

# DESTINATION HARROGATE

## **NEWS RELEASE: Harrogate district, the pawfect place to please your pooch, on International Dog Day and at any time**

### **From gorgeous gardens to glorious open countryside...**

As we celebrate International Dog Day and with the summer holidays drawing to a close, Visit Harrogate is highlighting the amazing gardens and outdoor spaces of the Harrogate district where dogs can enjoy a totally pawsome day out (along with their humans, of course). Together with the famous Stray and historical Valley Gardens of Harrogate; picturesque Nidderdale, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; the wonderful parks, gardens and outdoor spaces of Boroughbridge, Knaresborough, Masham and Ripon; there are beautiful formal gardens within the Harrogate district that also welcome dogs who are visiting with their owners. So four legged visitors can share the joy of visiting the Harrogate district to see how our gardens grow.

This summer, Rocky the Yorkshire Aussie, a rising Instagram star who likes to get out and about across God's Own Country, visited **Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden** near Ripon. Here, dogs and their owners can soak up some spectacular views whilst discovering the incredible outdoor spaces and historical architecture of a World Heritage Site that incorporates the UK's largest monastic ruin and a 19<sup>th</sup> century water garden. Follow @visitharrogate on Instagram to see Rocky's story highlights.

The **Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park** at Grewelthorpe, between Ripon and Masham, also welcomes dogs. This unique landscape features more than 85 contemporary sculptures set within 45 acres of breath-taking gardens inspired by the Himalayas. With beautiful woodland to trot through, stunning ornamental lakes to admire and an impressive collection of colourful plants and flowers to stimulate sensitive noses, it's a wonderful place for walkies.

At beautiful **Beningbrough Hall**, a stately home situated between Boroughbridge and York, dogs are welcome to explore many garden areas including the the ha-ha walk, pergola, south lawn, east and west formal gardens, double and south borders and the American garden. They can also enjoy a stroll along the parkland paths, a nosey inside the shop (with owner) and a visit to the brewhouse (where good doggies might even be treated to an ice cream).

Alongside a fantastic variety of gardens, parks and countryside that are perfect to explore with dogs, the Harrogate district also offers plenty of dog-friendly accommodation options, places to eat where dogs can join diners and other exciting attractions where dogs are welcome too. Making it the ultimate place to visit - on two legs or four.

Find out more: [Dog Friendly - Visit Harrogate](#)

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### **Notes to Editors**

#### **About Harrogate District Gardens**

Alongside the fabulous public parks, gardens and outdoor spaces of the Harrogate district, Visit Harrogate's 2022 Gardens Campaign, "[See How Our Gardens Grow](#)", promotes [Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens](#) ; [Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden](#); [Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park](#) ; [Kitchen Garden, Rudding Park](#) ; [Newby Hall & Gardens](#) and [RHS Garden Harlow Carr](#).

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## **About Visit Harrogate**

Visit Harrogate is the consumer brand of Destination Harrogate, the Destination Management Organisation (DMO) for Harrogate district, responsible for instigating and leading on the delivery of the Destination Management Plan for 2022 through to the end of 2025. In collaboration with its partners, the DMP showcases what's wonderful, exciting and appealing about Harrogate district to attract more visitors, events and investment to the area, to create a strong local economy for residents and businesses.

The DMO incorporates Visit Harrogate, Events Harrogate and Culture Harrogate, working in partnership with Invest Harrogate, which is responsible for delivery of HBC's inward investment plan to support economic growth in the district. The DMP supports the ambitions of the district Economic Growth Strategy (2017 – 2035), Local Plan (2014 – 2035), and 2024 Transformation Programme.