

KHEPT

KNEBORTH HOUSE, EDUCATION
AND PRESERVATION TRUST

HERITAGE
AT RISK



IN 2012
KNEBORTH HOUSE
WAS DESIGNATED BY
ENGLISH HERITAGE
AS A
**PRIORITY BUILDING
AT RISK**

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Listed in the top 100 in *“England’s Thousand Best Houses”*
(Simon Jenkins 2003)

SAVING KNEBWORTH

“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 arthitectoral association with the Mansion in particular St Mary’s Church the Mausoleum the Manor and Lodge Barns in Knebworth Park”
(from the Trust’s constitution)

It takes more than a 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 was able to raise an endowment that it 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 secure the future of this precious national asset.

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

The Chairman of Knebworth Parish Council

Three independent advisory Trustees

Three members of the Lytton Cobbold family

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Thank you for your support of this unique, precious and beautiful historic house, an important legacy to our nation's heritage.

Robert Fernley, Chairman



Before and After

KNEBWORTH 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 extraordinary collection of stories and mementoes housed beneath its stucco battlements.

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 a classic rock venue. Knebworth House is not just a place in Herts, it's a place in many hearts...



EDUCATION

The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust offers education programmes for students of all ages. Using first-hand source material, our experienced educators bring Knebworth's extraordinary history to life. This commitment has been recognised by the receipt of the Sandford Award for excellence in heritage education, which the Trust has held consistently since 2001.



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 500 year-old house and 28-acre garden's most vulnerable decorative features.

With repair costs continuing to rise and resources continuing to diminish, the battle to save Knebworth House is a battle against time.

Costs to complete the essential repairs are currently estimated at £9 million. The Charitable Trust needs to secure an endowment beyond this figure to continue the preservation of Knebworth House into the future.



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”, 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. They have the means to assist the Trust to raise its endowment.*
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.*



BECOME A FRIEND OF KHEPT

Benefits of your membership:

- Enjoy unlimited visits to Knebworth House, Gardens and Park during published open times including many special events
- 10 per cent discount on gift shop purchases
- 10 percent discount on refreshments purchased in the Garden Terrace Tea Room
- A copy of the Knebworth House Guide Book
- Priority booking for some special events
- A regular newsletter

I wish to support Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust:

- Friend of KHEPT season membership**
Suggested donation £100. Enjoy unlimited access on open days to all public areas of the House, Gardens & Park
- Friend of KHEPT lifetime membership**
Suggested donation £1,000. Benefits as above
- A gift or legacy donation**

Name:

Title:

Address:

Post code:

Friends of KHEPT Gift Aid Scheme

The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust can claim gift aid on your membership or donation. The Gift Aid scheme allows the charity to reclaim an extra 25 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further. If you are a taxpayer please tick the box below.

- I would like to Gift Aid my donation**

PAYMENT

- Cheque** (made payable to KHEPT)
- Credit Card Payment** Visa Mastercard
- Debit Card** Visa Maestro Solo

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(3 digits on signatory strip)

Date:

Signature: