



Sunday 11th March 2018
Lowther Castle – Penrith, CA10 2HH

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Lowther Castle is approx 9 miles from Junction 39 of M6

Details are to be finalised, please check again soon

As part of the restoration of the 130 acre gardens, the Trust arranged the volunteer planting of some 100,000 daffodils in 2012, and with luck, these will be in bloom when we go....

<http://www.lowther.co.uk/index.php/castle-a-gardens> or

info@lowthercastle.org

NB – It is essential you let Adrian / Alicia know you intend to go.
If numbers are not sufficient the event may be cancelled



At the top of the park stand the imposing remains of Lowther Castle and its hidden Gardens. The 130 acres of gardens and grounds were opened to visitors once in 1938 but after being used to test a secret tank weapon during the Second World War, the place was dismantled and abandoned. Now the castle, its massive stables, gardens and over 140 acres of parkland are once again being brought to life.

Work began in April 2011 after the castle and gardens were leased to the independent charity, the Lowther Castle & Gardens Trust on a project supported by the Northwest Regional Development Agency, the European Regional Development fund and the Lowther Estate Trust.

The planned works will stabilise the castle, reveal the shapes and structures of the 17th century gardens and the overlying Edwardian gardens and create a high-quality visitor centre, education facilities and the Lowther Gallery and are currently well underway.

The 70 years of deterioration in the stable courtyard has been reversed and now includes a café, loos and a meeting room. There is also a gift shop which is now open.

The gardens are now open to the public and are constantly changing as the gardeners reveal much of the lost history and continue to reclaim them. There is also plenty of wildlife which is actively being encouraged, ensuring the creatures that were there before the work started don't move out and newcomers have now started to move in - from red squirrels, badgers and deer to many birds (including a heronry) and the rare Crested Newts.

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