

**THE ARTS SOCIETY WORCESTER**

**A VISIT TO HILL CLOSE GARDENS TRUST**  
**and CHARLECOTE PARK**

**THURSDAY, 20th September 2018**



We visit 16-hedged Victorian gardens, with listed brick summerhouses. They were built by tradespeople to escape the pollution and congestion of the city. We will be given a short talk with refreshments on arrival before we explore the gardens, which contain extensive herbaceous borders, glasshouses for tender plants, fruit and vegetable. We leave to travel 15 to 20 minutes to Charlecote Park in time to obtain lunch or you can take a picnic in the grounds. Charlecote has been the home of the Lucy family for over 800 years. The current house was extensively remodelled in the Victorian period by Mary Elizabeth Lucy and presented today as seen then. Elizabeth 1st stayed, Shakespeare is reputed to have been poaching in the park. Today it presents a picture of peace and repose protected by the rivers Dene and Avon



**Cost per person: £25.00 or £35 for non National Trust**

To include: coach travel, entrances, morning refreshments and gratuities

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## PICK UP POINT:

**9.30 am for 9.40am departure** from the Park & Ride, Sixways, Warrior Way, Worcester, WR3 8ZE  
(Cost of parking may be £2.20 per day – please check as it is no longer a P&R).

## SIXWAYS DIRECTIONS:

From the M5 Motorway, Junction 6, signposted A4538 – follow P&R signs.  
From Kidderminster towards the M5 Motorway, Junction 6 – follow P&R signs.

We depart at 9.40am for the Trust Gardens where we will have coffee and cake while listening to an introductory talk followed by a tour of the gardens. We leave at 12.50 for Charlecote where lunch can be bought or a picnic eaten in the grounds. There are free flow tours round the house, and extensive Parkland to walk in.

We depart at 4.15pm for Worcester estimated time of arrival 5.30pm

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Please return the booking form no later than **5<sup>th</sup> September 2018** to:

**Visits Secretary, Rebecca Dale, Thorneloe, 14 Stephenson Road, Worcester WR1 3JE.**

Tel: 01905 23633

Email: thorneloe@hotmail.com

Name/s .....

Tel No/s ..... Mob No/s .....

Email .....

**NB:** the Art Society requires a contact is nominated in case of an emergency:

Name ..... Tel No .....

Total number of tickets @ £25 required .....

Non National Trust @ £35.....

Cheque made payable to The Art Society Worcester enclosed £ .....

Forms will not be acknowledged, except if there is a problem.

A reminder will be sent two weeks before the visit.