

Wild Swimming

Swim in our beautiful lake set in our very own nature reserve. 2 hour included but more available.

Numbers: Max 20 in the water at one time

Location: Lake

Stand-up Paddleboarding

Practice stand-up paddleboarding on our private lake set in our nature reserve.

Numbers: Max 6 on the water at one time

Location: Lake

Pasta making workshop

In this class you will learn how to make pasta, and gain the knowledge recreate the same results at home whilst creating delicious dishes alongside our teams expert tips and techniques.

We will guide you on how to make the dough and talk you through the ingredients.

You will then use this to create different types of pasta and become familiar with the different techniques. This is a great chance to learn fundamental skills that will improve your confidence in the kitchen.

Numbers: Whole group could do this.

Location: Either The Terrace or The Conservatory in The Walled Garden

Screen printing

During this workshop you will be given a brief introduction of the process of screen printing. The host will show examples and talk about their own practice. You will then start creating your design and making your paper stencil. You will then screen print your design. We can offer paper if you would like to make a poster, cards and also tea towels.

Numbers: Max 15, could do more but would need a little more time.

Location: Either The Terrace or The Conservatory in The Walled Garden

Sign Writing

Learn the basics behind the fascinating and beguiling world of sign writing alongside a true master of his craft. Rob Walker (AKA ByUmberto) will guide you as you create your own board, complete with hand painted lettering. You will finish the workshop with a beautiful board to take home, featuring your chosen letter or word.

You will learn:

Drawing lettering by hand using block casual methods.

Drafting block lettering using perspective.

Optical spacing.

The principles behind lettering construction.

How to add convex and bevelled outcomes to drawn lettering.

How to transfer a design to a board ready for painting.

Handling a mahl stick.

Handling traditional sign writing brushes.

Numbers: Up to 20 is idea but whole group could do this but would need at least 3 hours

Location: Either The Terrace or The Conservatory in The Walled Garden

Indian Head Massage

This relaxing workshop will be a unique experience and will set you up with wonderful massage skills to perform on yourself, a friend or partner. Learn powerful techniques to give the ultimate head massage. It's helpful to lower stress levels and you can really feel and benefit from the power of touch.

Numbers: 20 max

Location: The Conservatory in The Walled Garden

Timings: 3 hours minimum ideally, 4 hours works great for those who really want to finish.

Tablet weaving

Tablet weaving is a beautiful craft, used to create woven bands, belts or straps.

During the workshop, an expert weaver will introduce you to the special equipment and processes for tablet weaving. Pre-prepared looms will be provided, and you will quickly get to grips with the techniques involved. By the end of the workshop you will have a distinct woven piece suitable to use as a strap, handle or decorative braid.

Numbers: 20 max

Location: Either The Terrace or The Conservatory in The Walled Garden

Nature walk - A Celebration of Summer Wildlife

A pleasant stroll through the grounds of the estate to encounter a variety of interesting wild species that call Hawarden its home. From birds and insects to plants and mammals, we will seek out some of the wonderful wildlife of the summer months.

On this walk we will see how different species fit into the landscape and the overall ecosystem, from understanding how a single flower species can be host to a variety of insects and fungi, to looking for evidence of what birds have been breeding.

Whilst this walk does not focus on one particular group of wildlife, it allows us to follow nature's lead, if we find an interesting butterfly we will look at that, if we see some signs of mammals, we will work out what they were, if we discover a new wildflower for the estate then we will appreciate that. We let nature dictate what we discover (with a little help from your friendly nature guide).

Numbers: Whole group

Location: Around the estate

Timings: 2 hours

Foraging walk

An opportunity to get to grips with the edible, medicinal and poisonous plants of the estate. If you are new to foraging, or know a little bit, then this walk will be perfect for you as we discuss the do's and don'ts of foraging (including what the law is) as well as delve in to identifying some of the commoner plants and maybe some fungi that are present in the hedgerows and woods.

We will forage in some of the wilder parts of the grounds as well as look around some of the more formal bits of garden - not for the cultivated plants, but for some of the more interesting 'weeds' which often have many uses (just do not tell the gardeners we are looking at their 'weeds'!). From this workshop you will leave feeling more confident to find and pick your own forage plants from the wild.

Numbers: Whole group

Location: Around the estate

Timings: 2 hours

Floral bouquet making workshop

Learn how to create a stunning bouquet using untraditional methods. Stepping away from traditional spiralling and stepping out of the box when it comes to a hand tied arrangement. Our expert will take you through the flowers you are working with, how to prepare them and how to use them.

Leave with your beautiful bouquet or we can use them to decorate that evenings dinner table!

Numbers: Whole group

Location: The Terrace or The Conservatory in The Walled Garden

Timings: 2 hours, could be longer

Garden planning and seed sowing workshop

Learn how to plan your garden. Work with Mark, a local grower on how to best design your garden. You will be shown how to plan your garden and walk away with your very own plan. Mark will also take you through some simple techniques on how to grow your own flowers and plants from seed.

Numbers: Whole group

Location: The Terrace or The Conservatory in The Walled Garden

Timings: 2 hours, could be longer