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NEWS RELEASE: Harrogate district's outdoor spaces stimulate the senses this summer

Stimulate your senses in the outstanding outdoor spaces and horticultural hidden gems of the Harrogate district

The fabulous gardens and outdoor spaces of the Harrogate district are in full bloom and offering visitors a wonderful opportunity to soak up the splendour of summer with carpets of colour, fragrant florals and shady spots to cool off from the heat, whilst enjoying the beauty and tranquillity of horticulture at its best.

Experience something magical outdoors this summer as you're treated to sensory delights through music, art and dramatic performances in the gardens of the Harrogate district – and enjoy a spectacular sensory show from Mother Nature herself.

Revel in the wild sensory indulgence of **Nidderdale, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** in August as it bursts into colour with purple heather hues, buzzing bees and the sweet scent of the heather that sweeps across the moors throughout the month. This enchanting experience, which Instagrammers fall in love with every year, is not to be missed.

Meanwhile the carefully manicured beds, bountiful borders, delightful floral displays, woodland walks and walled gardens of the Harrogate district's exquisite formal gardens and stately homes are enhanced through an exciting programme of summer events to captivate visitors from near and afar.

Stimulate your senses at **RHS Garden Harlow Carr** as you take in the beautiful summer surroundings of the garden with a backdrop of live music, every Sunday afternoon throughout August. At the Bath House Gallery, view 'Lakes, Dales and Moors' and inspire your inner artist as you discover the very best British contemporary artists and makers. Love open-air theatre? Enjoy an unusual take on 'The War of the Worlds' from the critically-acclaimed Pantaloons, who invade the stage in a funny yet faithful new open-air adaptation at the end of the month.

Newby Hall near Ripon also plays host to dramatic performance this month with Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' performed in the outdoor theatre by the Lord Chamberlain's Men. A pyrotechnical extravaganza wraps up summer in style at the end of the month with the return of the Firework Championships. Teams compete to create stunning firework displays choreographed to music, with the winner decided by audience votes on the night. A fireworks finale will round off what promises to be a fantastic night of music and light. Bring a picnic along and meet up with friends and family.

See how our gardens grow in the Harrogate district, with unique experiences to discover and new itineraries to explore. Find out more at the Visit Harrogate website: [Love Gardens - Visit Harrogate](#)

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NOTES TO EDITORS

More information about events at RHS Garden Harlow Carr

Summer Music Sundays take place every Sunday in August from 1pm-4pm. Lakes, Dales & Moors at the Bath House Gallery runs until 11th September. No booking required, normal garden admission applies. Tickets for The Pantaloons' production of 'The War Of The Worlds' on 28th August can be booked via the [RHS Garden Harlow Carr website](#).

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More information about events at Newby Hall & Gardens

Tickets for 'As You Like It' on 19th August and the Fireworks Championship on 27th August can be booked via the [Newby Hall & Gardens website](#).

More information about Nidderdale AONB

[Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(AONB\)](#) is a national protected landscape located between Wharfedale and Harrogate, forming the south eastern part of the Yorkshire Dales and offering some of the most beautiful countryside that Yorkshire has to offer.

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 the following gardens and garden experiences:

[Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens](#)

[Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden](#)

[Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park](#)

[Kitchen Garden, Rudding Park](#)

[Newby Hall & Gardens](#)

[RHS Garden Harlow Carr](#)

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.