



KNOLE HOUSE, NR SEVENOAKS, WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE, 2024
Price £25 (NT Members) or £40.20 Non-NT members
Coach, Entry to Knole House with Past and Present tour
and entry to Lord Sackville's private garden

Knole is a country house and former archbishop's palace owned by the National Trust near Sevenoaks in Kent. It is in the top five of England's largest houses and dates back to the mid-15th century, with major additions in the 16th and early 17th centuries. Its grade I listing was given because of its central façade and state rooms and its mix of late-medieval to Stuart architecture. In 2019, an extensive conservation project, "Inspired by Knole", was completed to restore and develop the buildings and conserve its major collections. Knole House is set in a 1000 acre deer park.

We have booked tickets for the Past to Present Tour which will take place in the morning with an expert guide, where we will explore the historic courtyards and hear about some of the main characters who have helped create this magnificent treasure house. This is an **outside walking** tour which does not go into the showrooms.

In addition, your visit includes tickets to visit Lord Sackville's private garden at Knole which is only open a few days every year. It is a beautiful space, featuring sprawling lawns, a walled garden, an untamed wilderness area and a medieval orchard.

Additional highlights, to do independently, of your visit are:

Show rooms

Archbishop's palace, royal residence, and Sackville family home. Textiles, paintings and a world class collection of Royal Stuart furniture are exhibited there.

Gatehouse Tower

Spiral stairs leading to the private apartments of former resident, Eddy Sackville-West, with panoramic views from the tower rooftop.

The Royal Oak Foundation Conservation Studio

The major "Inspired by Knole" conservation project is sited in the magnificent medieval barn.

Parkland

Kent's last medieval deer park which is managed along with the Sackville family's Knole Estate.

There should be time for coffee/tea (not included) upon arrival and you can either buy lunch at the café or bring your picnic to eat in the beautiful grounds.

It will be a very full day if you try to do everything. We will leave at 4.30 pm.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 19th May 2024

Instructions – please read carefully

To join this trip please complete the form below and send with your cheque payable to Guildford Area U3A (and a SAE **ONLY** if you do not have an email address) to **Ann Elms, High Hedges, Send Barns Lane, Send, Woking, GU23 7BT**. Please ensure your email address and telephone numbers are completed to enable us to confirm whether there is a place available or to contact you with a query. We aim only to send postal confirmation if you do not have an email address. Please take great care to complete your pickup point and the names of all other parties booked by you. All trips are only available to fully paid-up Guildford U3A members (for insurance purposes) and membership numbers must be given. Refunds cannot be given unless a replacement can be found.

Contact if needed: Ann Elms, annelms1@hotmail.com, Landline: 01483 222913 or Mobile: 07710 746236.

Pick up points: **A** Shalford Railway Station bus shelter (near the Scout Hut) 9.00 am, **B** Nightingale Rd/London Rd bus shelter 9.10 am, **C** Elgin Gardens bus shelter (near Burchatts Farm) 9.15 am, **D** bus shelter opposite BP garage, Burpham 9.20 am. Please check any parking restrictions at your chosen pick-up point.

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| Name | | Home No. Mob No. | | Your Guildford U3A Membership No. | |
| Others booked by you on the visit | | | | Their Guildford U3A Membership No. | |
| Email address | | | | | |
| Postal address | | | | | |
| Date | Outing | Cost | No. of places | Cheque total | Coach pickup times |
| Wednesday, 19 th June 2024 | Knole House Price if member of N. Trust, (Bring your membership card) Price if non-NT member | £25 £40.20 | | | A 9.00 B 9.10 C 9.15 D 9.20 |