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New hotel in Hull opens in city's former School of Art and Design

Transforming the former school into a hotel, Hull's newest accommodation, The Park Hotel - with rooms as well as self-catering apartments - is a grade two listed Victorian building, close to the train station and Hull Truck Theatre. Offering 'high-end rooms at budget prices', all rooms include en suite bathrooms with showers or whirlpool baths, flat screen TVs and air-con/heating.

<https://bit.ly/3ry0zle>

Go wild at Exbury Gardens

More than 100 years in the making, Hampshire's Exbury Gardens is a spectacular collection of landscaped woodland, contemporary and formal gardens, in a riverside location. For 2021 Exbury is going wild, with a new Dragonfly Pond, designed with the help of the UK's leading dragonfly experts, and a new River Walk, exploring previously-hidden woodland within the 200-acre New Forest garden. The Sakura Cherry Orchard will also open for the first time. <https://bit.ly/2HfZXzO>

Walking East Yorkshire Festival to return in the Autumn

East Yorkshire's popular Walking and Outdoor Festival has been scheduled to return in September. With walks aimed at satisfying an interest in history, geology, architecture, flora and fauna, amongst many other subjects, the full programme of bookable events is set to appear on a new website in July. <https://bit.ly/39mS5r9>

Derby's city centre cultural hub prepares to open its doors again

One year on from the first national lockdown, QUAD in Derby has announced a date for re-opening. It is hoped the venue will be fully open to the public from May 17 - although this date is subject to any further changes in government guidelines. QUAD is the city's cultural hub with a three-screen cinema, an art gallery showing the best in contemporary visual arts, digital workshop spaces plus an award-winning Café bar. <https://bit.ly/3IRFmBN>

Middleport set to celebrate backstreets as well as backstamps

A plan to restore 11 Victorian pottery workers' houses alongside one of The Potteries' most popular attractions has been given the green light. Properties in Harper Street, opposite the main entrance to former Middleport Pottery, will be transformed into a new heritage attraction, studio and workshop space. When fully restored, visitors will be able to step back in time to the 1930s when they enter the lodge keeper's house, which will provide a range of immersive activities based on the daily experience of the lodge keeper's family. <https://bit.ly/3cltKwS>

Trentham reopens with some special treats

Easter break treats at Staffordshire's Trentham Gardens include the chance for families to 'Potter' around a Peter Rabbit™ trail as well as enjoy time together in an award-winning garden. While one of the post-lockdown treats features a self-guided trail featuring characters from Beatrix Potter's best-loved tales, Trentham's Gazebo hire scheme will offer visitors a chance to enjoy the Gardens in their own bubble with bespoke picnics. <https://bit.ly/3szxWFL>

New deer park set to open this spring

Sky Park Farm, a family run deer farm within the South Downs National Park, is set to open as a visitor attraction from spring 2021. The farm spans 75 acres and is currently home to over 200 red deer and will open as a new educational deer park for visitors with an outdoor adventure play area, café and farm shop. <http://bit.ly/3seUOKL>