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Your guide to a blooming great day!

President's Welcome

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the **North of England Horticultural Society**, and as its President, to welcome you to the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show 2026 at the beautiful Newby Hall & Gardens.

Autumn is a season of abundance – a time to enjoy the fruits of the growing year and the changing colours of our gardens. It is a particular joy to gather once again to showcase the very best in horticulture, from spectacular floral displays and specialist plant societies to the remarkable variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers in our competitions.

This year is especially significant as we celebrate the **50th anniversary of the Autumn Flower Show** – five decades of bringing gardeners, growers and enthusiasts together.

We are delighted to mark this milestone at Newby Hall, with a show that reflects both the traditions and continuing creativity of our gardening community.



Matthew Wilson by Tessa Newmark Hudson

The Harrogate Flower Shows are proudly staged by the NEHS, a charity established in 1911 to promote and encourage horticulture across the North. All profits from our Spring and Autumn Shows are returned to the community, supporting local groups, societies and gardening projects so that the love of growing continues to flourish.

We are honoured to have **His Majesty King Charles III** as patron of the NEHS, a relationship that has continued since his patronage began in 2010.

Thank you for joining us and for supporting this wonderful tradition. I hope you enjoy exploring the Autumn Flower Show, discover something new and leave inspired to celebrate the changing season in your own garden.

Matthew Wilson
President, North of England Horticultural Society



Great Garden Giveaway

Don't forget - your show entry ticket also enters you into the **GREAT GARDEN GIVEAWAY** prize-draw!

The draw takes place daily at 1.30pm on the Grow! live stage, with some fantastic prizes up for grabs.

Check if you're a lucky winner at the **Information Point** or **online** by scanning the QR code before you leave the show!



Good luck!

A Golden Milestone

**CELEBRATING FIVE DECADES OF
FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND
GARDENING INSPIRATION**



In 1976, the North of England Horticultural Society (NEHS) staged the first Great Autumn Flower Show, beginning a tradition that has continued for five decades.

From the outset, the Show brought together specialist gardening societies, including the National Dahlia Society and National Chrysanthemum Society, alongside competitive classes for flowers, fruit and vegetables in a pioneering "show within a show" format. This unique combination of ornamental and edible horticulture remains at its heart today.



A SHOW ON THE MOVE

The Show began in Harrogate's Valley Gardens, moving to the Exhibition Halls in 1983 and the Great Yorkshire Showground in 1995.

The National Onion Championship, introduced in 1983, has produced numerous world record-breaking onions, while the Giant Vegetable Competition continues to amaze with its extraordinary scale.

In 2021, the Autumn Flower Show moved to Newby Hall & Gardens, bringing competitive horticulture together with one of Yorkshire's finest historic gardens. It has been the Shows home ever since.

LOOKING BACK, GROWING FORWARD

As we celebrate 50 years, we look back with pride at the generations of growers, exhibitors, societies, volunteers and visitors who have shaped the Show.

While much has changed, its original spirit remains: bringing together people who share a passion for horticulture and a love of growing.



Grand Floral Pavilion

PLANT NURSERIES & SPECIALIST PLANT SOCIETIES

Step into the **Grand Floral Pavilion** – a breathtaking showcase of horticultural excellence, stretching an impressive 160 metres from end to end.

Here, you'll be surrounded by first-class floral displays and captivating plant exhibits from some of the country's most talented specialist nurseries and plant societies. From rare and unusual specimens to timeless garden favourites, discover inspiring displays, expert knowledge and plants to admire and take home, in a celebration of beauty, skill and passion from across the gardening world.

Among the many delights, you'll find:

- **Plant Nurseries** - offering exceptional plants to take home
- **Specialist Plant Societies** - sharing expertise and inspiration
- **NAFAS Floral Art** - stunning arrangements by leading floral designers
- **Floral Art 'Have a Go' Workshops** - your chance to create something beautiful
- **Garden Advice Bureau** - expert tips for gardens of every size
- **Grow! Live Stage** - expert advice from leading horticulturists



Incredible Edible

EXPERIENCE THE PICK OF THE CROP - WITH GIANT VEG AND THE SEASON'S FINEST HARVEST ON DISPLAY!

The **Incredible Edible Marquee** is a showcase of exceptional fruit and vegetables and the skill behind their cultivation.

Here you'll find the **National Vegetable Society's Northern Championships**, showcasing dozens of categories of the very best vegetables in the country. Then it's time for the **2026 NEHS Giant Vegetable Competition**, from monumental marrows and colossal cabbages to pumpkins the size of boulders. Prepare to be amazed by some seriously supersized produce!



The much-loved **National Onion Championships** also returns, bringing with it plenty of 'eye-watering' specimens — and the tantalising question: will we see another world record this year?

The Northern Autumn Fruit Show celebrates the season's finest UK-grown orchard fruits and berries, with classes for all manner of fruit. Discover beautifully grown specimens and the sweet success of skilled growers.

Grain & Grandeur: The Harvest Ball

**STUNNING FLORAL ART INSTALLATIONS
WITHIN NEWBY HALL.**

Step inside Newby Hall's magnificent historic rooms and experience the beauty and abundance of the autumn harvest.

For 2026, acclaimed **floral designer Jonathan Moseley** and his team transform the principal rooms of Newby Hall into a spectacular **Harvest Ball**, inspired by golden fields, seasonal bounty and the grandeur of the English country house.

Lavish floral arrangements and imaginative installations combine seasonal flowers, grasses, grains, seed heads and natural harvest materials, with each room offering a new interpretation of the theme.

A celebration of flowers, harvest and grandeur, this immersive floral experience brings the magic of autumn indoors.



Discover Newby Hall & Gardens

**HISTORIC INTERIORS AND AWARD-WINNING GARDENS
TO EXPLORE.**



Entry to the show includes access to Newby Hall's award-winning gardens. Explore **15 distinct 'garden rooms'**, including the magnificent **172-metre double herbaceous border** – one of the longest in the country.

In autumn, the gardens take on a new character, with late-season colour, ripening fruit, seed heads and changing foliage providing plenty of inspiration for your own garden. Take time to explore the walled garden, woodland walks and beautifully planted borders as you discover the many different areas of this historic estate.

Feeling inspired? Meet the Newby Hall gardening team at the **Gardener's Hub** (opposite Music on the Terrace) for expert advice and free garden tours throughout the show.

Families will enjoy the **adventure playground, boating lake** and **miniature railway** – perfect for little explorers. And when you need a break, relax and recharge at **The Garden Restaurant**.

GROW Live

NURTURE YOUR GREEN THUMB WITH TIPS, TRICKS, AND INSPIRATION FOR EVERY GARDENER.

The GROW! Team features gardening supremo **Martin Fish**, plant expert **Helen Bainbridge**, and North Yorkshire plantswoman **Sarah Hopps**. A host of guest plant experts including **Lawrence Wright, Newby Hall's Head Gardener**, will also be on hand. They will provide growing advice and invaluable tips to help you maximize your garden's potential.

Meanwhile celebrity florist, **Jonathan Moseley**, will inspire as he shares how to create sensational autumn floral displays for the home.



TIME	FRI 18 SEPTEMBER	SAT 19 SEPTEMBER	SUN 20 SEPTEMBER
10.30AM	Sarah Hopps Autumn Glory in the Garden	Martin Fish Winter Container Care	Helen Bainbridge Colour from Autumn to Spring
11.30AM	Jonathan Moseley Overture to Autumn	Jonathan Moseley Overture to Autumn	Jonathan Moseley Overture to Autumn
12.30PM	Helen Bainbridge Colour from Autumn to Spring	Sarah Hopps Autumn Glory in the Garden	Martin Fish Winter Container Care
1.30PM	Q&A - with the gardening experts	Q&A - with the gardening experts	Q&A - with the gardening experts
2.30PM	Jonathan Moseley Overture to Autumn	Jonathan Moseley Overture to Autumn	Jonathan Moseley Overture to Autumn
3.30PM	Martin Fish Winter Container Care	Helen Bainbridge Colour from Autumn to Spring	Sarah Hopps Autumn Glory in the Garden

THE Secret GARDEN

A RETRO TASTE OF THE DECADE THAT STARTED IT ALL.

Top chef **Steph Moon** hosts a series of fun and engaging demonstrations, inspired by the 50 year anniversary of the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show, whilst top florist **Sarah Richardson of Leafy Couture** shares the nostalgia vibe with a very 1970's take on some creative floral designs!



TIME	FRI 18 SEPTEMBER	SAT 19 SEPTEMBER	SUN 20 SEPTEMBER
11.00am	Nostalgia 'aint what it used to be... Bringing a touch of today's tastes to classics from 50 years ago - from Florida Orange Cocktail to Classy Quiche Lorraine - not forgetting the fantastic Pineapple Hedgehog!		
12.00pm	Back to the Future Top chef Steph Moon shares centre stage with a new generation of talented young chefs - expect the unexpected as we welcome the future of exciting recipes!		
1.00pm	Dinner a deux - 70's style! Three courses, inspired and updated from a classic vintage hotel menu - from posh Prawn Cocktail to divine Steak Diane and not forgetting the perfect take on a Black Forest Gateau - maraschino cherry included!		
2.00pm	Retro Florals Join Leafy Couture's Sarah Richardson as we get inspired by retro florals in this celebration of creative floral art, 1970's style.		
3.00pm	A half century in food! Steph Moon brings us slap up to date with twists on the tastes and styles of nostalgic recipes - from fun with Fondue to a flaming good Crepes Suzette!		

Show Map

YOUR GUIDE TO FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE SHOW.

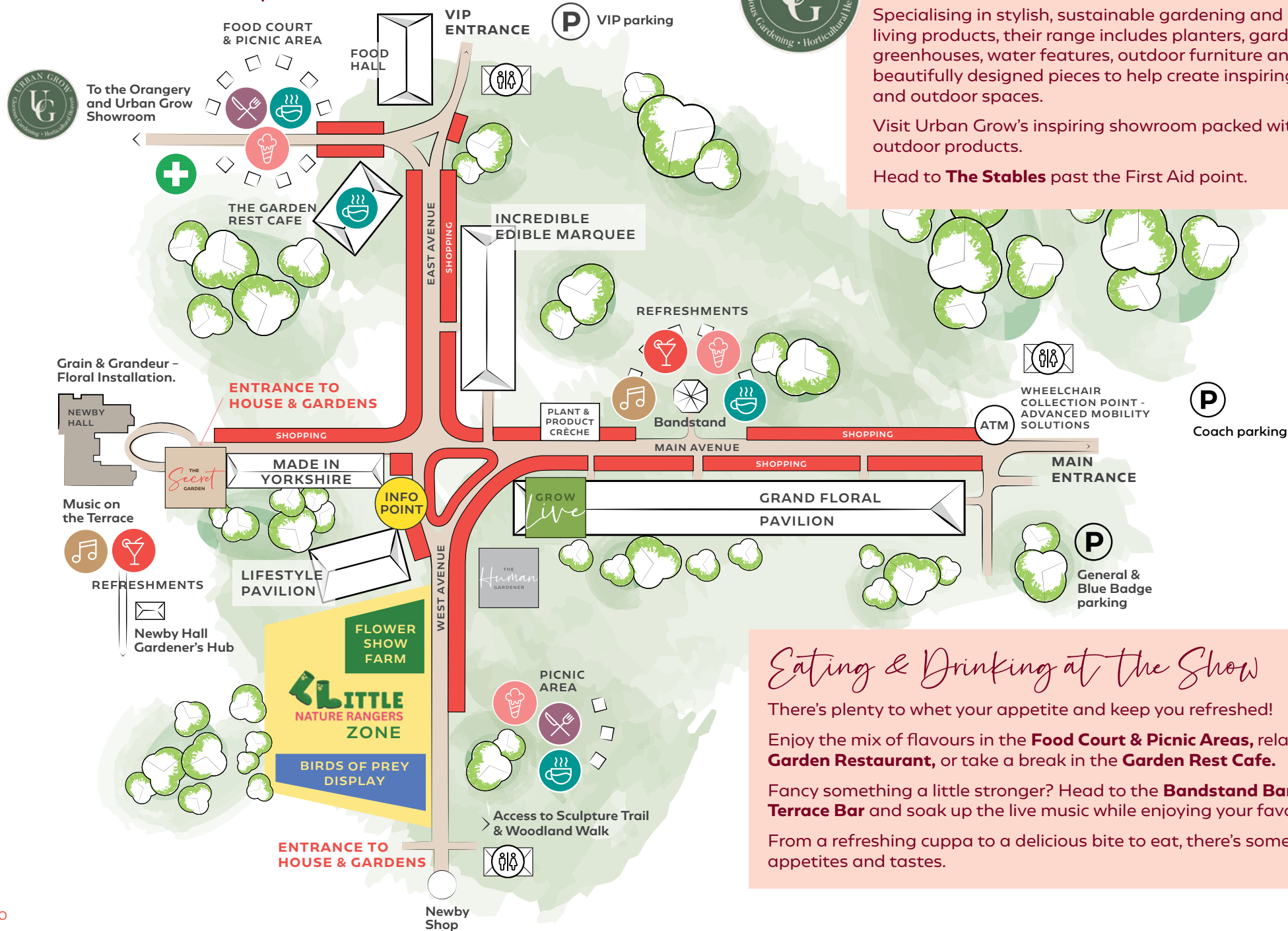


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Eating & Drinking at the Show

There's plenty to whet your appetite and keep you refreshed!

Enjoy the mix of flavours in the **Food Court & Picnic Areas**, relax in **Newby's Garden Restaurant**, or take a break in the **Garden Rest Cafe**.

Fancy something a little stronger? Head to the **Bandstand Bar** or the **Terrace Bar** and soak up the live music while enjoying your favourite tippie.

From a refreshing cuppa to a delicious bite to eat, there's something for all appetites and tastes.

THE Human GARDENER

LIVE TALKS AND INSIGHTS
FROM GARDENING'S MOST
PASSIONATE EXPERTS.

Expand your horizons and spend some time chilling out at the Human Gardener stage, where Head Gardener at Rudding Park Hotel & Spa, **Dr Sarah Owen-Hughes**, and Landscape Curator **Faith Douglas** from the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh host a fascinating programme of conversations.

Together, they welcome a myriad of inspiring guests from across the horticultural spectrum, sharing stories, expertise and fresh perspectives in a series of fun, engaging and thought-provoking discussions.

With conversations themed around '**Of the Earth, Of the Sea and Of the Sky**', the programme takes an imaginative look at the many ways we connect with the natural world – from gardening and landscapes to nature, wellbeing and beyond, there's **something new to discover every hour**.

Pull up a chair, take a moment to relax and enjoy a different kind of gardening conversation.



LITTLE NATURE RANGERS

FUN FILLED NATURE
ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN TO ENJOY.

Back by popular demand, the Little Nature Rangers zone returns to the Autumn Flower Show, with a vibrant mix of nature-inspired fun and hands-on activities for children of all ages.

- Children can get hands-on with free **paper posy making workshops**
- Discover some of nature's top hunters in the **Birds of Prey** area with displays at 12pm and 3pm each day
- Meet furry and feathered friends at the **Flower Show Farm**
- Relax with a captivating Yorkshire tale or two in the **storytelling area** at 11am and 2pm each day
- Add a touch of floral fun with **free face painting**



GREEN MAN TRAIL WITH HORTICAP & ARTIZAN

Horticap, a Harrogate charity providing horticultural training and opportunities for adults with learning and other disabilities, and **Artizan**, which supports people with disabilities through arts, crafts and workplace skills, have teamed up to create an engaging **Green Man Trail** around the show.

Pick up your trail sheet, follow the clues and see how many Green Men you can spot!



Shopping at the Show



Enjoy the delights of retail therapy at the Autumn Show and explore stands brought to you by a range of passionate exhibitors.

From unique gifts and artisan foods to plants, tools, and garden accessories, there's something to delight every visitor — and every garden.

- **Plant Nurseries**
Stunning plants from the UK's best growers
- **Lifestyle**
Unique gifts, homeware and indulgences
- **Food & Drink**
Delight your taste buds with tempting treats
- **Garden**
Tools, décor, plants and every garden essential
- **Made in Yorkshire**
Handcrafted pieces from Yorkshire-based creators



Plant and Product Crèche

Too many treasures to carry?

Leave your purchases at the **Plant & Product Crèche**, proudly supported by **Yorkshire Air Ambulance**, while you enjoy the show. Donations are welcome, with every contribution helping support the charity's lifesaving work across Yorkshire.



Live Music



THE SOUNDTRACK TO YOUR DAY AT THE SHOW.

Stroll through Newby's vibrant herbaceous borders, bursting with late-season colour, while the gentle sounds from **Music on the Terrace** drift through the gardens.

Then, soak up even more magical melodies at the **Bandstand**, with everything from uplifting brass bands to relaxed acoustic guitar.

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BANDSTAND			
10.15AM - 11AM	Jelly Roll Jazz Band	Jelly Roll Jazz Band	Jelly Roll Jazz Band
11.15AM - 1PM	Yorkshire Military Band	Yorkshire Voices Choir	Bradford Concert Band
1.15PM - 3PM	Harrogate Spa Town Ukes	Biz Denton folk & blues	Hot Aire! Concert Band
3.15PM - 5PM	Biz Denton folk & blues	Fire & Rescue Pipe Band	Biz Denton folk & blues
MUSIC ON THE TERRACE			
11AM, 1PM AND 3PM	Andrew Clegg classical guitar	Andrew Clegg classical guitar	Andrew Clegg classical guitar

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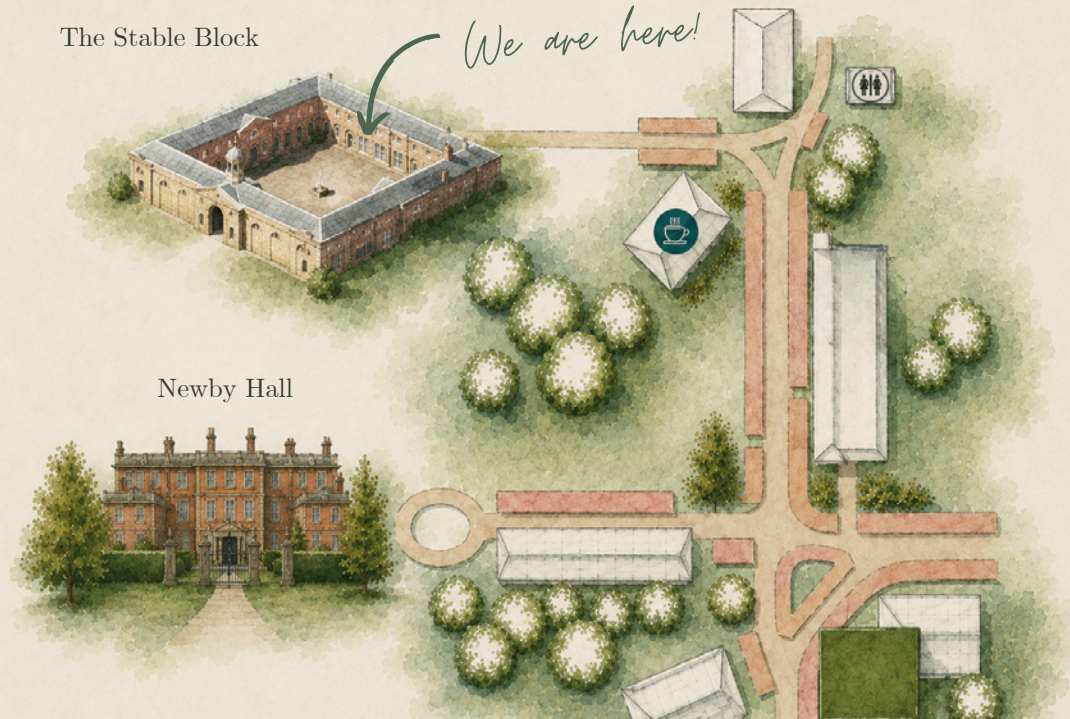
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