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To infinity and beyond...

Lincolnshire's Woolsthorpe Manor, the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton and where he made some of his most famous discoveries, re-opens for 2026 on 14 February with new experiences for visitors. The interactive family Science Centre now has a colour-changing infinity light along with distortion mirrors, holographic apple and gravity games, while there are also new courtyard play activities. <https://bit.ly/3ZHNA3X>

Take a snowdrop stroll amidst Elizabethan splendour

Burghley House's Gardens provide stunning snowdrop displays with visitors treated to vibrant bursts of colour from emerging spring flowers along with wintry lakeside views. And between 14 and 20 February, seasonal activities include Family Snowdrop Planting, a hands-on opportunity to add to next year's display, and Daily Garden Tours, led by Burghley's Gardens Team. Included with normal Gardens admission (from £11 adult and £8.50 child). <https://bit.ly/4t8cwPD>

Ghostly impression of Henry VIII's castle for Hull

Hull will have another attraction to offer visitors, following the news that The South Blockhouse project will go ahead. Celebrating the history of the 16th century castle, built on the orders of King Henry VIII, three large mesh structures will now be constructed on the site to give "a ghostly translucent impression of the former structure" (<https://bit.ly/4teoZkO>). The South Blockhouse, featuring a stone tower and cannon platforms, protected Hull's harbour. <https://bit.ly/49UqQUD>

Paw-fect cafe treats for pooches

Leading East Yorkshire visitor attraction Sewerby Hall and Gardens has an updated menu for furry friends at its Clock Tower Café. Among treats are Hound Dog Sausage, Woof Ice Cream and Poochies Puppacino. And the café, which has dog-friendly tables, also stocks Sir Woofchester's dog treats including Bark Bangers and Paw Scratchings. Dogs are also welcome throughout the 50-acre grounds and woodland. Admission to the Gardens is free until 27 March 2026, except for school holidays. <https://bit.ly/4bwY79s>

Street food and contemporary art in Hull

A historic market in Hull is set to be transformed into a hub for contemporary art. Hull City Council is teaming up with Feral Art School and Trinity Market for a year-long pilot programme, which will see artists and students work within the venue to create and showcase new works. Built in 1905, Trinity is the city's oldest, covered, market and after being refurbished in 2017 has become home to street food in Hull (<https://bit.ly/4rvknFy>). The first exhibitions and commissions will launch in early spring, with programme details to be announced soon. <https://bit.ly/4qTx6BZ>