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Award winning restoration at Iford Manor

Iford Manor has won the Historic Houses Sotheby's Restoration Award for 2020 for their restoration of the stunning Harold Peto Cloisters in the gardens at Iford.

Although principally known for its gardens, the terraced hillside at Iford is full of colonnades and small buildings which create a sense of age and mystery, of discovery around every corner. Subsidence in 2018 meant the cloisters had to be closed for safety until major restoration and underpinning was undertaken, and 2021 sees the first opportunity for visitors to see this remarkable "Haunt of Ancient Peace" since it was fully restored.

Visitors making the journey along the Great West Way will be doing so for many reasons. But for those in search of authenticity, provenance, tranquillity and beauty, there is no better stop to make than the Grade 1 Listed gardens at Iford Manor.

Originally a wool factory, the gardens were terraced in Georgian times in the heyday of Bath's wealth; but it wasn't until 1899 when Harold Peto made Iford his home, that the magic really started. Combining his experience as a landscape architect, an insatiable desire to experiment and the learnings from his extensive travels, Peto created a magical space which is like stepping into another world.

Rooted firmly in the West Country, between Bradford on Avon and Bath, Iford remains a family home and is cared for by the Cartwright-Hignett family, working with Troy Scott Smith as Head Gardener (formerly at Sissinghurst NT).

2021 also sees the opening of Iford's new café, focused on locally sourced, Iford Estate-derived food, so visitors (whether by coach, car, on foot, bike or horse) can now enjoy brunch, lunch or afternoon tea on site, all served with a relaxed family welcome.

For those looking for a deeper understanding, Audio Guides and special behind the scenes tours by the owners and gardening team are also available.

Iford is a story of personal passion for art, architecture, beauty and tranquillity, shared with the wider world by the resident family. Why not seek out other privately-owned Historic Houses along the Great West Way, such as Bowood House, Longleat, Highclere and Stonor.

For further information:

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