

Yorkshire's Great
**Houses,
Castles** *and*
Gardens

Press Release

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YORKSHIRE'S GREAT HOUSES, CASTLES & GARDENS AT THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW - A whole lot more going on in Yorkshire this summer

Yorkshire's Great Houses, Castles and Gardens will be exhibiting at the Great Yorkshire Show from Tuesday 12th July until Thursday 14th July. Come and see us in the Made in Yorkshire stand number 602, situated opposite the top entrance to the Food Hall on Sixth Avenue. Representing over 40 great days out ideas in the region, be inspired to visit some of the very best stately homes, historic castles and abbeys and wonderful award winning gardens the county has to offer.



With a full events programme in place throughout the summer why not step back into history and 'Get Georgian' at Fountains Abbey or take a active part in the 'Medieval Weekend' at Raby Castle? With an exclusive invitation to 'Meet the Ladies of Ripley' across the ages at Ripley Castle or 'Trayned Bandes', a military unit who will be setting up an encampment in the grounds at Skipton Castle during the English Civil War, the choice is yours. Why not enjoy 'A Midsummer Night's Dream with the UK's most acclaimed open-air touring theatre company at Bolton Castle for an evening of hilarity at the magical feast?

With festivals aplenty such as the 'Burton Agnes Jazz and Blues Festival' and 'Yorkshire's Greatest Living History Festival' at Sledmere House; exhibitions including 'Revolutionary Fashion 1790-1820' at Fairfax House and markets such as the 'Summer Market' at The Bowes Museum there is much to choose from. 'The Big Picnic' at Sewerby Hall and Gardens is sure to be a firm family favourite and if you prefer more intrigue and suspense why not try 'Clueless' at Temple Newsam? Pick up your detective notes at reception, find clues around the house and work out who dunnit. Is it Miss Crimson in the Drawing Room with the poker? You decide!

'The Great Garden Adventure' at RHS Garden Harlow Carr challenges you to take part in their great garden safari trail whilst The Walled Garden at Scampston is welcoming the Cambridge Touring Company for a production of 'Wind in the Willows Open Air Theatre Production'. With more re-enactments, produce shows, fairs and hidden summer secrets the variety of events being staged across Yorkshire's Great Houses, Castles and Gardens is truly spectacular.

Yorkshire boasts the highest concentration of stately homes, castles and gardens in England and this breadth of offer ensures that there are a whole host of ideas for great days out with something to suit everyone. Make sure you drop by at our stand at the Great Yorkshire Show, pick up a copy of our 2011 guide and plan your very own Yorkshire holiday itinerary. The guide features reviews, directions, opening times and is fully illustrated to help bring to life the wonderful, historic and breathtakingly beautiful attractions the region has to offer.

From gardens to castles, Bolton Castle, Raby Castle, Ripley Castle and Skipton Castle provide a real sense of occasion, grandeur and intrigue as you delve into times gone by. Added to this is a collection of stately homes to choose from ranging from Castle Howard and Harewood House to Burton Agnes Hall and Temple Newsam. With a wide range of wonderful gardens boasting an unrivalled variety of vistas, museums and abbeys there is a whole lot more going on this summer in Yorkshire.

For more information log onto www.castlesandgardens.co.uk.

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Notes to the Editor

1. Yorkshire's Great Houses, Castles and Gardens is a marketing consortium which brings together a collection of over 40 of the region's castles, stately homes, abbeys and gardens.
2. For more information log onto www.castlesandgardens.co.uk.
3. Images are available on request.

3. Yorkshire's Great Houses, Castles and Gardens is sponsored by Grand Central and supported by Welcome to Yorkshire.

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