



Houghton Hall Park Renaissance and Renewal Project

December 2017

Santa's Christmas Trail

Sunday 17th December | 11am - 1pm

Christmas is right around the corner and Santa has lost some presents and needs new helpers to follow the trail round Houghton Hall Park to find them!

This is a **FREE** family activity
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Tis the season to be helpful!



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Houghton Hall Park wins in the 2017 BALI National Landscape Awards

The Houghton Hall Park Kitchen and Formal Garden restoration has won a national award at the 2017 BALI (British Association of Landscaping Industries) National Landscape awards in the Regeneration Scheme category.



The BALI Awards are a celebration of all that makes the landscape industry great with the winners exemplifying professional landscaping excellence.

The Houghton Hall Park entry was submitted by IDverde, the landscape contractors, who are BALI members.

We are very pleased that the Kitchen and Formal Garden works have been nationally recognized and are now providing a fantastic space for visitors to Houghton Hall Park to enjoy.

Photography entries

We love to see customers images of the park so we would like to dedicate this section of the newsletter to you! Please email in your photos and any stories to go with them and they might just feature in next month's newsletter! Here are some of our pictures of the changing weather in the start of December.



You can email in your entry, date and story to hhp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Upcoming Events

Hazel Coppicing

Join us on Sunday 17th December to keep an age old woodland management practice alive by carrying out Hazel Coppicing in the Park. Then enjoy hot drinks and Mince Pies courtesy of the Ranger before we take our Christmas Break from the schedule!

If you would like to join in, please send us an email to hhp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. The meeting point for the activity is in the Park Road North car park.

Santa's Christmas Trail

On Sunday 17th December, join us from 11am - 1pm to help find the presents that Santa has lost! We have hidden some cards around the park with presents on and our Chief Elves have created a map to help you find them, if you can successfully find all the presents then you might just become an elf yourself!

This is a FREE family activity
There is no booking required
Collect your maps from the visitor centre
Last returned maps at 2pm

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Volunteer at Houghton Hall Park

Houghton Hall Park are looking for volunteers to support with all areas of the park.

Would you like to become a Friends of Houghton Hall Park volunteer? Get in touch with us to see what you can do to get involved by emailing hhp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. Below is a list of the categories we currently have volunteers supporting us in.

- Observational surveys
- Wildlife surveys
- Fixed point photography
- Community Engagement
- Gardening
- Event support



Festive opening hours

Christmas Eve

9am - 1pm

Christmas Day

Closed

Boxing Day

9am - 1pm

27th December

10am - 3pm

28th December

10am - 3pm

29th December

10am - 3pm

30th December

9am - 3pm

New Years Eve

Closed

New Years Day

9am-1pm

From 2nd January, we resume to our normal winter opening hours which can be found on our website.

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Everyone here at Houghton Hall Park wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!