

# World Heritage Site Plan Update NEWSLETTER


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**Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal World Heritage Site Newsletter.**

This year, The National Trust and English Heritage are updating the World Heritage Site Plan. There will be three World Heritage Site Plan newsletters to let you know what is happening. Here are the basics...

- All World Heritage Sites should have a management plan which explains their significance and guides their management and conservation
- Our current plan runs out at the end of 2007
- Our updated World Heritage Site Plan will run between 2008 and 2013

We need your help! Your ideas and views will help us to prioritise our management and conservation decisions over the next six years to 2013. Read on about how you can take part by completing the World Heritage Site Plan questionnaire and help us to better understand this fantastic site.

830 World Heritage Sites	644 are cultural heritage sites	162 are natural heritage sites	24 are mixed sites	1986 Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal became a World Heritage Site
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## World Heritage Site Plan Questionnaire

Help us to update the Site Management Plan by completing the questionnaire sent out with this newsletter. Take part by telling us your views about the future conservation of the site and why you love Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal. We value your contribution and will feed-back on what we've been told in the next issue of this newsletter. Complete the questionnaire and send it back to us by 11 May!

### How are we updating the Plan?

By asking local people, staff, our partners, volunteers and visitors for their views, we can:

- review progress on the 2001 to 2007 World Heritage Site action plan
- ensure our facts and figures are up to date
- agree priorities for the next six years of management and conservation of the estate
- better understand why the site is valued.



### Did you Know?

Fountains has 8 species of bat  
313,000 people visited the site in 2006  
8 services are held in the Abbey each year

### What makes Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal special to you?



It could be....

- Peace and quiet
- Bird watching
- Being a volunteer
- Enjoying a walk

Tell us today in the questionnaire! This will help us update our Statement of Significance—the document that sums up all the reasons why this site is valued.

## Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal 2001-2007

**Between 2001 - 2007 we have...**

- Introduced Heritage Skills weekends to raise awareness of conservation and encourage people to take up traditional heritage skills
- Implemented new interpretation for visitors including; information leaflets, more children's trails and guided tours
- Continued our vital conservation work on the Abbey and monastic ruins
- Developed our understanding of the designed landscape and invested in the conservation of the garden and parkland
- Managed the parkland to SSSI standards
- Made a commitment to our staff and volunteers by encouraging training in relevant skills
- Widened our appeal to our visitors by improving and expanding our facilities, such as developing a new play area for children
- Developed our support of local producers by sourcing products from Yorkshire to sell in the restaurant, tea room and the shop

**Tell us what we've done well and what we can do better by completing the questionnaire today and returning it to us by 11 May!**



	Spring	Summer	Winter
Plan Update Timeline 2007 - 2008	1st World Heritage Site Newsletter issued: Questionnaire circulated.	2nd Newsletter Issued: What is significant to you about Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal?	3rd Newsletter issued: Completion and launch of the updated plan for 2008 to 2013.

## World Heritage Sites: Key Facts...

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) designates World Heritage Sites
- All World Heritage Sites sign up to the '1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage'
- 'Masterpiece of human creative genius' and representing a 'Significant stage in human history': the reasons why Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal was designated a World Heritage Site.
- Visit <http://whc.unesco.org> for further information on World Heritage Sites



'The Wonder of the North' is how the site was described in 1732

300 people volunteer here!

'Timeless and Magical' is how the site was described in the last plan

We had 13,000 school visits in 2006

The monks were all Vegetarian

'Get Medieval', 'Felt making', 'It's a Monk's Life'; three of the many ways to enjoy this amazing site!

### Further Information

This newsletter is available in large print, contact Dawn Jackson on 01765 608888.

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