

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Ordsall Hall

April - September 2019



Enhancing the lives of people in Salford

Performance Report for the Ordsall Hall Team

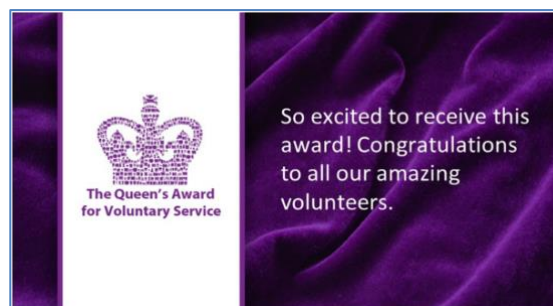
- Two volunteers were invited to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May
- In June, Ordsall Hall Volunteers were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (the MBE for volunteering) and received their award at Gorton Monastery
- Designs have been finalised for the new Family Gallery - an interactive gallery that will encourage learning through tactile play and story-telling
- The Ordsall Hall Gardens Team co-organised the Big Tidy Up with local residents, businesses and council in April
- New corporate garden volunteers recruited from Rexel on Ordsall Lane
- Walking maze created as part of Corporate away-day / garden development session with long-term partners Carbon Creative
- Working with the Peel Park Rangers and Start in Salford, free training in City & Guilds Level 1 Practical Horticulture was awarded to two regular garden volunteers
- Co-operative working with City of Trees to extend the coppice by 350 trees to improve wildlife habitats and natural play opportunities
- Funding obtained from Friends of Salford Museums to renovate interpretation signs in the garden
- Successful garden party in July 2019 attracting just over 2,900 visitors
- Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Level 2 Theory almost fully booked, running on Friday afternoons
- Hops were grown for the first time in the Hall's allotment and donated to the Manchester Hop Project
- A successful summer of events and outdoor theatre
- The Hall hosted 8 weddings

Spotlight



In August a group of volunteers along with the Volunteer Manager from the Hall attended Gorton Monastery to be presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Back in the Spring the team were informed that they had been given the award and that there were places for two people to attend the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Helen and Sue were the lucky participants and it was indeed a wonderful experience, one that they will never forget. This was later followed with a special presentation at the Hall where all the volunteers received a special badge.



MAZE

Inspired by the work of the artist Richard Long ('A Line Made by Walking', 1967) the front lawn at the Hall was transformed into an ephemeral art work with the help of our good friends at Carbon Creative. The pattern of the 16th century plaster ceiling was delineated on the lawn using tape and poles, and was then walked, trampled, cut and stomped on until the pattern made a path. The grass outside the path was left to grow long. It was interesting to look at the paths taken or not taken, to encourage imaginative play ('I'm walking on the ceiling,' 'I'm walking on a tightrope over lava,' 'I'm a train') and to make a link between the interior and exterior of the building.



Customer Feedback:

"After a week of taking the time to take the day in I would like to thank you for helping us (A LOT) to make our special day the most amazing day we could of wished for! Everything went so smoothly and every single guest was blown away by Ordsall Hall and you and your staff, who were just amazing. We honestly wouldn't have changed a thing and you made us feel so at ease before and during the day. Thank you so much!"

"Born and lived in Salford. Never been here-beautiful building. When I was young it was very dilapidated so happy to see it looking good."

"Loved it, all the history in the building. Loved every room. Beautiful building, staff all lovely and full of knowledge. Thank you."

"Ordsall Hall is by far the best museum I have been to. I really enjoyed my visit."

"Ordsall Hall is the oldest building which I have ever visited in my life. I was inspired by the guide Sue who was so knowledgeable and such a kind person. I would really recommend this place to visit."

"I worked around the corner from Ordsall Hall for years and I had no idea it would be this good to visit! Total Gem!"

"Wonderfully restored. Excellent especially for small children. They love dressing up. Refreshments good value."

"Enjoyed toys in Great Hall. Loved dressing up and the boat. Really interactive and the staff were fantastic. So helpful and kind. They went out of their way to help my son who had been stung by a wasp in the garden."

“Really fascinating place. Can’t believe it still remains after all these years. Great restoration and preservation.”

“Very interesting. What a beautiful building. Really nice to let children touch the reproduction furniture.”

“Absolutely gorgeous, well preserved. A building full of history and atmosphere. Friendly staff.”

Forthcoming events and activities:

- Tree planting
- Level 1 City & Guilds practical
- Apple Day
- Halloween activitie
- Weddings Open Day - February 2020
- Christmas theatre
- The arrival of the bronze peacock statue by celebrated sculptor Gertrude Hermes

For more information please see:

<http://www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk>