

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

Press Release

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT YORKSHIRE'S GREAT HOUSES, CASTLES AND GARDENS

With buds a plenty there is no doubt that Spring has sprung at Yorkshire's Great Houses, Castles and Gardens, representing over 40 great days out in the region. With an unrivalled variety of vistas on offer across our wonderful gardens make sure you come and find out what's new this year at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show which is being held at the Great Yorkshire Showground from Thursday 14th April until Sunday 17th April 2011. Come and see us at the Horticultural Sundries Marquee, stand number S29 and be inspired to visit England's largest region and some of the very best stately homes, historic castles and abbeys and wonderful award winning gardens the county has to offer.

With 'The Walled Garden at Scampston' having won 'Best Small Visitor Attraction' at Welcome to Yorkshire's White Rose Awards and now a worthy finalist in the national Enjoy England Award for Excellence, Piet Oudolf's masterpiece is well worthy of a visit this year. 'The RHS Garden Harlow Carr' also achieved double success regionally winning both 'Large Visitor Attraction of the Year' and 'Sustainable Tourism Award'.

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 no less than 16 stately homes to choose from ranging from Castle Howard and Harewood House to Burton Agnes Hall and Temple Newsam. So why not make a full day of it and plan your visit to encompass not one but two, or even three of these wonderful properties.

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 pick up a copy of our new 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.

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.

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