

SUPPORT THE TRUST

The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust needs your support. Below are five ways you can support the Trust:

- 1) Visit Knebworth House and Gardens. Bring your family to visit during our "open season" on weekends and school holidays from April to September.
- 2) Hire Knebworth House and Gardens for your special event. Book your family wedding, anniversary party or business launch in our unique surroundings.
- 3) Express your support for the Trust to your local and national government representatives.
- 4) Make a donation to the Trust. A gift or legacy made to the charity may enable you to obtain tax relief on the donation.
- 5) Become a "Friend of KHEPT", and enjoy unlimited access on public open days to all public areas of the House, Gardens and Park.

Suggested minimum donations to become a "Friend of KHEPT": £50 annual. £500 lifetime.

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*Talk not of genius baffled
Genius is master of man
Genius does what it must
And talent does what it can.*

Robert Bulwer Lytton 1831-1891

OBJECT OF THE TRUST

"To preserve conserve restore and maintain for the educational and aesthetic benefit of the public now and in the future the Mansion known as Knebworth House Knebworth in the County of Hertford its historically associated chattels muniments and other contents the surrounding gardens outbuildings forest and parkland including neighbouring buildings of historic social aesthetic and architectural association with the Mansion in particular St Mary's Church the Mausoleum the Manor and Lodge Barns in Knebworth Park."

It takes more than breath to say it, and it took more than a few years to set it up, but in 1984 Knebworth House was given a new lease of life by the creation of the Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust. With the support of the local authorities the Lytton Cobbold family were able to raise an endowment that they gifted, along with a long lease on the house and gardens, to the Charitable Trust.

In the years that have followed the Trust has made a major contribution to urgent repairs and the general restoration of the house and gardens. It has also made available many of the resources of the house and gardens for education, and students of all ages continue to benefit.

The Trust is a fine example of how cooperation between local authorities and private owners can help preserve the national heritage. However the Trust's present endowment is insufficient to complete the backlog of urgent repairs and the Trust relies on your continued support to secure its future.

The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust is administered by nine permanent Trustees:
Three ex-officio Trustees - the Chairman of North Hertfordshire District Council, The Mayor of Stevenage and The Chairman of Knebworth Parish Council
Three independent advisory Trustees
Three members of the Lytton Cobbold family

KNEBWORTH HOUSE EDUCATION & PRESERVATION TRUST



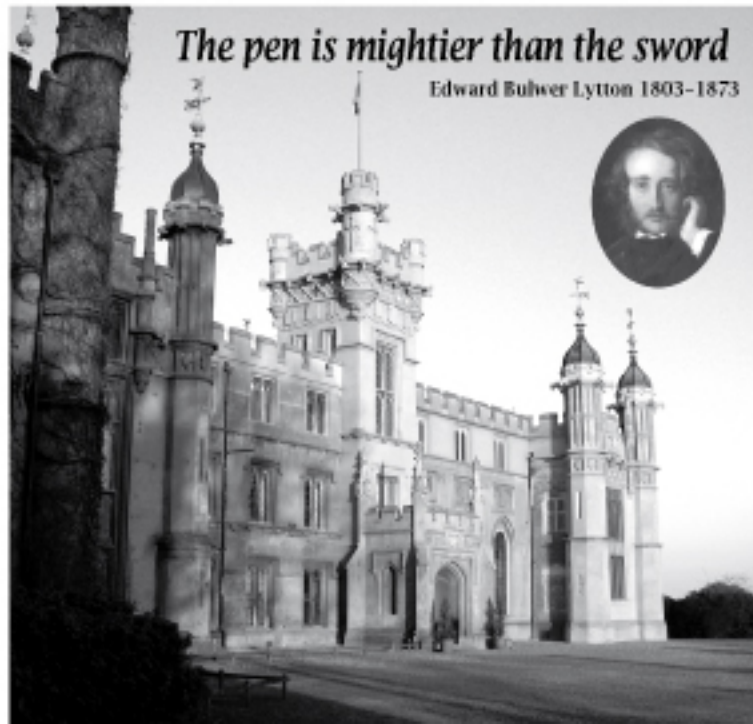
KNEBORTH HOUSE

One of England's best loved historic houses, Knebworth House is home to 500 years of its cultural and social history. Since 1492, nineteen generations of the Lytton family – diplomats, MPs, authors, playwrights, artists, political activists – have contributed to the wealth of stories and mementoes that Knebworth houses beneath its romantic turrets.

A unique "living museum", Knebworth House offers a walk through history to both entertain and educate. From the court of Elizabeth I, through both sides of the English Civil War, to performances by Charles Dickens, hunger strikes for women's suffrage, paintings by Winston Churchill... all the way to the 21st Century, and Knebworth Park's worldwide reputation as the ultimate British rock concert venue. Knebworth is not just a place in Herts, it's a place in many hearts...

The pen is mightier than the sword

Edward Bulwer Lytton 1803–1873



EDUCATION



The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust offers education programmes to students of all ages. Using first-hand source material, experienced educators bring Knebworth's extraordinary history to life. Award-winning History Trails combine hands-on activities with cross-curricular problem solving and teamwork.

Students on a Tudor Treasure Trail (above) for which Knebworth House won a Sandford Heritage Education Award in 2002 (right).



Students from the University of Calgary in Canada (below) performing Edward Bulwer Lytton's "The Lady of Lyons" in the Banqueting Hall of Knebworth House in 2003.



PRESERVATION

The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust has completed five out of ten phases of a programme of essential repairs to the structure of Knebworth House. While money is outstanding to complete this programme, the Charitable Trust's efforts are concentrated on halting the decay of the most venerable decorative features and historic artifacts collected in, and on display in, the 500-year-old house and 28-acres of formal landscaped Gardens.



With estimated repair costs having risen 88% in the last nine years, and resources continuing to diminish, the battle to save Knebworth House is a battle against time.

