

## National Trust Press Release

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### Get that festive feeling with the National Trust in Cornwall this Christmas

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall)

Across Cornwall, National Trust places are full of warmth, magic and sparkle as the festive season approaches. Wrap up and embrace the chilly days with a family walk around a country estate, or get into the Christmas spirit with carols, open fires and mince pies. There's lots on offer this season, from a 60-foot Christmas garland to Father Christmas stopping by and festive family trails to wreath making workshops.

What's more, every time you experience a National Trust day out, you help care for these special places for future generations.

Here is what's happening near you this season, please check property website for opening days and times, especially over the Christmas period:

#### Cotehele

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/cotehele](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/cotehele)

#### **Christmas at Cotehele: Creating the Garland**

***Daily to 17 Nov. 10.30am – 4pm***

Take a look behind the scenes as our team of gardeners create this year's garland. Meet the gardeners as they start to insert over 30,000 dried flowers into the pittosporum to create this year's garland. For everyone's safety there might be times throughout the day where the Hall might be closed to visitors to allow scaffolding and other equipment to be moved.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

#### **Festive Wet Felting workshop**

***Wed 15 Nov. 10.30am – 2pm***

Local teacher and artist, Penny Maddever is offering a half-day course in conjunction with the Bull Pen Gallery at Cotehele to learn to create something wonderful using natural materials. Living in the beautiful Lynher valley, Penny was inspired by her surroundings and her husband's sheep to start Creative Crafts, celebrating all things wool. Penny has elevated wet felting to an art form. Layering different colours and yarn textures, Penny creates beautiful, intricate images that reflect the beauty of the surrounding countryside and coastline using local fleeces. The workshop price includes all materials, tea, coffee and biscuits.

**Price:** £45. Booking essential 0344 249 1895 or via the website.

#### **Christmas at Cotehele: Christmas Garland within the Great Hall**

***Daily, Sat 18 Nov to Sun 7 Jan (closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day). 10.30am – 4pm***

For over 65 years our garden team have continued the tradition to create a 60-ft long Christmas garland using thousands of flowers grown on the estate. Celebrate the festive season with a trip to Cotehele to see the annual Christmas Garland within the Great Hall.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

#### **Christmas at Cotehele Mill: A Family Christmas**

***Weekends, Sat 18 Nov to Sun 10 Dec, Daily from Sat 16 Dec – Mon 1 Jan (closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day), 11am-3.30pm***

Follow the festive lights along the stream to discover Cotehele Mill dressed for a Victorian family Christmas and see how the Langsford family celebrated the festive period whilst living and working there.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

### **Let's Wassail at Cotehele**

**Sat 23 Dec, 11am start**

Come join us at our annual wassail as we scare away the evil spirits from the orchard to ensure a bumper crop next year. Fancy dress highly encouraged – don't forget to bring along something noisy too!

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

### **Godolphin**

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/godolphin](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/godolphin)

#### **Visit the house at Godolphin**

**Daily Sat 4 – Thu 9 Nov and weekends in Dec (up to 17 Dec). 10.30am – 4pm**

Venture into Godolphin House and discover more about one of Cornwall's most spectacular homes, those who inhabited it and the history of this great mining site.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

#### **Trust10**

**Sun 26 Nov. 8.30 – 11am**

Join a fun, free and friendly trail run around the beautiful Godolphin estate. Two loops of 5km with stunning views throughout. Post run refreshments and cake available from the tea-room.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

#### **A Short guided walk through a mining landscape**

**Every Tue, Fri & Sat in Nov & Dec. 1.30 – 2.15pm**

Join us on a short walk through a mining landscape, guided by one of our volunteers who will highlight key features and tell stories of Godolphin woods, which are not to be missed.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

#### **Christmas House Experience**

**Weekends in Dec (up to 17 Dec). 10am – 4pm**

Plan a festive visit to Godolphin this Christmas. With the house and colonnades decorated for Christmas as well as winter walks on the estate, Godolphin is a great place to visit with family over the festive period.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

#### **Wreath workshop**

**Mon 4 & Mon 11 Dec. 11am – 3pm / Tue 5 & Tue 12 Dec. 10am – 2pm**

Get into the Christmas spirit with wreath making workshops in Godolphin House and see it decorated in its Christmas finery. Our expert florist will teach you how to make a traditional wreath for your front door, using fresh and natural foliage. The cost includes tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies and exclusive access to the historic house.

**Price:** £55. Booking essential 0344 249 1895 or via the website.

#### **Christmas at Godolphin – candle making workshop**

**Thu 7 & Thu 14 Dec. 10.30am – 12.30pm & 1 – 3pm**

Come and join our resident bee keeper in making bees wax candles using wax harvested from her hives and take away your festive creations. Watch her demonstration on making other bees wax products that you can make at home. Price includes tea and coffee and access to the rest of the site.

**Price:** £25. Booking essential 0344 249 1895 or via the website.

### **Mid & South East Cornwall**

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/carne-and-pendower](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/carne-and-pendower)

#### **Pendower community beach cleans**

**Mon 4 Dec. 2 – 3.30pm**

Soak in fantastic views and fresh air whilst helping to keep this beautiful beach clean. Gloves, bags and litter-pickers provided. Just bring your enthusiasm to help out for an hour or so. Please also feel free to bring your own gloves if you'd like.

**Price:** Free. Booking not required.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/the-dodman](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/the-dodman)

### **Hemmick beach cleans**

**Sat 4 Nov & Sat 2 Dec. 10 – 11am**

Can you spare an hour or so to help us keep Hemmick beach looking beautiful, and safer for wildlife? Gloves, bags and litter pickers provided. Please also feel free to bring your own gloves if you'd like.

**Price:** Free. Booking not required.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/porth](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/porth)

### **Porthcurnick community beach cleans**

**Mon 4 Dec. 10 – 11am**

Soak in fantastic views and fresh sea air whilst helping to keep this beautiful beach clean. Gloves, bags and litter-pickers provided. Just bring your enthusiasm to help out for an hour or so. Please also feel free to bring your own gloves if you'd like.

**Price:** Free. Booking not required.

## **North Cornwall**

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/carnevas-at-bedruthan](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/carnevas-at-bedruthan)

### **Sun, stars and planets**

**Sat 18 Nov. 4 – 7.30pm**

Join Kernow Astronomers for an evening of gazing up into the sky using telescopes and benefiting from their expert knowledge. Arrive at Carnevas before sunset for a chance to look at the sun safely through telescopes before it sets, then take a closer look at the moon, stars and planets as they come into view. This Kernow Astronomers event is hosted by the National Trust. If the weather forecast is too overcast, the event will be moved to the Friday (day before) at the same time. Please check nearer the time.

**Price:** Free (parking charges apply for non National Trust members). Booking not required.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/pentire](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/pentire)

### **Christmas at Pentire**

**From 1 Dec – choirs Sun 10, Sat 16 & Sun 17 at 1pm.**

**Reindeer trail Fri 1 Dec – Sun 7 Jan.**

**Café and indoor seating open Fri – Sun (closed 22-24 Dec), & Wed 27 Dec – Sun 7 Jan from 10am-3pm**

Join us for some festive cheer at Pentire. There will be choirs performing, Mmke friends with our wooden reindeer on a trail and why not combine with a bracing coastal walk before enjoying a hot chocolate in front of the fire.

**Price:** Free (parking charges apply for non National Trust members). Booking not required.

## **Trelissick**

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trelissick](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trelissick)

### **An audience with Father Christmas**

**Sat 2, Sun 3, Sat 9, Sun 10, daily between Sat 16 & Sat 23. Various times – please check website**

Father Christmas will visit the stable yard this December with a special story of a Cornish Christmas at Trelissick. Once the storytelling is complete, he'll hand out a small gift at the end to each child.

**Price:** £6 Child / £2 Adult (normal admission applies). Booking essential 0344 249 1895 or via the website.

### **Relaxed session with Father Christmas**

**Sat 2, Sun 3, Sat 9, Sun 10, Sat 16 and Sun 17 Dec. 3.30 – 4pm**

This is an accessible session aimed at providing a more relaxed and calmer Father Christmas experience. With reduced noise levels and crowds, we hope to create a less stressful environment with Father Christmas.

The festive story of a Cornish Christmas at Trelissick will last approximately 20-30 minutes with time at the end to receive a small gift from Father Christmas. A limited number of ear defenders and

sensory aids will be available for use in the quiet sessions on the day and an access statement is available from our website.

**Price:** £6 Child / £2 Adult (normal admission applies). Booking essential 0344 249 1895 or via the website.

### **Christmas craft fair at Trelissick**

**Daily Sat 2 – Tue 5 Dec. 10am – 4pm**

Pick up that perfect Christmas gift from the Trelissick craft fair, with a variety of gifts handmade by National Trust staff and volunteers running from 2 - 5 December.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

### **RevoLOOtion at Trelissick**

**Sun 3 Dec. 9.30am - 4pm**

On Sunday 3 December, 9.30am to 4pm, a RevoLOOtion van will be at Trelissick. The RevoLOOtion features an electric hoist, an adult-sized changing bench as well as a toilet and wash basin. This is a service designed to ensure people with disabilities and their families can enjoy Christmas at Trelissick without worrying about facilities.

The mobile toilet with hoist and changing table will be on site for this event. Please bring your own sling if you wish to use the hoist – [www.revolootion.org.uk](http://www.revolootion.org.uk)

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

### **Christmas in the house at Trelissick**

**Daily Sat 2 – Sun 31 Dec (closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day). 11am - 4pm**

The house at Trelissick is not your typical country house visit and the ground floor rooms host a modest collection. The south facing rooms are open as a place to sit and take in the view with refreshments from the house tearoom and at Christmas some of the festive treats to enjoy will include mince pies, Christmas cake, Cornish ginger fairings as well as warming soups and hot spiced apple juice.

Anna Sawle (Wedding Flowers in Cornwall) will return to create the beautiful displays and arrangements in the house, including the dining table laid for a festive feast in the West Library. She'll be taking inspiration from Cornish heritage as well as the traditional Cornish tartan and hunting tartan in her displays that will complement the rooms and collection while maintaining a festive Christmas atmosphere.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

### **Storytelling: Christmas in Cornwall with author Craig Green**

**Mon 18 Dec. 11.30 - 11.45am & 2.30 - 2.45pm**

"It's Christmas Eve and Cornwall is blanketed by heavy snow. Two little girls are eagerly awaiting Christmas while out to sea their fisherman father needs some very special extra help."

Join local author Craig Green under the tipi as he tells his story 'Christmas in Cornwall' this Christmas at Trelissick.

The tipi is sheltered from the winter weather but can still get quite chilly so please wrap up warm when attending. There'll be benches to sit on during the storytelling sessions.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

## **Trengwainton**

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trengwainton-garden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trengwainton-garden)

### **Trengwainton Christmas Lights**

**1 – 3 Dec, 8 – 10 Dec and 15 – 17 Dec. Timed entry slots every 15 minutes from 4.30 – 7pm**

Community is at the heart of our Lights festival, with lanterns made by local schools and local artists, led by Tough Dough CLC. Stroll through the walled gardens and orchard lit by these creative lanterns and hundreds of fairy lights. Make a Christmas wish by hanging a bauble on the wishing tree and gather your family and friends for a picture at the selfie station. Pop into the bookshop for some winter reading and to make a Christmas craft. Outdoor food vendors will be selling hot and cold drinks, cakes and savouries while the shop will be open for Christmas gifts and treats.

**Price:** Adult £7.50 / Child £3.75. Booking essential 0344 249 1895 or via the website.

## **Trerice**

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trerice](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trerice)

### **Christmas wreath making workshop**

**Sat 25 & Sun 26 Nov. 11am – 1pm & 2 – 4pm**

Get in the Christmas spirit and come along to a wreath making workshop at Trerice run by Juliette, one of our gardeners who is also a florist. You will learn how to make your own wreath to take home and hang on your door, with lots of Christmas themed decorations, from dried oranges, cinnamon, pine cones, foliage and ribbon. All materials will be provided.

**Price:** £40. Booking essential 0344 249 1895 or via the website.

### **Father Christmas at Trerice**

**Sat 2, Sun 3, Sat 9, Sun 10, daily 16 – 23 Dec. Various times – please check website**

This festive season, Father Christmas will be stopping by Trerice to share tales and traditions of Christmases past. Join him in the North Chamber, where you will find him in his familiar robes of red, for 30 minute sessions throughout the day. All children will go home with a small gift.

**Price:** £4.50 Child / £3.50 Adult (normal admission applies). Booking essential 0344 249 1895 or via the website.

### **Christmas choir performances**

**Sun 3, Sat 9, Sun 10, Sat 16, Sun 17, Tue 19, Thu 21 and Sat 23 Dec. Various times – please check website**

Get into the festive spirit and listen to a selection of choirs this December at Trerice. The Trerice volunteer choir will be returning to perform in the Great Hall, and we will also have four guest choirs to spread some Christmas cheer.

**Price:** Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

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### **Notes to editors**

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We care for more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 780 miles of coastline, 1 million collection items and 500 historic properties, gardens and nature reserves. In 2022/23 we received 24 million visitors to our pay for entry sites. The National Trust is for everyone - we were founded for the benefit of the whole nation, and our 5.7 million members, funders and donors, and tens of thousands of volunteers support our work to care for nature, beauty, history for everyone, for ever.

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