



Knebworth

HOUSE, GARDENS, PARK, ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND & DINOSAUR TRAIL

Top Homes & Antiques Dealers are coming to Knebworth House



The first Homes & Antiques Fair will come to Knebworth House on 26–27th May (10:00 am to 5:00 pm, last admission 4:00 pm), brought to you by Bentley Fairs, the team behind the ever popular Decorative Salvage & Vintage Fair.

Make your home the envy of your friends with the exciting and extraordinary pieces. The Fair will welcome dealers from far and wide, who have spent months creating and collecting hundreds of unique and quirky items for this two-day event that will appeal to designers, props buyers, home renovators and anyone looking for a great selection of stock.

Entry to the Fair is included with Park & Gardens admission. Tickets are available online or can be bought at the gate on the day, costing £9.50 per person over the age of 3, a group of four can purchase a Family Ticket for £34.00; book online before the day of the event to qualify for a 10% discount. Entry is free for Season Ticket holders and children under 3. House tickets can be purchased at a supplement of £3.50 for adults, £3.00 for senior citizens / children.

For more information and ticketing visit www.knebworthhouse.com, or phone the Estate Office on 01438 812661.

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The home of British rock music. Over 100 major artists have played Knebworth festivals since their inception in 1974, including **The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Queen, Oasis, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. In 2013 the Robbie Williams concert had an audience of over 375,000 people over the weekend, which is still the largest British outdoor concert audience of all time.**

Set in 250 acres of rolling Hertfordshire countryside, Knebworth House is one of England's most colourful stately homes. It is remarkable for having been in the Lytton family for more than 500 years. Its romantic gothic exterior complete with turrets, domes and gargoyles conceals a much older Tudor red brick house.

Knebworth achieved fame in Victorian times as the home of the novelist, playwright and politician Edward Bulwer Lytton author of the words "The pen is mightier than the sword". Other notable family members included Constance Lytton, the Suffragette and her father, Robert Lytton, the Viceroy of India who proclaimed Queen Victoria Empress of India at the Great Delhi Durbar of 1877. The House has been visited by famous figures such as Queen Elizabeth 1, Charles Dickens, Winston Churchill and many more.

There have been gardens at Knebworth House since at least the 17th Century, but the present layout dates largely from the Edwardian era. The architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, who married into the Lytton family, simplified the ornate beds and statuary of the Victorian garden with lawns and avenues of pollarded lime trees.

Popular features of the 28 acres now include a maze, the organically run walled kitchen garden, the Gertrude Jekyll Herb Garden and the Dinosaur Trail, where 72 life-sized dinosaurs can be found grazing amongst the rhododendrons and the redwoods. Exploring the woodland paths, children can learn about the T-Rex, the Woolly Mammoth and other fascinating pre-historic creatures.

The Garden Terrace Tea Room serves light lunches and afternoon teas. The home-made cakes are popular with visitors. Knebworth Barns are available to hire for corporate and social functions. Enquirers should contact the Barns team directly on 01438 813825.

2017 Admission charges: Entrance to the Park, Adventure Playground and Gardens is £9.50 or £13.00 to include Knebworth House. Family tickets and personal season tickets are available. There is plenty of free parking. Entrance is directly off junction 7 of the A1 near Stevenage, about 30 miles north of central London.

Knebworth House is pleased to support the Historic Houses Association (HHA)

The Historic Houses Association represents around 1,500 privately-owned Grade I and Grade II* listed properties across Britain. The HHA offers advice and support to members; represents their interests to government to safeguard this unique heritage for the future; and promotes open properties to visitors. HHA Members and Friends have free admission on non-event days during the visitor season.

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