



# **NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

## **SPRING WALK: CHILLINGHAM CASTLE—VISIT TO WILD CATTLE, FORMAL GARDENS & ESTATE**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

This year's spring walk takes us to **Chillingham Castle**, which is famous for its **wild cattle**, and which we will visit—see <<https://chillinghamwildcattle.com>>. The Chillingham Wild Cattle Association have a 100 strong herd of white cattle on 350 acres of park land. The animals are left to their own devices and not farmed for milk or meat. This is the only herd of its sort in the country and was originally established centuries ago by the Grey family for hunting purposes.

We plan to assemble at the **Chillingham Castle carpark** at **10.00** where people will have time to have their own coffee or refreshments and visit the toilets—note—the Castle Tearoom will be closed in the morning but the toilets will be open—before we make our way for a **guided tour to see the wild cattle** (from a distance!). The **tour** will start at the **Hemmel**—see <<https://chillinghamwildcattle.com/about-us/location/>>, at **11.00**, will last about an hour, and will be preceded by a 5 minute talk by Professor Peter Atkins on the concept of “wildness” and “re-wilding.” Depending on the numbers, we may have to split into two groups. The trip to see the wild cattle will be followed by **lunch in the Tea Room**. After lunch, there will be a **choice of two walks**, a **shorter walk** (no longer than one hour) that will include the **Italian Garden** (laid out in 1829 by Sir Jeffrey Wyatville), led by Bill and Andrena Telford, and a **longer walk** (no longer than two hours) led by Peter Atkins and Gilbert Cockton that will take in the **perimeter of the estate**—see <<http://cwr.naturalengland.org.uk/mapboards/pdfs/AG00193685.pdf>>, or a variation thereof. Members who opt for the short walk in the afternoon may also opt to visit the Castle itself afterwards.

The **parking** at **Chillingham Castle** involves a 10-minute walk to the toilets and Tearoom but blue badge holders can park close to the entrance. From here to the Hemmel, where the wild cattle tour starts, involves a walk of approximately 30 minutes, and from the **“bottom car park”** by **St Peter's Church** slightly less. The walk from the **“top car park”** (capacity 13 vehicles) to the Hemmel is 15 minutes. People should decide how best they wish to reach the Hemmel after we congregate (walk or transfer to the bottom or top carparks), and some may prefer to come straight to the Hemmel for just before 11.00 (the toilets, however, are only available at the Castle). On the basis of who signs up, we might have to ask some people to use the bottom car park to avoid congestion.

The **Tea Room** is in the splendid setting of a medieval hall and serves tea/coffee, soups, toasted sandwiches and cake. There are 32 seats. There is a **group tour fixed price menu** for lunch (for pre-order only) at a cost of £10 as follows: Homemade Cottage Pie & Peas plus Tea /Coffee with choice of Cake, or Quiche served with a fresh mixed Salad and baby Potatoes plus Tea/ Coffee with choice of Cake. There are also the following tea room choices available for groups who are not pre-ordering: Soup of the day with homemade bread - £4; Quiche & Salad with Crisps - £4; Bacon Sandwich - £3.50; a Selection of Biscuits, Cake or Scone (various prices).

Please **complete the attached booking form** and return it [TO ARRIVE BY Wednesday, May 8, 2019, PLEASE] either electronically or by post to the Secretary: Dr Andrena Telford, Ladywell Cottage, 24 West Road, Ponteland, Northumberland NE20 9SX. Tel.: 01661-825437 Email: [aeandwr.telford@btinternet.com](mailto:aeandwr.telford@btinternet.com) Payment details can be found on the booking form. A **map** and

### **NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION: CHILLINGHAM CASTLE—VISIT TO WILD CATTLE & ESTATE, Sunday, June 2, 2019— BOOKING FORM**

We would like to join the Spring walk as follows:

Wild cattle tour: .....persons (£tbc; concessions, tbc)

Wild cattle tour plus visit to the Castle after the short walk (on a combined ticket): ..... persons (£tbc; concessions, tbc)

Group Lunch in Tearoom: ..... persons (£10 pp)

Short walk (to include Italian Garden) : ..... persons Longer walk (perimeter of estate): .....persons

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

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

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) (if applicable):.....

I/we enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to the Northumbrian Cambridge Association.

I/we have made an electronic payment to HSBC account no. 60618446; sort code 40-34-18. YES /NO

Would you like a lift to the venue? YES / NO

Would you be able, if called upon, to offer a lift to someone else? YES / NO