist Easter Trail.



May Half Term

23 – 31 May

Make the most of May Half Term with unforgettable family adventures in the great outdoors. Little explorers will find endless opportunities to roam, climb, imagine, and play, while grown-ups can enjoy peaceful woodland paths, sweeping views, and moments of calm by the lake.

Great British Food Festival

23 – 25 May
10am – 5.30pm Sat/Sun but 5pm Mon
Pre booking essential

Take a good helping of local and artisan producers, a big serving of tasty hot food vendors, add a dash of bars, a sprinkling of children's activities, a dollop of top chef demos, stir in some competitions, with lashings of excellent live music, and mix together to make a fabulous foodie family day out!



HAREWOOD IN BLOOM

2 – 4 May

A weekend of workshops, demonstrations, family activities and installations in the House to celebrate flowers and the joys of spring!



Summer

Summer at Harewood is a season of full bloom. Across the Gardens and Grounds, borders burst with colour, wildlife thrives in the warm air, and the landscape feels alive with the care and cultivation that our charity supports year-round.

The Walled Garden is one of Harewood's most popular destinations, and for good reason. Throughout the seasons, you'll find a variety of fruits growing in the garden from red, white, and black currants, strawberries and gooseberries to apples, plums, pears, quince, and medlar.

The produce harvested here is used in our cafés and sold in the shop, and the hops are brewed into our famous Harewood beer each September in collaboration with Northern Monk.

The Walled Garden is positively buzzing with insect pollinators and the perfect spot to pick up some gardening tips from our wonderful Gardens team.

FESTIVAL SEASON

Could Be Real Tribute Festival

Fri 5 Jun, 12+ Pre booking essential

This open-air event will feature some of the UK's top tribute acts, offering an unforgettable line-up that spans some of the biggest bands and artists in music history including ABBA, Amy Winehouse, Arctic Monkeys, Bowie, Ed Sheeran, Elton John, Fleetwood Mac, Kaiser Chiefs, Lady Gaga, Oasis, Pink, Queen and Sam Fender

VW Festival

7–9 Aug, family friendly

Free for Harewood Members, limited availability, pre booking essential

Experience the ultimate VW Festival, where classic cars, live music, delicious food, and family fun come together!

Inflatable 5K

Sat 20 Jun, family friendly

Get ready to bounce your way through the world's biggest and most epic Inflatable 5K obstacle course.

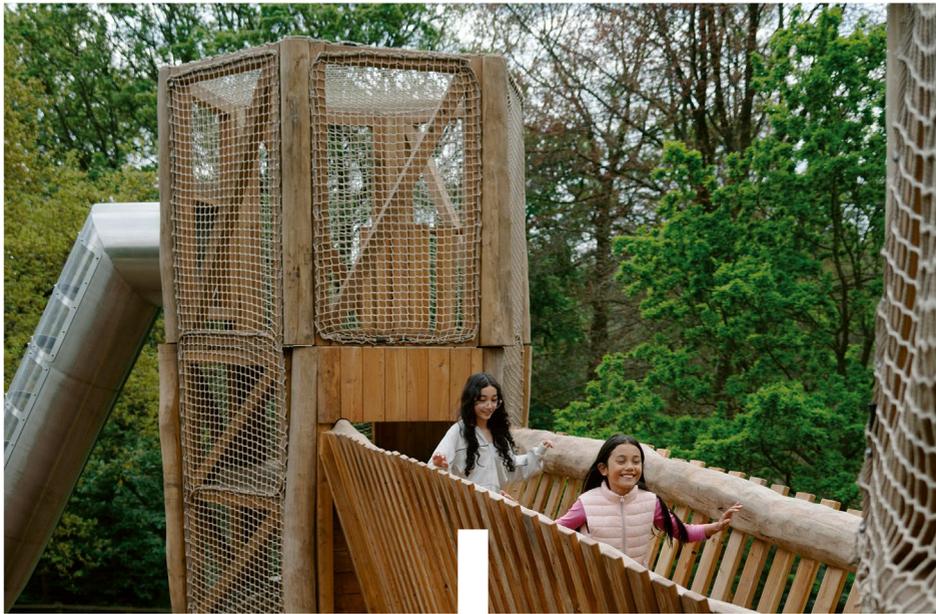
Goodlife Festival

Sat 6 Jun, 18+ only Pre booking essential

Following its sold-out debut in 2025, Goodlife Festival returns with a huge lineup celebrating the very best in house, disco, funk and soul.

Headlining this year's festival are three legendary names in dance music. Armand Van Helden, Groove Armada and Roger Sanchez, who will be joined by an incredible supporting lineup including Alison Limerick, Inner City, Craig Charles, The Shapeshifters, K-Klass and Michael Gray.





SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY

Sat 18 Jul – Sun 30 Aug

Lights, camera, action!
A summer of performance awaits.

Head over to Sun Sides to find our performance play zone complete with its very own outdoor stage and a cluster of playful pop-up tents. Little performers can slip into character in the dress up tent, try out circus-inspired skills and let their imaginations run wild through a series of creative, performance-themed activities.

Harewood is packed with spaces where children can explore, imagine and burn off energy, all set within 140 acres of beautiful Yorkshire landscape.

Families can climb, swing and slide in the huge Adventure Playground, get lost in the magical willow mazes of the Woodland Wonderland, and journey up into the Sylvascope Treehouse, all at no extra cost.

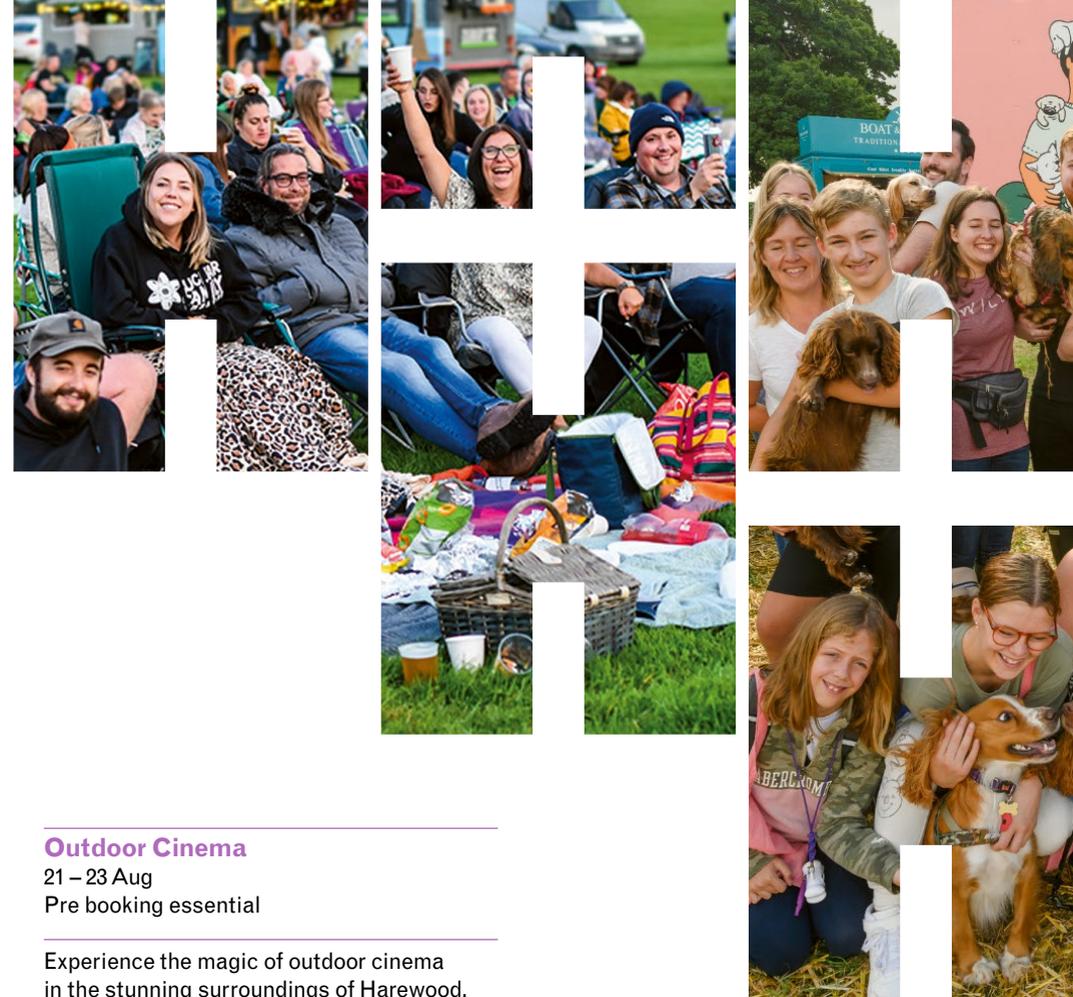
Inside the House, little ones can settle into the Servants' Hall Family Fun Space and families can take part in an interactive trail across the State Floor.

HAREWOOD HOLIDAY CLUB

9am – 4pm £40 per child includes lunch

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Delve into history, unleash artistic talents, and uncover the wonders of nature.



Outdoor Cinema

21 – 23 Aug
Pre booking essential

Experience the magic of outdoor cinema in the stunning surroundings of Harewood. Bring a blanket, sit back, and enjoy.

Friday, 21 Aug

Dirty Dancing (12)

Saturday, 22 Aug

Encanto Sing-A-Long (PG)

Wicked Sing-A-Long (PG)

Sunday, 23 Aug

Bing And His Friends At The Cinema! (U)

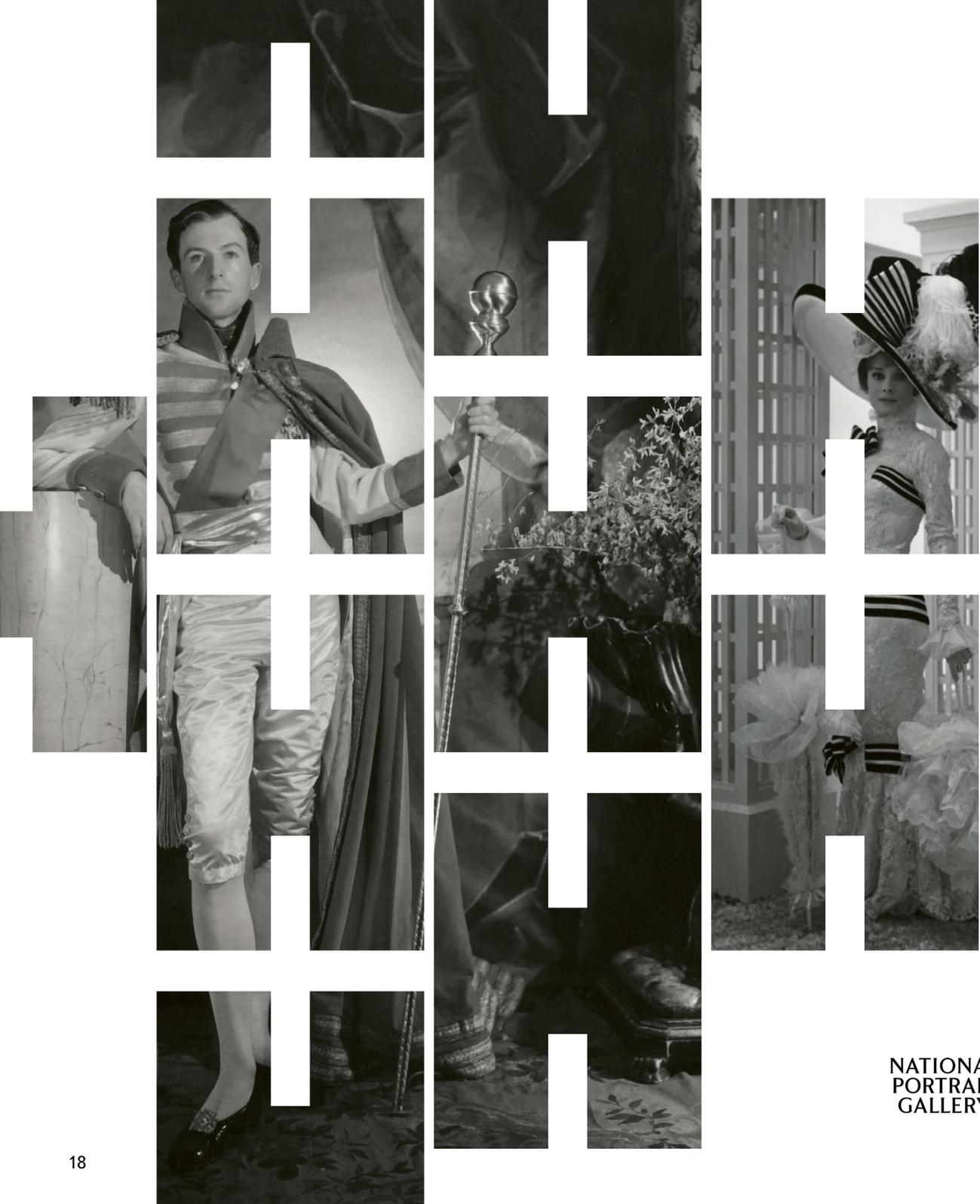
Star Wars: A New Hope (U)

Andrea Bocelli 30: The Celebration (PG)

DogFest on the Farm

12 – 13 Sep, family friendly
Pre booking essential

We are delighted to welcome back DogFest for this dog friendly festival. DogFest on the Farm brings together working dog demonstrations, countryside skills and hands-on activities for all ages, from sheepdog trials and gundog displays to agility and training sessions. It's a relaxed, outdoorsy weekend that celebrates dogs and rural life, with plenty to explore across the farmyard arenas, shopping areas and expert-led showcases.



Cecil Beaton: Staging Icons

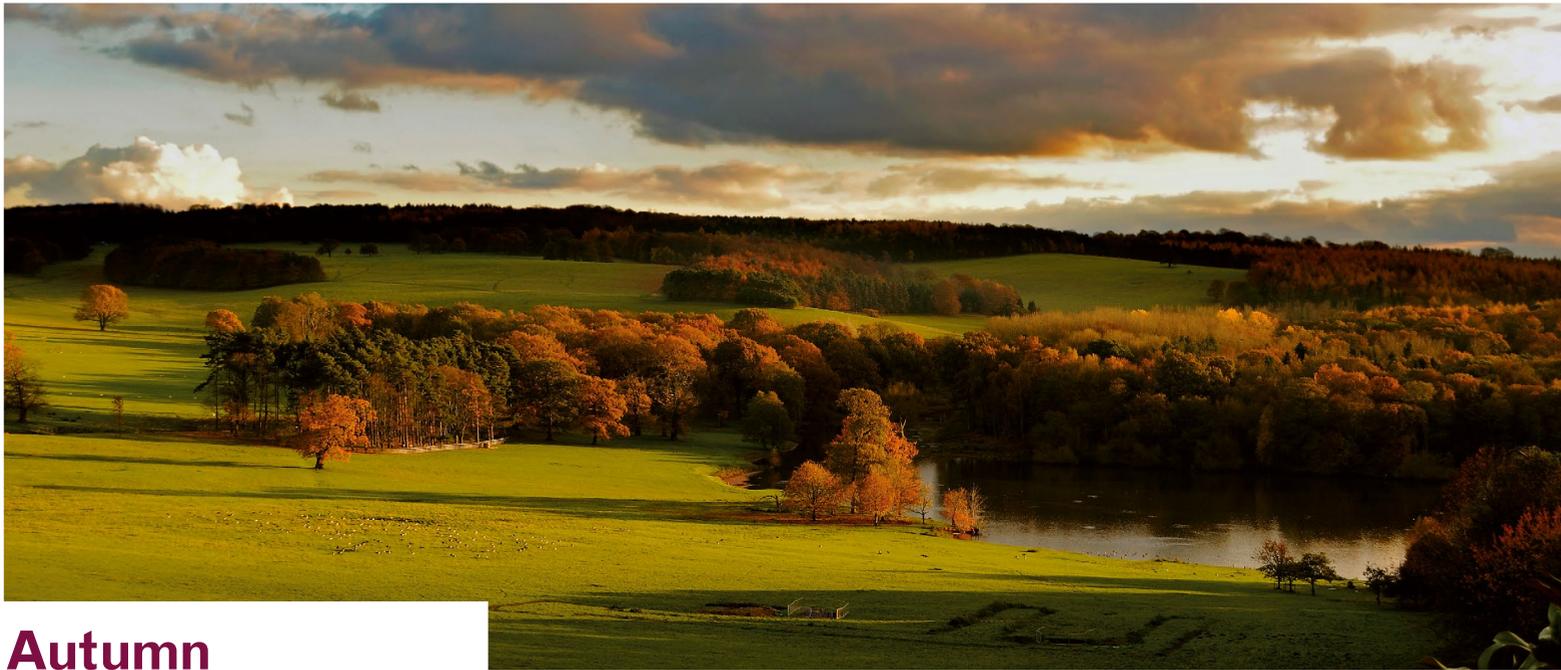
13 Jun – 4 Oct

Photographs: by Cecil Beaton
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Step into the glamorous world of Cecil Beaton, the legendary photographer who captured some of the most iconic figures of the 20th century, from Hollywood legends and stars of the West End to the British royal family.

See unforgettable images of Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, Fred Astaire and others, displayed within the grand interiors of Harewood House. Experience the magic of stage and screen through Beaton's extraordinary vision.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY Organised by the National Portrait Gallery in partnership with Harewood House Trust.



Photograph: David Oakes

Autumn

Autumn at Harewood is a season of deep colour and quiet reflection. It's a time to slow down, savour the scenery and witness the Grounds at their most atmospheric.

The Gardens Team at Harewood are responsible for maintaining over 140 acres of beautiful Grade I listed gardens, grounds and woodlands.

From the elaborate colour schemes, flower borders and fountains on the Victorian Terrace, to the naturalistic planting around the lakeside and in the Himalayan Garden, the team works hard to ensure that every space reflects the elegance, history and character of Harewood. The West Garden is no exception.

This leafy haven is a place of beauty and discovery, bursting with colour in both spring and autumn. In spring, the grass is carpeted with daffodils followed by rhododendrons and many other shrubs coming into bloom. With the Courtyard Café offering delicious home-grown goodies to takeaway a few steps away, the open glades are perfect for a summer picnic!

By late September, the West Garden transforms again, with rich autumn hues lighting up the landscape through November. And as deep winter approaches, thousands of snowdrops emerge, covering the lower parts of the garden and offering a serene experience in the colder months.

October Half Term

Sat 24 Oct – Sun 1 Nov

With crisp leaves underfoot and surprises around every corner, October Half Term at Harewood is the perfect family day out. Just the right amount of spooky, and full of imagination.

Working once again with our brilliant Community Partners, we've created a brand-new trail inspired by some of Harewood's most intriguing resident ghosts. Follow the clues, solve the puzzles and uncover the mystery to earn your Halloween reward.



OUTDOOR CINEMA SPOOKY SPECIAL

23 – 25 Oct

Adventure Cinema returns to Harewood with their spine-tingling open-air cinema experience. Bring a blanket, sit back, and get ready for another frightful evening under the stars!

Friday, 23 Oct

The Lost Boys (15)

Saturday, 24 Oct

Hocus Pocus (PG)

Sunday, 25 Oct

Scream (18)



Christmas

Christmas is the most magical season at Harewood, and each year we bring a fresh, bold twist to the festivities. From theatrical sets to award-winning projection mapping, no two Christmases have ever been alike. This year is no exception.

FESTIVE WORKSHOPS

Embrace the magic of making this Christmas. From willow weaving to festive tablescapes, our workshops are your chance to slow down, get creative and craft something truly special.

For those whose visit to Harewood is somewhat of a tradition, you'll be delighted to know that Studio McGuire will be returning for 2026.

Known for transforming the House into a world of imagination, Studio McGuire weave together light, projection and music to reveal Harewood's hidden stories. This year, familiar rooms will shimmer with enchantment as playful personalities emerge from unexpected places.

Furniture that seems to whisper secrets, objects that stir with mischief, and long-quiet corners that suddenly feel alive. Prepare yourself for a Christmas experience like no other.



Christmas Artisan Market

6 – 8 Nov & 27 – 29 Nov
Pre booking essential

The much-loved Christmas Artisan Market, curated by Little Bird Made, returns for its fifth year, now taking place across two festive weekends. The first is perfect for Christmas shopping, while the second promises a lively family day out, filled with festive cheer.



Christmas Shop

24 Oct – 3 Jan

The Old Kitchen Below Stairs has been transformed into our magical Christmas Shop, brimming with treasures inspired by Harewood's festive experience and permanent collections.

It's the perfect spot to find unique gifts and keepsakes, letting you take a little piece of Harewood's magic home with you.



Father Christmas Experience

5 – 24 Dec

After another sell-out season in 2025, Father Christmas returns to Harewood with a brand-new, enchanting adventure; and this year, it's more magical than ever!

Set within the beautifully decorated grounds of Harewood, this immersive experience is filled with storytelling, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Every child will enjoy a meeting Father Christmas, receive a special gift, and help bring the magic of the season to life.

Reindeer Willow Weaving Workshop

7 – 13 Dec
£95

Join Leilah Vyner from Dragon Willow to learn how to create a charming Reindeer out of willow.

During this one day workshop, Leilah will guide you through the art of creating sculpture from willow and teach you the basics of random weave.

At the end of the day, you'll be returning home with your 5-foot Reindeer, ready to decorate the house or garden for Christmas.



Afternoon Tea

Treat yourself to a quintessential English afternoon tea at Harewood.

Experience the high life with our carefully curated selection of artisan teas, hand crafted sandwiches and freshly baked cakes and scones.

Whether you're celebrating with loved ones or treating yourself to a well-deserved break, our Afternoon Tea promises a delicious experience, one delectable bite at a time.



Eat, drink & shop at Harewood

Try the Courtyard Café, Terrace Café and Bothy Teahouse (open select school holidays only) for delicious drinks and food.

Discover rare books in the Secondhand Bookshop and buy gorgeous gifts and souvenirs at the Courtyard Shop and the Pastry Room Shop in the House.

Shop online anytime at [harewood.org/shop](https://www.harewood.org/shop)



HAREWOOD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Escape into nature and become a Harewood Member today. With annual Membership you'll enjoy:

- + Unlimited access to Harewood House, Gardens & Grounds all year round
- + Free or discounted entry to select outdoor festivals and events
- + Discount in our shops and cafés **and much more**

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