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# MARBLE HILL REVIVED COMMUNITY UPDATE

Winter 2020



Marble Hill in Autumn, spot some of the 897 Remembrance poppies displayed around the park this November.

## MARBLE HILL REVIVED UPDATE

As you may have seen, work continues across the park, including archeology in three locations to explore and understand the park's history in a little more detail. More sports pitches have been resurfaced and the children's play area is due to have equipment installed - ready to open alongside the café in 2021. With extra outdoor seating, we hope that the café will be a lovely space to enjoy a hot drink and a bite to eat – and a fantastic way to support the house and park.



Works underway on Marble Hill House's Chandelier.

Inside the house, we've been carrying out work to the drainage system to help with the significant damp problem. All the windows and blinds are in the process of being restored and replaced where necessary, and we now have much better water pressure.

Significant conservation work has been carried out on key pieces within the collection and new interpretation is being installed, including a soundscape and children's dress up area. We also hope that the house will be a space for you to host community events, from baby yoga to community choir rehearsals.

Finally, this time next year we'll be recruiting volunteer guides – do please get in touch if you're interested.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more or to get involved, visit

 [english-heritage.org.uk/marblehillrevived](https://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 National Lottery Community Fund and The National Lottery Heritage 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



Portrait of Henrietta Howard in Marble Hill House.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING:

We've been working with A Dose of Nature, a charity established to promote the mental health benefits of engaging with the natural world. Through their work we have thus far engaged with a group from Refuge who took part in a series of five sessions, and we are incredibly grateful for them, for sharing their experiences, particularly as Henrietta Howard herself was trapped in an abusive first marriage.

Thank you to all those who took part in the Arts in the Park series. It was a delight to see the oval lawn buzzing as you enjoyed socially distanced tango dancing, jazz and Shakespeare every Sunday. We've already started to book local performers for next year's free summer series at Marble Hill.

## EXHIBITIONS & ONLINE EVENTS

### WOMANHOOD EXHIBITION WITH LONDON PHOTO FESTIVAL

Daily until Feb 2021

Make the most of your walks in the park as you explore London Photo Festival's first ever outdoor display. Admire images from this year's competition winners - responding to the theme of womanhood, inspired by Henrietta Howard.

### MARBLE HILL REMEMBERS EXHIBITION

Sun 1 - Wed 18 November

In conjunction with the British Legion, 897 poppies will be placed within the park to commemorate each service person who died in our local area.

### MARBLE HILL REMEMBERS: THE HISTORY OF THE POPPY AND THE RICHMOND POPPY (ONLINE)

Thu 12 November 6pm - 7pm

Discover the fascinating story of your local veteran charity, The Poppy Factory, from how it all started in 1922 to its modern mission.

### MARBLE HILL AND THE ENVIRONMENT TRUST: SAVING WASTE AND WATER (ONLINE)

Mon 30 November 6pm - 7pm

Explore sustainability and the importance of safeguarding natural resources in the context of Marble Hill.

Search Marble Hill events to find out more.

## MARBLE HILL REMEMBERS

This November you'll see poppies across Marble Hill – each one representing a life lost in our community during the two world wars.

Recently, volunteers have been unearthing fascinating information about the role Marble Hill and its community played in the war effort, including evidence of a bomb shelter and community allotments in the park. During November an exhibition of all this research will go on display, and we'll be marking the five bomb sites across the park. There will also be online seminars covering topics from the establishment of the Poppy Factory to the role of the Marble Hill allotments in the war.



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Friends of Marble Hill.

## FRIENDS OF MARBLE HILL

A group of volunteers has set up the Friends of Marble Hill to help support the park and the house, and to ensure it continues to be a wonderful place for community. The group seeks to educate, promote, fundraise and share about the importance of the heritage, ecology and community of Marble Hill. They're looking for more members who feel passionate about the site, and who want to share in a dynamic community group designed to bring people together virtually or otherwise to celebrate Marble Hill. Membership is free – the Friends just ask for your thoughts, ideas and energy. Find out more on their website [www.friendsofmarblehill.org.uk](http://www.friendsofmarblehill.org.uk)

## NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND

Marble Hill Revived has been awarded a grant of over £4m by The National Lottery



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