

# SUMMER OUTING

## Wednesday 10th July 2024

Haslemere  
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### Easton Lodge Garden, Essex CM6 2BB



#### The Gardens of Easton Lodge

These historic gardens date back over 400 years. They are run and maintained by volunteers and have a fascinating history and very friendly vibe.

Their most renowned owner was the Countess of Warwick, mistress of Edward VII. In 1902 she commissioned leading designer Harold Peto to create stunning formal gardens. Abandoned in 1950, after the demolition of the house, the gardens were forgotten for nearly 45 years. In 1993 an ambitious restoration programme was started.

Peto's Italian garden was the centrepiece of his garden design. It includes a 30m long water lily pond, surrounded by stone balustrades, and is set within flower beds and borders. Its wide gracious steps and its paving were from honey coloured Ham Hall stone. The Edwardian planting in the garden provided both structure and colour. The Trust's volunteers work to ensure the Italian garden is colourful throughout the seasons.



Today the 23 acres of gardens have a magical atmosphere, as the splendour of a century ago is gently revealed by the volunteers, allowing the visitor to imagine their past glories and enjoy their tranquil present. There are homemade refreshments and craft activities for younger visitors.

