

Performance Report for Ordsall Hall April – September 2018

Key highlights include:

- The summer theatre programme attracted audiences of over 1,450 people, many who had never attended the Hall before. There were sell-out performances of 'Pride and Prejudice', 'Twelfth Night' and 'Romeo and Juliet'
- The annual Garden Party, held in July 2018, was attended by over 3,000 people
- The revitalised herb garden is thriving, with the Mediterranean plants in particular having enjoyed exceptional summer conditions
- The February 2018 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Level 2 cohort performed well in their June 2018 exams
- The September 2018 RHS Level 2 cohort has begun at the Hall, with a full compliment of 16 students
- A new partnership began with the children's' nursery 'Kids Planet' at Salford Quays. This partnership has resulted in the nursery funding a number of new dressing up costumes for the Hall, as well as giant games for the garden and new bean bags for the 'Once Upon a Time' sessions
- Over £1,200 in donations, have been raised via the donations box and contactless giving, towards the restoration of the portrait of Mary Markendale, who lived at the Hall in the mid nineteenth century

Customer Feedback:

"Brilliant! An amazing find. Super place with great people to help us appreciate it all"

"Brilliant! We really enjoyed it - for age 13 months to 87 years!"

"My visit was amazing. Thank you for letting me and my family in"

"We had a lovely time the children loved dressing up"

"Very beautiful architecture, the restoration work has helped keep up this amazing building"

"Amazing historical place - should be kept for people of the future"

"It's amazing. I love learning about the Tudors and also how much effort you have put into this place"

"A hidden gem! Who would've thought such a fantastic piece of Tudor History would exist next to ultra-modern Salford Quays!"



Forthcoming events and activities:

- Halloween activities - Ordsall Hall's busiest time of the year! The 2018 programme of activity includes a 'Haunted Heritage and Literature' event and a live, paranormal study both delivered in conjunction with Professors and experts in the field from Manchester Metropolitan University. The Hall will also be welcoming back the witch in her grotto!
- Developments in the Egerton Gallery to make it into a permanent family gallery, including a story-telling space
- Opera North perform 'Don Giovanni' in November in the Great Hall
- The Tin Soldier' - a family friendly play for Christmas performed in the atmospheric Great Hall
- Christmas grotto
- New planting in the allotment in the gardens at Ordsall Hall

For more information please see:

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

