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## **YORKSHIRE BRANCH VISIT TO CUSWORTH HALL AND PARK**

**15 October 2009**

The present Cusworth Hall (Grade I) and Park (Registered Grade II) date from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and until 1952 were the home of the Battie-Wrightson family. Now owned by Doncaster MBC, the Hall is a museum of South Yorkshire Life. Heritage Lottery Fund and DMBC funding, totalling nearly £7 million, have enabled both the Hall (by George Platt, with chapel and library wings added by James Paine) and parkland (its core mid 18<sup>th</sup> century by Richard Woods) to be substantially restored. The HLF project was completed and the Hall reopened to the public in 2007. The award-winning works to the Hall include a fine restoration of the Paine Chapel and its ceiling paintings, masonry and plasterwork repairs, historically-based redecoration, transformation of the museum, disabled access provision and restoration of the service courtyard. Careful restoration of the ornamental lakes, cascade and C19 shrubbery walk and selective tree clearance and replanting have considerably enhanced the parkland. More remains to be done including restoring the 18th century bowling green and associated wall garden and orchard and further applications for funding are in hand.

**PROGRAMME** - Meet in the front entrance hall.

- 10.00: Welcome  
10.0 – 11.00: 15 min presentations:  
Frank Carpenter: Curator  
Julie Harrup: Assistant Curator  
Jane Roylance: Architect, Purcell Miller Tritton LLP  
Elizabeth Hirst: Conservator, Hirst Conservation
- 11.00 – 12.00: Tour of the Hall (FC/JH/JR/EH)  
12.00 – 12.15: Coffee break  
12.15 – 1.15: Guided walk of the Park (JH/Paul McGuigan, Head Gardener, Cusworth Hall)  
1.15 – 2.00: Lunch and depart (light lunch may be purchased at the Stable Café)

The event is free for IHBC members, and there is a small charge of £10 for non-members. If you wish to attend, please fill in the attached reply slip and return it to Ken Burley, Cusworth Hall and Park Event Organiser, email [ken.burley@talktalk.net](mailto:ken.burley@talktalk.net)

Directions: The Hall is about 2 miles north-west of Doncaster and can be reached from the A1(M) by leaving at Junction 38 and following along the A635 towards Doncaster. After about 800 metres, turn right along a lane towards Cusworth Hall which is signposted thereafter. In approximately 1 mile, turn left for Cusworth (again signposted) and after a further 400 metres turn right into the Cusworth Hall car park. You can also, of course, Google Cusworth Hall for a street map. Please meet in the front entrance hall.

Parking: Car park charges are 50p for 1 hour; £1.00 for 2 hours; £1.80 for 3 hours; and £3.40 all day.

Public Transport: Mainline bus services 42 or 219 run from the Frenchgate Interchange Stand A11 adjacent to the railway station at 10 to and 20 past the hour. Buses stop at Kempton Park Road which is about 5 minutes walk from Cusworth Hall. Please meet in the front entrance hall.



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### BOOKING FORM

IHBC members free

Non IHBC members please send payment with your booking (£10 payable to the IHBC )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mob no: \_\_\_\_\_

IHBC Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

Send booking form to: Ken Burley, 227 Melton Road, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, DN5 7 NU.

Please inform IHBC Yorkshire of any changes by email to: [ken.burley@talktalk.net](mailto:ken.burley@talktalk.net)

Please enclose an sae if confirmation other than by Email is required.