

***Houghton Lodge*** is a Grade II\* listed Cottage Orné, surrounded by mature trees and lawns sweeping down to the banks of the famous River Test and is arguably one of the most beautiful privately owned homes and gardens in Hampshire. <https://houghtonlodge.co.uk>

Houghton Lodge and Gardens is the ideal place to visit, whether your passion lies with Historic houses or beautiful gardens - or both. Groups are invited to visit this enchanting house. Learn about the history of cottage orné, this beautiful genre of architecture and landscape design, of which Houghton Lodge is the best surviving example in England. Behind the doors you will see the beauty of the exquisite rooms, and listen to the stories and history that have been part of this house since it was built in 1790.

The gardens are both to be enjoyed for the ever-changing new planting and boasts vast espalier fruit-trees enclosed by historical chalk-cob walls in the quintessential kitchen walled garden. On leaving this part of the garden, the scents and colours of the magnificent 300ft herbaceous border are an impressive sight indeed. Ambling down to the Test, visitors can engage with our ever-friendly Alpacas, Tom, Dick, Harry and Herbert. On approaching the wooden bridge, visitors need to be wary of our resident Topiary dragon who enjoys puffing his welcome. A gentle walk up to house gives the visitor a wonderful opportunity to take in the marvellous views. Nearby, the woodland walk offers an enchanting mix of the quiet and scents of ancient times. Before returning to the walled garden, see the splendour of the semi-formal box-hedging that makes up the stunning peacock topiary garden.

## **Lymington and District Historical Society Summer Outing**

**Wednesday 19 June 2019**

The coach will leave Marks and Spencer car park, Lymington at 9.45a.m. for the journey to Houghton Lodge, near Stockbridge. This should take around an hour.

Our visit begins with coffee and homemade shortbread biscuits.

One half of the group will begin with a tour of the house, while the other half enjoys the gardens.

After a delicious lunch, which is included in the cost, the two groups are reversed.

We leave for home at 3.30p.m.

- Cost: £44 per person, which includes the coach, the entrance fee and house tour, coffee and biscuits and lunch
- Lunch includes sandwiches, homemade mini pork pie and scotch egg, fruit, tea or coffee.
- Let me know if you do not want to include lunch.

Please complete the form below

and post with a cheque for £44 per person payable to

***Lymington and District Historical Society***

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## Houghton Lodge 19 June 2019

FULL NAME

NUMBER OF TICKETS

PHONE NUMBER

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NAMES OF OTHERS IN YOUR PARTY

I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE FOR £