Discover...

‘The house was awaiting its time of re-awakening after many years of somnolence.’

These are the words of Mary, Lady Trevelyan, on moving into the House in 1928.

Wallington was in poor repair when her husband, Sir Charles, inherited it and just like any other modern couple, they set about making improvements, both in the House and to the tenants’ cottages. Over the centuries Wallington has been owned by the Fenwicks, Blacketts and Trevelyans – all making their mark on this huge estate. Change and progress has been as important as tradition to these families and this continues today.

‘I do not believe in private ownership of land. By pure chance I own Wallington. I regard myself solely as a trustee for the community...’

Charles Philips Trevelyan

Wallington is gifted to you, so please do:

Capture your visit with lots of photographs – turn your flash off inside the House

Keep your dog on a lead and pick up after them

Be inspired by the garden – take away ideas but not the plants

Enjoy a picnic on the grass – take your litter home

The Trevelyans shared their home with friends, family, artists, politicians and evacuees. In the same spirit, we look forward to welcoming you.
**East Wood**

The East Wood is part of the original pleasure ground that developed in the mid-1700s and still offers formal views with winding woodland walks and natural planting. In 2015-16 we are developing a new Winter Trail starting with a carpet of snowdrops – look out for more seasonal planting over the next year.

The various ponds are home to geese, ducks, swans and moorhens. The Walled Garden was a former kitchen garden and is now full of colourful themed borders. Lady Mary Trevelyan designed the Mary Pool while her father-in-law, Sir George Otto Trevelyan, created the Edwardian Conservatory – step inside, smell the heady fragrance and take in the vibrant show.

**West Wood**

Back in the 1700s, this wood was fashionably formal with an elaborate water garden and statues – you’ll now find these figures in the Walled Garden. The focus is now on play and conservation. Trees are being cleared to open up views; this also helps old trees survive and encourages new ones to grow. We’re protecting red squirrels, restoring the ponds and sharing stories of the Trevelyan children through adventurous play.

See how many different birds are feeding at the family-friendly wildlife hide, you may spot red squirrels in the trees or crayfish and otter on the River Walk along the Wansbeck.

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**Key:**

- Entrance
- Clocktower
- Courtyard toilets
- Clocktower cafe
- Courtyard
- House
- Adventure playground
- Play train
- Top pond
- Wildlife hide
- Middle pond
- Boathouse pond
- Ice house
- Play fort
- Dragons’ heads
- China pond
- Garden pond
- Entrance to walled garden
- Garden kiosk – seasonal
- Conservatory
- Toilets
- Compost works
- Portico house
- Car park
- Designated parking for walled garden, collect a permit from visitor reception
- Visitor reception & information
- Shop

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Have you discovered the Play Train and Fort yet?

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You will need to cross a road to reach the East Wood and Walled Garden – please take care.
Entrance Hall
Take a few moments to look at some Trevelyan family portraits; you’ll see Charles Philips Trevelyan, donor of Wallington, both as a young child on his mother’s knee and as an elderly man. The china is one of the most important collections owned by the National Trust.

Central Hall
Originally an open courtyard, this space was roofed over in the 1850s. It became the hub of the House with the family coming together for tea and the children playing with the ‘beasties’ – rocking and wheeled horses of various sizes.

Kitchen
Look up! The great roof girder was installed in 1928 to tie in the east wall which was collapsing. Now look down – notice the stone flags which are worn away by hardworking cooks, scullery maids and butlers over the centuries.

North Corridor – Silent Voices
The lives of servants are rarely known, as very few of them had the chance to tell their story. At Wallington, we do know about some of the people who worked here in the 1900s from diaries kept by the Trevelyan family.

Parlour
Lady Eleanor Trevelyan made this room a ladies’ retreat when the old parlour became the Entrance Hall.

Library
Many of the 3,000 books have been thumbed by generations of Trevelyans. They also added their comments in the margins on the author’s style and grammar. Sir Charles encouraged tenants and friends to borrow books from the Library, but he quizzed them intensely on their opinions.
First floor

Nursery
The original nursery was on the west side of the House, but you can see a selection of toys and games as well as the nursery rhyme needlework panels made by Lady Mary. Take a look at the hand-propelled horse tricycle, the Trevelyans were allowed to play with this on Sunday afternoons, riding it around the gallery.

Blackett and Trevelyans Bedrooms
The long gallery on this side of the house was divided up to make a number of bedrooms back in the early 1800s. These were required by Sir John Trevelyans and his wife Maria who had 12 children.

Needlework Room
The Needlework Panels were worked by Julia, Lady Calverley, in the early 1700s for Esholt Hall, the Calverley home near Bradford. They took only three and a half years to make, so she must have had some help! They were brought to Wallington by Julia’s son, Sir Walter Calverley Blackett, when he sold Esholt. The designs were most likely influenced by oriental textiles imported into England in the late 1600s and early 1700s.

Cabinet of Curiosities
Lady Jane Wilson was passionate about collecting. You can see her portrait in this room – notice that she’s holding a catalogue open at the pages devoted to its best specimens, ‘Shells’ and ‘China’. The collection came to Wallington when it was inherited by her daughter, Maria, who married Sir John Trevelyans.

The Trevelyans
Charles and his wife, Mary, Lady Trevelyans (Molly), were part of an artistic, intellectual set whose socialist thinking contributed toward many of the ideas we take for granted today. Along with their six children, they were great thinkers and travellers who cared little for the conventions of the day.

Wallington is...
A family home full of stories, a woodland perfect for play, a walled garden to inspire, a working estate to explore and so much more.

What’s your Wallington?
Eating
Start your visit with something from the brunch menu (10.30 – 11.30am) while lunch is served from 11.45am – 3pm. Before heading home, treat yourself to some cake and a cuppa.
If you are heading down to the Walled Garden there is a seasonal kiosk while a tea room can be found in the House (please check opening times on arrival).

Shopping
Sir Charles gifted Wallington for all to enjoy. Why not take home your own Wallington gift from our shops today – all profits help maintain this beautiful place for ever for everyone.

Access
Blue badge holders can drive down to the Walled Garden (please ask for a pass at the Reception).
Assistance dogs are welcome in the House, there is also a lift – please ask a member of staff.

The Trevelyans with their dog Rapture

We hope to see you again soon

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