

Garden group visit to Seaton Delaval Hall and Gardens on Wednesday, 3rd August, 2022.

The fourth visit of the garden outings group is to Seaton Delaval including a short visit to Whitley Bay.

Sir John Vanbrugh was the architect who created Seaton Delaval Hall which was designed to show off the wealth and status of the notorious Delaval family who used it as their playground. The property is now owned by the National Trust and it is undergoing an extensive programme of restoration.

The gardens consist of a formal 'italianized' garden which is said to be beautiful all the year-round. At different times of the year it bursts with colour from tulips, azaleas, lavender, and fuchsia.

There is also weeping ash tree said to be planted in the 1720's when the hall was built. Also a rose garden installed in the 1920's which still has the original box hedging. The rose garden is said to be full of colour and scent from mid-spring to late autumn.

Just off the main car park at Seaton Delaval Hall sits the Community Kitchen Gardens. Working with the local community, the Community Kitchen Gardens have 28 allotment plots for 16 different groups, as well as raised beds. featuring some out-of-the-ordinary fruit and vegetable varieties.

The cost of the outing is £15 (£7 for the bus and £8 for entrance into the hall and gardens) National Trust members can get in for free if they produce their membership card. Refreshments are available within the hall and gardens.

