



**WINNER**  
BEST HOUSE/  
GARDEN  
IN NORTH  
DEVON

HOLIDAY COTTAGES

## Facilities

- Family friendly
- Light Lunches and Cream Teas
- Exhibitions open from 11am
- Free flow in house from 2pm; guided tours for groups by prior arrangement
- Coaches welcome
- Partial access for wheelchairs
- Large print for partially sighted
- Dogs welcome on leads in grounds
- Holiday Cottages available to rent
- Wedding licence and receptions
- Abbey available for functions
- Stay at nearby Hartland Quay Hotel



## Opening Times 2025

30<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> October,  
Sunday - Thursday (plus Good Friday)

Gardens, Grounds, Exhibitions,  
Beachwalk & Tearooms: 11am - 5pm

House: 2 - 5pm (last adm 3.45pm)

*\*\*Please check our website for details\*\**



## Special Events 2025

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> March, 11 - 4pm: **DAFFODILS & SPRING FLOWERS**

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11 - 5pm: **BLUEBELL SUNDAY**

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> & Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11 - 5pm: **EASTER EGG HUNTS, FAMILY FUN & BLUEBELLS**

## OPEN AIR THEATRE SEASON IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE

Booking contact Box Office 01805 624624  
or online [www.theploughartscentre.org.uk](http://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk)

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Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm: Illyria presents  
**'PRIDE AND PREJUDICE'** by Jane Austen

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 6.30pm: Illyria presents  
**'HMS PINAFORE'** by Gilbert and Sullivan

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm: Three Inch Fools  
present **'THE MOST PERILOUS COMEDIE OF ELIZABETH 1'**

**For further information, please see our website.**

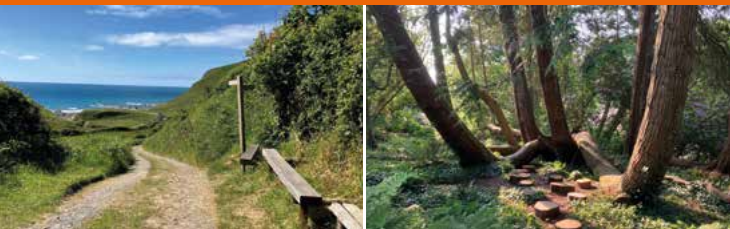
*Spend the day enjoying Hartland Abbey and Gardens before performances (normal entry prices apply).*

*Free entry to the grounds for theatre-goers from 5pm before 6.30pm performances.*

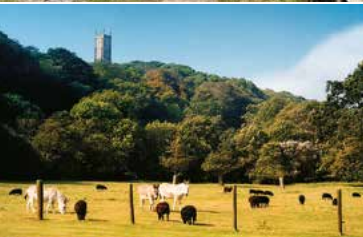
*Bring rugs/low backed seating. Abbey Tea Room closes at 5pm. Bring picnics.*

**Don't miss...** Daffodils and Spring Flowers, Easter Fun, Bluebell Sundays and our Summer Outdoor Theatre.

For more information and dates visit [www.hartlandabbey.com](http://www.hartlandabbey.com)

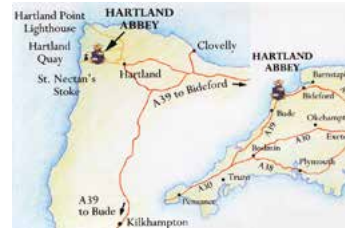


DOGS ON LEADS WELCOME



## How to Find Us

The Abbey is situated 5 miles west of Clovelly, 15 miles west of Bideford and 15 miles north of Bude between Hartland village and Hartland Quay. Follow brown tourist signs off A39, M5 junction 27 follow A361/A39.



Hartland Abbey and Gardens, Hartland, Near Bideford,  
North Devon EX39 6DT Tel: 01237 441496/234 or 01884 860225

FILMING LOCATION FOR  
Enid Blyton's  
'MALORY TOWERS'



Open Sunday to Thursday  
plus BH's

# Hartland Abbey & Gardens



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*Much more than just an historic house...*

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**Welcome** to award-winning, family friendly Hartland Abbey with its beautiful gardens and woodland walks leading to the sea. Founded by Augustinian monks in 1157 in a winding valley leading to a wild Atlantic cove, the Abbey survived longer than any monastery in England; Henry VIII gifted it to the Sergeant of his Wine Cellar whose descendants live here today. Visit this welcoming family home and gardens, only a mile from Hartland Quay.



**Experience** the history, fascinating interiors, family memorabilia, exhibitions, gardens and beautiful walks in the clean Atlantic air. Good traditional fun for families; children can enjoy the Abbey Quiz, Nature Trail, Malory Towers Trail, exploring woodland paths, seeing peacocks, black sheep and donkeys.

A popular film location, BBC's 'Sense and Sensibility', The Antiques Roadshow, 'The Night Manager', 'Gold Digger', Rosamunde Pilcher's 'The Shell Seekers', 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society', 'Rebecca', 'The Salt Path' and Enid Blyton's 'Malory Towers' Series 1 - 6 were all filmed here recently.

**Eat** in the friendly Old Kitchens Tea Room; delicious homemade light lunches, cream teas, scrumptious cakes, speciality coffees and hot drinks are served from 11-5pm. Outside courtyard seating in good weather.

**Enjoy** pictures, furniture and porcelain collected over generations; portraits by Reynolds, Gainsborough, Hudson, Ramsay and Kneller; the huge circular, expanding table by Jupe; furniture by Hepplewhite and Chippendale; embroidery; stunning architecture including the Alhambra Corridor by Sir George Gilbert Scott; murals of family involvement in mediaeval history; Victorian and Edwardian photographs from family albums of the Sudan Campaign and contemporary social scenes. The Museum displays seals, documents from 1160AD and intriguing memorabilia. The Abbey Shop sells a lovely range of gifts and cards.



**Walk** under a towering tree rhododendron to woodland gardens of camellias, azaleas and hydrangeas, the Gertrude Jekyll designed Bog Garden, Fernery and enchanting 18thC Walled Gardens. After years of restoration visitors can experience these romantic gardens as they were a century ago; tulips, spring bulbs, mixed borders, roses, tender and rare plants, organically grown vegetables and fruit flourish within the mellow walls and glasshouses. Visit the restored Woodland Summerhouse and Gazebo, the beach at Blackpool Mill; explore rediscovered paths through bluebells and wildflowers in spring. Or just sit in the sun and relax...



Children will love finding where their 'Malory Towers' favourites were filmed around the estate.

### Exhibitions

#### Filming on the Hartland Abbey Estate since 1934

Many 'behind the scenes' images of filming include recent productions, 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society', and Enid Blyton's 'Malory Towers'.



#### William Stukeley - Saviour of Stonehenge

A fascinating insight into an extraordinary 18th century ancestor best known for saving Stonehenge and Avebury. Many aspects of his life are on show.



#### The History of the Hartland Abbey Estate

A small display of the history of the estate from 12thC, when the house was an Augustinian monastery, up until the present day. 'Falconry by The Hon Gerald Lascelles' and 'A Victorian Honeymoon' are on show. We try to display more of interest each year.

