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World Heritage Site Plan Update Newsletter

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Why is Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal special to you?

Welcome to the second edition of the Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal World Heritage Site Plan update newsletter. Throughout May we asked our visitors, volunteers, staff and local people to tell us their views on all aspects of the site to help us update our management plan. In this issue you can:

- find out about our priority management and conservation themes that have emerged over the past few months of consultation and research
- take a look at the results from the World Heritage Site questionnaire and read about why the site is a special place to you and others.

70% of people felt 'maintaining the peaceful beauty and tranquillity of the site' was a top priority for the future conservation and management of the World Heritage Site

83% knew Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal is a World Heritage Site



World Heritage Site Management Plan update

Key themes:



Key theme 1: The Future Restoration of the Garden and Parkland:

This theme will develop a long term vision for the World Heritage Site to inform our restoration plans. To ensure the Fountains estate continues to thrive, we need to consider in our planning the reasons both for its designation as a World Heritage Site and the reasons why the site is valued by all. An important part of this is to consider now what we need to do to ensure we can raise the funding to meet our conservation goals and visitor needs in the future.

Key theme 2: Engaging People:

This is about providing the best opportunities for everyone who comes to the site to get the most out of their visit.

We would like to enhance our facilities and service to ensure that everyone who comes to the site has a chance to learn something new, explore and enjoy a wide variety of experiences.

This includes asking ourselves how we reach out to those groups who do not normally visit us.



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Key themes continued...**



Key theme 3: Water & Climate

Change: Water is a central feature of the designed landscape. We aim to look at the quality and flow of the River Skell that feeds the magnificent ponds, canal and lake to help us to protect these features and to improve conditions for wildlife. This will help us adapt to challenges like the heavy rain we have recently experienced and the impacts of climate change, such as wetter winters and drier summers.

89 litres of water flow down the River Skell every second. That's over 85,000 full bath tubs in an average day.

Key theme 4: Environmental

Practices: We want to look at what we can do to improve our environmental practices on the site. It might be looking at the fuel for our garden machinery, the type of light bulbs we use or the recycling facilities we have. This will be carried out in the context of improved understanding and awareness of what changes we can adopt, to make a difference.

Each year the UK uses enough paper to cut down a forest the size of Wales.

Next Steps...

- Over the next few months we'll be looking at the information from the consultation in more detail.
- We will be planning how we can translate our priorities under each topic into an action plan to guide our work over the next six years.
- We will share this with you in the next newsletter.

