

The Arts Society Trent Valley  
Visit to Brodsworth Hall  
June 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

Brodsworth Hall was built and gardens laid out in the 1860s as an up to date home for the Thellusson family and their servants. It survived with few changes until English Heritage acquired it in 1990. The gardens have been restored and the interiors gently conserved, telling the story of the changing fortunes of the people who lived there.

Our visit includes a journey by Hammonds coach, tea or coffee and biscuits on arrival, a tour of the house, with experienced guides in each room, an option of lunch and a tour of the gardens in the company of the Head Gardener in the afternoon for those who would like it.

**Access:** All the ground floor is level and there is lift access to first-floor family bedrooms (but visitors need to negotiate steps to reach the servants' bedrooms). The original Victorian lift makes the first floor accessible, but can only take one wheelchair at a time due to weight restrictions. The terrace and formal gardens are accessed on tarmac paths, but the Quarry gardens have self-binding gravel paths. Manual wheelchair users are advised to bring an assistant. Level access to the exhibition. Shop and tearoom with ramped access.

We depart from from TOMKINS, the butchers in Radcliffe at 9.20am. and there will be an additional stop for members from Bingham at 9.25 by the WHITE LION pub.

The journey should take about an hour and a half.

The lunch options are

A, sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee

B, soup, sandwiches, cake tea and coffee or

C, plated salad, with bread roll, cake plus tea and coffee.

I do not have prices for the meals yet. The catering manager will advise me in April.

I shall need to know before we visit whether you require lunch and there will be an option on the booking form.

Guide books at £4.00 are available. I am happy to collect them before our visit and they can be paid for on the coach.

The cost for the day will be £35, which includes the coach fare, tea or coffee on arrival, entry to the house and gardens and a tip for the driver. The cost of a meal will be dealt with by the catering department.

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