

East Lothian Antiquarian & Field Naturalists' Society

Private tour of Newhailes Estate and Gardens on Saturday 26th September 2026, 2.00 for 2.30 PM



The Summer Tea House

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The Society is delighted to offer Members an opportunity for a private tour of Newhailes Estate and Gardens on Saturday 26th September, 2026, 2.00 PM for 2.30 PM. The Society is grateful that we have been offered a complimentary invitation.

Members will be well aware of Newhailes being a fine example of a beautiful Palladian mansion, famous for allowing visitors to see its original décor and furnishings from the early 1700s. What fewer visitors realise is that the estate that surrounds the house is also a time capsule of garden design from the 1700s. Unlike most grand estates in Scotland, it was never “Victorianised” and so offers a unique opportunity to see how our forefathers took the ideas of the Enlightenment and their experiences of the Grand Tour of Europe, and reflected them in the Scottish landscape.

The National Trust for Scotland has worked hard to rediscover the fascinating stories behind this 18th century estate and to uncover gradually its structures and historic planting. In fact new research has allowed a more fuller story to be told of the estate's creation.

Visit plan

An expert guide shall lead Members through the history of the estate and the vision the National Trust for Scotland has for the restoration and development of the Gardens. The event will conclude with tea / coffee and sweet treats in the Glasshouse for which there will be a charge of £6. Note: for non NTS members a standard £5 parking charge applies.

Booking

Places will understandably be limited so to reserve a place please contact Elaine Whewell at info@eastlothianantiquarians.org.uk. Subject to a place being available she will then confirm and advise on the £6 payment process.