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# MARBLE HILL REVIVED COMMUNITY UPDATE

Spring 2021



Marble Hill House through the trees.

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Huge progress has been made as part of the restoration of Marble Hill House which will see it open for free, five days a week in 2022. Before Christmas, we repaired the roof and the house was repainted a more authentic colour. Paint specialists specified an off-white to replicate the 'lead white' that would have been used historically. Did you know the creaminess of the colour came from the linseed oil once used in external paint?

The weathervane has been re-gilded and shines in the winter sun. The lift to the first floor has been installed, making it fully accessible so that more people can enjoy Marble Hill's story. Repairs have been undertaken throughout, and we've improved the drainage system around the house.

We continue to undertake architectural



Works taking place on the roof.

paint analysis inside the house to help inform the redecoration of the interiors. We have also been looking at the new interpretation, and we can't wait to work with the Marble Hill community to help develop the new family trail that will be given out as visitors enter the house.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more or to get involved, visit  
[english-heritage.org.uk/marblehillrevived](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/marblehillrevived)

## WHAT IS MARBLE HILL REVIVED?

Marble Hill is a much-loved space for both locals and Londoners, young and old, to relax and play. However, since the 1980s it's seen little investment.

Opening times for the historic house were limited and much of the park's original character has been lost. Right across Marble Hill, the facilities need upgrading.

A £4.08m grant from the Heritage Fund and Community Fund presents a unique chance to revive Marble Hill, to bring its stories to life, to involve more local people in it, and to invest in its long term future.

Marble Hill Revived is about keeping what makes Marble Hill so special, but also making it better.

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## LANDSCAPE IN FOCUS:

In the park, the football and rugby fields have also been repaired. They have been stripped back, given new drainage and sub soil, and reseeded with new grass. This will provide better pitches for all seasons.

The volunteers have been busy planting the southern woodland quarters and have been preparing, terracing and planting the back half of the Ice House mound, which will make quite a feature once complete.

In total, 4000 bulbs have been planted so far, and we are excited to see them coming into bloom as spring approaches.

The volunteer team have also been busy planting over 20 trees around the park boundary to increase the number of specimen trees in the park.



Works are underway on sporting facilities to provide pitches for all seasons.

## EVENTS

As lockdown restrictions are eased we hope to be able to resume our outdoor events. For up to date information about community events search "Marble Hill events" in your browser.

## EXHIBITIONS

So many of you enjoyed our first Exhibition of Hope and we have added new prints around the park which were kindly gifted by author Charlie Mackesy. Explore the prints as you visit the park.

And from 8 March visitors will be able to enjoy photography on display around the park, as we're delighted to bring you our photography festival in conjunction with London Photo Festival. The Theme is landscape photography, which could not be more fitting, given the extensive work our amazing volunteers have done in the park, alongside our Head Gardener and our Horticultural Apprentice.

## FRIENDS OF MARBLE HILL

The start of a new year sees the new Friends of Marble Hill group getting into its stride. More people are joining the committee and bringing many skills with them. Plans are afoot to bring onboard knowledge of biodiversity and citizen science. The Friends will work with local English Heritage staff over the next few months to broaden the outreach of the Friends across all sections of the community.



## CAFÉ UPDATE



We're hoping to launch the new café soon.

The café is due to open soon, subject to government restrictions. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

We hope you'll all join us in welcoming the new team who will be providing fresh tasty produce, great coffee and a menu which includes some items from our very own Kitchen Garden. All proceeds from food and drink will go towards English Heritage.

## YOUR FEEDBACK

We would appreciate your feedback about Marble Hill park and the Marble Hill Revived project.

If you can spare few minutes please fill out this short anonymous survey:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MarbleHillRevival](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MarbleHillRevival)

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## NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND

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