

Lacock stars in Downton



Filming scenes from *Downton Abbey* in Lacock village

Look out for the village of Lacock, Wiltshire, on the big screen this autumn as it stars as Downton village in *Downton Abbey*. Lacock's picturesque streets and historic cottages were dressed with bunting and crowds to celebrate King George V and Queen Mary's visit to Downton. *Downton Abbey* will be in cinemas from 13 September.

Help for Marsden Moor



A team trying to beat out the fire on Marsden Moor

After a fire in April devastated 1,000 hectares of Marsden Moor in West Yorkshire, Trust rangers, volunteers and partners are taking the first steps to help the moorland and its wildlife recover. They estimate £500,000 is needed, and thanks to kind gifts more than £85,000 has already been raised. If you'd like to donate, please visit nationaltrust.org.uk/appeal/the-marsden-moor-appeal

Carving out history

Lambeth Council has awarded museum status to 575 Wandsworth Road, London. The modest terraced house was the home of Kenyan-born poet Khadambi Asalache, who spent 20 years decorating it with elaborate carvings. To protect the delicate collection, admission is by guided tour only. Tickets for 2020 go on sale from 1 February at nationaltrust.org.uk/575-wandsworth-road

A giant clean-up

Eight tyres, 29 sports balls and 1,231 plastic bottles made up just some of the 545kg of waste collected by Trust rangers and volunteers during this summer's litter-pick at the Giant's Causeway, County Antrim. With the help of local fishing and diving boats and Causeway Coaststeering group, litter-pickers were able to swim into the coastline's more remote bays, where rangers had noticed the rubbish building up.

Nature news



A common crane chick has hatched at Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire, for the first time since the Trust acquired the nature reserve in 1899. Rangers believe it to be the first such chick born there in over 500 years.



The Trust will create 68 traditional orchards across England and Wales by 2025. As well as helping conserve heritage fruit varieties, orchards are home to a variety of bees and other pollinators and insects.



Rare pine martens have been tempted back to Snowdonia's Dolmelynlyn forest after a century-long absence by a dab of jam and eggs. The Vincent Wildlife Trust and Trust rangers caught the martens tucking in on camera.

Stories from national trusts around the world



Catherine Leonard, Secretary-General of the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO)

The International National Trusts Organisation (INTO) was founded in 2007 to bring together heritage organisations from around the world to learn from each other, cooperate and innovate. My role as INTO's Secretary-General is to coordinate this work.

In March, the Bermuda National Trust hosted INTO's biennial conference. I joined the delegates from 40 organisations who gathered to consider issues on the theme 'arms wide open', including diversity, inclusion and equality.

The Bermuda National Trust welcomed us warmly, and we saw their work, which ranges from conserving the



Catherine (centre) at INTO's conference in March

Bermuda petrel, Bermuda's national bird, to using heritage sites to talk about race and slavery.

It struck me that although INTO member countries are all very different, many of the things that concern our organisations are the same. We all face the challenges of climate change, unsustainable development, species loss and reduced public funding. And we all seek to educate our young people, grow conservation skills, and ensure the heritage we look after reflects the communities we serve. into.org



WORKING TOGETHER WITH...

the Forestry Commission



Mixed woodland at Ennerdale in Cumbria



Sir Harry Studholme is Chair of the Forestry Commission

This year we're celebrating 100 years since the creation of the Forestry Commission in 1919.

The Forestry Commission has a shared history with the National Trust. An exhibition at Killerton, Devon, tells the story of one of its owners, Sir Francis Acland. He chaired the committee that recommended the creation of a forestry commission to create a strategic reserve of timber in the wake of the First World War.

Over the past century, the Forestry Commission and the Trust have both played a part in doubling forest cover in England. We have worked in partnership for many years, including through the Wild Ennerdale project in the Lake District. We are also both part of crucial collaborations such as Observatree, which acts as an early warning system for tree health, and Action Oak, which aims to safeguard the UK's oak trees.

Looking forward to the next 100 years, our countryside will face complex challenges, from a post-Brexit rural economy to climate change and tree disease. As two of the largest landowners in England, the Trust and Forestry Commission have huge roles to play in protecting and, where possible, enhancing our landscapes, wildlife habitats and rural economies.

We look forward to working with the Trust to create a healthy English countryside for future generations. Forestryengland.uk/100

From the Director-General

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When I was a girl, I spent my summers roaming the fields near my home in Northern Ireland with my dog, searching for the birds' nests and frogspawn that delighted me so much. My early years were shaped by being the 'wee late one' in our family, so by the time I was old enough to be out on my own, my older siblings had moved on to more exciting pastures. I was left to entertain myself in the great outdoors, which became my refuge from the world.

Once that connection to nature takes root, I don't think it ever leaves us. Whether it's on our own doorstep or visiting somewhere further afield, it has never been more important to give children the same opportunities my generation had.

This autumn, we're focusing on some of the most important places in our care – our woodlands (see page 20). The Trust's co-founder Octavia Hill said that every tree had 'its own individual story'. At Croft Castle in Herefordshire, our Spanish chestnut trees are believed to have grown from nuts salvaged from captured Spanish Armada boats more than 400 years ago. Meanwhile, the famous Ankerwycke Yew near Runnymede in Surrey is said to be more than 2,000 years old – the oldest in Trust care – and even possibly where Henry VIII courted Anne Boleyn.

Each one of the millions of trees we look after across England, Wales and Northern

Ireland is amazing, not just for the stories it holds, but also for the important part it plays in tackling climate change.

One hundred years ago Parliament passed the Forestry Act, creating the Forestry Commission to increase woodland cover (see column opposite). The Government's 25 Year Environment Plan commits to increasing tree cover in England from 10 per cent to 12 per cent by 2060, which means planting some 180,000 hectares of woodland. The Trust is determined to play our part, and with your help we are raising funds to increase our woodlands. A donation of just £5 will enable us to plant one tree. For more information see nationaltrust.org.uk/woodlands-appeal

Planting more trees is one of the simplest tools in our arsenal and it's a win-win for both people and nature. It's something we can all get involved in, for the benefit of future generations. Let's make sure they too can experience the wonder of roaming through woodlands on their doorstep.

Hilary McGrady
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Above left Hilary joins families enjoying a nature trail at Croome, Worcestershire.

Above right Students planting trees on Yockenthwaite Moor in North Yorkshire.