

VISIT TO HOWICK HALL AND GARDENS NEAR ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2023

The first visit of the Garden Outings Group this year is to Howick Hall and Gardens. The group visited Howick about five years ago and had a wonderful day out so we thought we would return to see how the gardens have progressed.

The gardens at Howick are primarily the work of the 5th Earl Grey, his wife Mabel, and their daughter Lady Mary Howick between 1920 and 2001. They established and maintained an informal and natural style of garden first advocated by William Robinson in the late 19th century which completely replaced the more formal Victoria garden of their ancestors. The gardens are best known for their spring bulbs and the woodland garden; there are summer borders and a rockery with summer plants and a new woodland walk through the arboretum. A wild bog garden around the pond is at its peak in high composed of plants grown from wild seed collecting expeditions. If volunteers are available walking tours of the gardens will be arranged.

During the visit there will be an opportunity to take a look at the small parish church within the grounds of the Hall and to listen to a short talk about the kneelers in the church. Some rooms in the Hall are open for visitors and the tea rooms are open for refreshments.

**The cost of the outing is £17 including a short de-tour to Craster!
Priority has been given to Garden Group members, however, there
are seats still available – names and money to be taken at the
monthly meeting on the 26th April.**