



EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PLEASE REPLY TO: 10 CRESCENT GARDENS, EASTCOTE, RUISLIP, HA4 8TA

Dear Member,

POLEDEN LACEY HOUSE & GARDENS COACH TRIP **SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER**

The Society has booked a coach trip to Polesden Lacey House & Gardens on **Saturday 26th September**. We very much hope you'd like to join us. The trip is open to members, their families, friends, neighbours and members of other local societies. Please share this opportunity as we'd like to fill the coach.

This is a National Trust property and I know many of you have National Trust (NT) membership. In this case the only cost is the coach travel as you have free entry on production of your NT card.

What's there

Polesden Lacey is a 1,600 acre estate with views of the Surrey hills. You'll receive a map to guide you and allow you to choose which areas to visit. Here are some highlights :-

- ! This was the country retreat of Edwardian socialite, Margaret Greville. The ground floor of the house showcases her extensive collection of paintings, ceramics and fine French furniture. There are guides in every room, ready to share their personal highlights and stories of Margaret Greville. The first floor is closed to the public this year.
- ! At the time of our visit the walled rose garden, lavender garden and double herbaceous borders should be a spectacle.
- ! Beds of fruit and vegetables in the kitchen garden and a small orchard.
- ! Margaret Greville's dogs are buried in the pet cemetery. Margaret's own grave is also in the garden.
- ! There are plenty of benches around the grounds from which to enjoy the views. Also lawns and woodland walks to explore.
- ! A coffee shop with drinks and snacks at the main entrance with indoor and outdoor seating.
- ! Also a café with a variety of hot and cold options. Hot food is served from 12 noon - 3 pm. The café also serves a range of cakes and cream teas. Indoor and outdoor seating. Or you may choose to take a picnic to enjoy in the grounds.
- ! A gift shop with a selection of plants for sale. There is an extensive second hand bookshop by the house. The coach has plenty of space for your purchases.

Accessibility

There are some areas of uneven terrain and some steps. Steps are marked on their map. In my opinion the steps can be avoided to access all key areas. Access to the ground floor of the house is on a slope and is wheelchair friendly.

The coach will take wheelchairs. Polesden Lacey has some wheelchairs and mobility scooters available and must be booked in advance so please let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to use one.

Departure details

The meeting point will be near the Trading Hut on Southbourne Gardens and the coach will leave at 9 am. Please **arrive by 8.55 am**. We should return to Eastcote by 5.30 pm, traffic permitting.

Costs

If you are a **National Trust member** you will not be required to pay an entrance fee and will only pay for the coach travel. You **will** be required to bring your National Trust card with you. If the membership card is forgotten you will need to pay the full entrance fee of £18 on the day.

- ! The cost for a person who is a National Trust member is **£32**.
- ! The cost for a person who does not have National Trust membership is **£50**.
- ! The Gardeners' World 2026 2-for-1 card can be used so two people gain entry for £18 and therefore the total cost for **two** is **£82** (£32 coach travel x 2 plus £18).

These costs include coach travel, the entrance fee and a tip for the driver.

How to sign up

If you would like to join the trip please complete the slip and send it to me with a cheque (payable to Eastcote Horticultural Society) for the total amount. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I would appreciate replies as soon as possible but before **5 September** as places need to be finalised and payment made in advance. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8866 1339.

Yours sincerely

Sue Alexander

Name:

Address:

Tel no:

Email:

Number of people in your party who are covered by **National Trust** membership
(£32 per person):-

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Number of people in the party who are **NOT** covered by National Trust membership
(£50 per person):-

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Number of people in the party who are covered by the Gardeners' World 2026
2-for-1 card (£82 **per couple**):-

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I enclose a cheque payable to Eastcote Horticultural Society for a total of £

Please return to Sue Alexander, 10 Crescent Gardens, Eastcote, Ruislip HA4 8TA
before 5 September