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# MARBLE HILL REVIVED COMMUNITY UPDATE

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August will see the departure of the project's building contractors who've been working tirelessly on reviving Marble Hill House, and following the easing of restrictions the cafe interior is now open.

The project's contractors have been hard at work over the last year making necessary repairs and installing systems which carefully monitor the house's environment, safeguarding Marble Hill and its collection for the future.

English Heritage conservation specialists and volunteers are now making sure every inch of the space is free from dust before the silks can be rehung and the collection brought back.

The new interpretation scheme for the house and collection has been finalised, and local families have helped create a

free family trail. When the house opens next spring, we hope it will give little explorers an enjoyable way to understand more about the stories and the people of Marble Hill House.

We're pleased to be able to open the Coach House Café for sit down service where visitors can now enjoy homemade soups and sausage rolls, hot sandwiches and scrumptious salads, some of which use produce grown in our very own Kitchen Garden.



Marble Hill's beautiful silks are to be rehung in 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, before the Marble Hill Revived Project started, the site had seen little investment since the 1980s.

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 £5m 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.

*Step into England's story*

# RESONANCE PROJECT

We recently hosted our third Resonance Project, as part of our National Lottery Heritage Grant, which explored themes of craftsmanship, sustainability and slavery through the mahogany staircase in Marble Hill House.

Dr Carol Ann Dixon from the University of Sheffield and Hugh Wedderburn, Secretary for the Master Carvers Association, provided workshops for young people in the borough from Achieving for Children's Project X. Participants learned carving techniques and crafted motifs inspired by the staircase. They also planted cherry trees in the gardens dedicated to all the enslaved Africans whose unfree labour was used in the harvesting of mahogany featured at Marble Hill.



## EVENTS

### ARTS IN THE PARK

Every Sunday in August  
2pm – 3.30pm

### RICHMOND LIVE

First three Sundays in September  
2pm – 3.30pm

### AUTUMN LECTURE SERIES; MARBLE HILL LOCAL TO GLOBAL

Every Tuesday in September

### LONDON LUMINARIES

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 [www.londonluminaries.com](http://www.londonluminaries.com)

### ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

Throughout August. For details visit:

 [www.english-heritage.org.uk/  
marble-hill-house](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/marble-hill-house)

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on all our events visit:

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## INVESTING IN PEOPLE

We are delighted to welcome Louis, our new chef apprentice. Under the guidance of our chef Ade, Louis is embarking on a year-long Level Two apprenticeship at the Coach House Café.

We've also welcomed Antony, who joins us as part of the government's Kickstart scheme, which is designed to get young people into work. Antony is joined by 11 other 'kickstarters' across English Heritage.

We are pleased to report that Chantelle is now half way through her childcare apprenticeship, one of five apprenticeships as part of the Marble Hill Revived project, and horticultural apprentice, Jack, is nearing the end of his two-year course.



Louis



Chantelle

### FRIENDS OF MARBLE HILL

The Friends of Marble Hill continue to be the lifeblood of the park and the committee have created a vibrant set of talks exploring everything from biodiversity to the new interpretation in the house.

 [www.friendsofmarblehill.org](http://www.friendsofmarblehill.org)

### SPORTING HEROES

The Revived project has seen over £11k invested in sports equipment and facilities. Pitches have already been resurfaced, and put to good use with two weekends of football tournaments. Tennis courts have been resurfaced and work is still to come on the cricket nets. You can book the sports facilities through:

 [www.pitchbooking.com/partners/  
englishheritage](http://www.pitchbooking.com/partners/englishheritage)

## NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND

Marble Hill Revived has been awarded a £5 million grant by The National Lottery through the Parks for people programme.



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