



Haldon Belvedere from the air

## Centre for Contemporary Art and the Natural World

### Haldon's Hidden Heritage

4 October-18 January 09

Admission free

Exhibition open: 10am-5pm, Tuesdays to Sundays and all Bank Holidays, except for Christmas when we are closed 22-31 December.

Location: The CCANW Project Space is adjacent to the new Haldon Forest Park car park, between Exeter Racecourse and Haldon Belvedere.

Programme: Events and activities are detailed in our Autumn programme and can be downloaded from our website

Details and programme from: CCANW, Haldon Forest Park, Exeter EX6 7XR  
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#### Haldon Belvedere

Open to the public every Sunday until the end of October, 1.30-5.30pm. Also, Sundays, 16, 30 November, 14 December, 2-4pm. Admission £2 adults, children under 15 are free. The Walks around the Belvedere Woods are open to the public at anytime.

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**AUTUMN PROGRAMME**

OCTOBER 2008-MID JANUARY 2009

**PROJECT SPACE**

HALDON FOREST PARK  
EXETER



#### Haldon Forest Park

The Forestry Commission's pioneering activity trails at Haldon provide 20 miles of safe, off-road access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, including play and sensory trails. The Forest lies on a ridge south of Exeter and dominates the skyline for miles around. It covers an area of 3500 acres (1400 hectares) mostly planted with coniferous woodland, but encompassing areas of broadleaved trees, streams and dramatic views to Dartmoor, Exeter and the Exe estuary.

#### Travel

From the A38 Devon Expressway (Exeter to Plymouth road) take the turning to Exeter Racecourse and follow the signs to the Forest Park. From the A380 (Exeter to Torquay road) follow the brown tourist signs for Haldon Belvedere. The 360 bus from Exeter Bus Station to Bridford stops at Haldon Belvedere, a 20 minute walk from the Project Space.



#### CCANW opening times

10am-5pm, Tuesdays to Sundays and all Bank Holidays, except for Christmas when we are closed 22-31 December.

#### CCANW concessions

Concessions are available to those aged 60+, unemployed, students and under 16.

#### Location

The Project Space is adjacent to the new Gateway car park of Haldon Forest Park, between Exeter Racecourse and Haldon Belvedere, 5 miles (8km) south of Exeter.

#### Access

The Project Space and its approach are entirely level. Programme information in large print is available. Signing is available at all events, given 1 week's notice.

Disabled parking and toilet facilities are provided by the Forestry Commission close to the Project Space. The Forestry Commission operates a Pay and Display car park. £1.50 all day. Season tickets £12, minibuses £5, coaches £10. Concessions available. Rangers Office 01392 834251.

#### Contact

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#### Forestry Commission events

The Forestry Commission also runs a wide variety of events at Haldon. Details are listed in their South West events programme available from the Rangers Office. Events booking on 01392 834233. See also: [www.forestry.gov.uk/haldonforestpark](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/haldonforestpark)

#### Café

Haldon's mobile café is open every weekend to the end of December, the Wednesday and Thursday of half term and Bank Holidays incl. Boxing Day, selling delicious filled crêpes, soups and real coffee. Closed Christmas Day and during January.

#### Adventure Course: Go Ape

Go Ape is an award-winning high wire forest adventure course at Haldon. Details and booking online [www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk) or call 0845 6439215.

#### Forest Cycle Hire

You can now hire your bike and take full advantage of Haldon's cycle trails. Open all year, except for Xmas Day and Boxing Day, near to the Rangers Office. Booking 01392 833768.

Front cover: Haldon Hall, near Exeter 1780, oil on canvas by Francis Towne. Collection: Tate Gallery, formerly belonging to Sir Robert Palk © Tate, London.

Programme designed by Northbank, Bath. Fold-out concept by LionArtProjects.co.uk Printed using vegetable based inks on 100% recycled paper from post consumer waste.

**Forest exhibition: Ghosts in the Wood**  
**Extended to Sunday 30 November**  
 Admission free

Artist Mike Smallcombe's exhibition of large photographic banners can be seen on the final section of the Adventure Cycle Trail, a short walk from CCANW.



01 PHOTOGRAPH: MIKE SMALLCOMBE

**en-quire SWDevon Cluster**

CCANW is delighted to be involved in phase three of enquire, a national programme funding innovative projects with young people in gallery settings. During the autumn, pupils from St. Peter's C of E school in Exeter will be exploring themes within *Haldon's Hidden Heritage*.

**CCANW's Wood Culture programme continues**

**Talk: Summer in Helsinki**  
**Thursday 9 October, 6-7pm**  
 Admission free. No booking required

Jez Ralph of the Silvanus Trust speaks at CCANW of his experience on the Summer School at the Wood Studio, Helsinki University of Technology.

**Touring exhibitions**

Four of the exhibitions that CCANW organised or hosted during its Wood Culture programme are available to be shown elsewhere: *Wood Wisdom*, *Inspiring Futures*, *Wood Works*, and *Timber Talent South West*.

*Timber Talent South West* will be shown at the Architecture Centre, Bristol until 9 November (closed Mondays). *Wood Works* will be shown at Beam, Wakefield 13 October-21 November (closed weekends).



02 Participants at the Helsinki summer Wood School with completed timber sauna

03 Timber Talent South West exhibition at CCANW



PHOTOGRAPH: CHRIS LEWIS

Our exhibition includes much original material, but paintings and watercolours are shown in reproduction.

Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and researched by Iain Fraser, Christopher Pidsley and Dr. Ted Freshney, helped by many people and organisations, notably the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, Devon County Council archives and the Forestry Commission.

04 Haldon House, 1831, coloured engraving by T. Allom and William Le Petit. Collection: CCANW



**Exhibition: Haldon's Hidden Heritage**  
**Saturday 4 October-Sunday 18 January 09**  
 Admission free

**Exhibition launch:**  
**Saturday 4 October, 12noon-3pm**  
 Lord Clifford of Chudleigh has kindly agreed to launch the exhibition at 12noon. Refreshments – all welcome

The Haldons are often referred to as the 'hidden' hills of Devon. Apart from its forests and landmark tower, most people know little of its rich heritage.

This unique exhibition and its accompanying activities touches every aspect of the Haldon Hills, through geology and prehistory, to the establishment of its grand country mansions. The panels are available to be shown in local community and school halls. Please enquire from CCANW.



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**New books on Haldon**

This exhibition coincides with two new publications by its researchers: *The Tower on the Hill* by Christopher Pidsley and *The Palk Family of Haldon House* and *Torquay* by Iain Fraser. Our bookshop and library hold a number of other relevant titles.

**Education: Three Venues in a day Secondary Schools Tour**

CCANW, Exeter Phoenix & Spacex Gallery  
**Date choices: Oct 9/10/15/16/23/24**  
 Admission £25 minimum charge or £1 per student. Maximum 30 students per visit

A day-long visit for schools to three very different contemporary art venues and includes discussion and activities. For booking contact Catherine at Exeter Phoenix on 01392 667081 or email: education@exeterphoenix.org.uk.



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**Event: Secret Songs and Un-told Tales**  
**Saturday 18 Oct, 11am-5pm, BBQ 5-7pm**  
 Admission £5 per adult, children free (no conc.); £2 adult, £1 child (for BBQ)  
 Booking essential

A day to discover the Haldon Hills and its global connections through family-friendly activities using story, song-writing and visual art, finishing with a camp-fire supper. Led by Blazing Tales and The Planet Rainbow Project.

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Please bring a picnic lunch

**Workshop: When birds look into houses...**  
**Sunday 26 October 10am-4pm workshop;**  
**4-4.30pm performance**  
 Admission: £15 (£12 conc.). For ages 15+.  
 Booking essential

Innovative performance group *propeller* will begin the workshop with a walk to sites of historic significance in Haldon Forest, stopping to engage in practical tasks aimed at slowing down our habitual patterns of seeing. Workshop leads to a small public performance.

**Cycle: Haldon's Hidden Heritage**  
**Tuesday 28 October, 12noon-2.30pm**  
 Admission £6 (£3 conc.).  
 Booking essential. Suitable for ages 8+

Take a gentle guided 3 mile ride using the Family Cycle Trail and discover the fascinating history lying beneath the ridge: lost buildings and ancient trackways, pre-historic sites, the King's Road, Haldon Belvedere and *Beginner's Way* (also referred to as the *Magic Walk*).

**Event: Fun for Free Playday**  
**Wednesday 29 October, 12 noon-4pm**  
 Admission free. No booking required

One of Exeter City Council's popular playdays comes to Haldon Forest. Enjoy a range of activities for children and dance provided by Dance in Devon.

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09 Sir Robert Palk, c.1780, oil on canvas by Thomas Beach. Collection of Tom Fenton

**Talk: The Palks of Haldon**  
**Thursday 13 November 7-8.30**  
 Admission £4 (£3 conc.). Booking essential  
 Includes light refreshments

Robert Palk (1717-1798) was brought up on a farm near Ashburton and made his fortune in India. He bought Haldon House c.1770 and built the Belvedere as a tribute to his friend, General Stringer Lawrence. Local historians Iain Fraser and Christopher Pidsley tell the story of the Palks of Haldon – a tale of great wealth, lost fortunes and scandal.

**Cycle: Haldon's Hidden Heritage**  
**Saturday 15 November, 1-3.30pm**  
 Admission: £6 (£3 conc).  
 Suitable for ages 8+. Booking essential

See information for Tuesday 28 October.

**Event: Secret Songs and Un-told Tales**  
**Saturday 22 November, 11am-5pm**  
 Admission £5 per adult, children free (no conc.). Booking essential

See information for Saturday 18 October. Does not include supper.

**Volunteers**

Do you have a few hours a week to spare on a regular basis for at least 2 months? We would love to hear from you.

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10 Pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly

11 Hilly Landscape with a Watermill, c.1670 Painting by Jacob van Ruisdael. Collection: Detroit Institute of Arts, formerly belonging to Sir Robert Palk

**Walk: Haldon's geology and wildlife**  
**Sunday 23 November, 10.30am-1pm**  
 Admission £3 (£2 conc. ). For ages 10+  
 Booking essential

Dr. Ted Freshney and Forestry Ranger Ian Parsons explain why parts of Haldon are designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), on account of their geology and wildlife, and lead a 1 mile walk.

**Talk: Art collections of the Devon gentry**  
**Tuesday 25 November, 7-8.30pm**  
 Admission £4 (£3 conc. ). Booking essential  
 Includes light refreshments

New research has revealed that Sir Robert Palk amassed a collection that was far more extensive than previously realised. Dr. Richard Stephens talks on the collections of the Devon gentry and the landscape artists of the 18th century.



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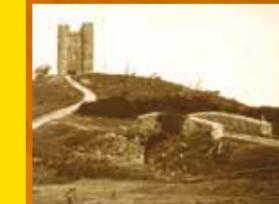
**Workshop: Advent wreath making**  
**Saturday 29 November,**  
**10am-12noon or 2-4pm**  
 Admission £6 (conc. £4). Booking essential

Make a simple wreath to herald the start of Advent. All materials provided

**Workshop: Christmas decorations**  
**Sunday 21 December, 10.30am-4pm**  
 £1.50-£2 per decoration.  
 No booking required

Make Christmas decorations out of natural forest materials. All materials provided.

**Christmas trees on sale**  
**6-21 December in the car park.**



13 The Flint King's Bridge on the approach to Haldon Belvedere. Postcard by Chapman & Sons, Dawlish c.1920

**Walk: New Year's Day**  
**Thursday 1 January, 1-3.30pm**  
 Admission £6 (£4 conc. ). Incl. entry to Haldon Belvedere. Booking essential. Good footwear recommended. Bring a flask.

A circular 3 mile walk led by local historian Iain Fraser, taking in part of the once famous Palk Estate. Starting at the Lord Haldon Hotel, moving on to the Palks' old Pleasure Gardens at Haldon Grange then up the public footpath through fields to Haldon Belvedere and back to the hotel.