

## WELCOME TO HARTLEBURY CASTLE

Hartlebury Castle has a fascinating history, with many intriguing stories to tell. First given to Bishop Aelhun in 855AD to defend against Welsh invasion, the Castle became home and office to the Bishops of Worcester right up until 2007. As you enter the Bishop's House, Bishop Henry Pepys and his family will take you through these captivating stories from their viewpoint of 1845.

Hartlebury officially became a Castle in 1268 when Bishop Giffard was given permission to fortify the site. The fortifications were later destroyed at the end of the Civil War. In 1675 Bishop Fleetwood restored the Castle creating the beautiful country mansion that you see today. In more recent times, the site became known as the Bishop's Palace, the official name given to a bishop's residence.

In the North wing of the Castle you can explore the County Museum, and uncover the intriguing story of Worcestershire's past through themed galleries, evocative room sets and superb collections, including costume, toys and archaeology. Outside you can discover the museum's Travel & Transport gallery containing a fantastic collection of Gypsy caravans, alongside a beautiful 18th century cider mill.

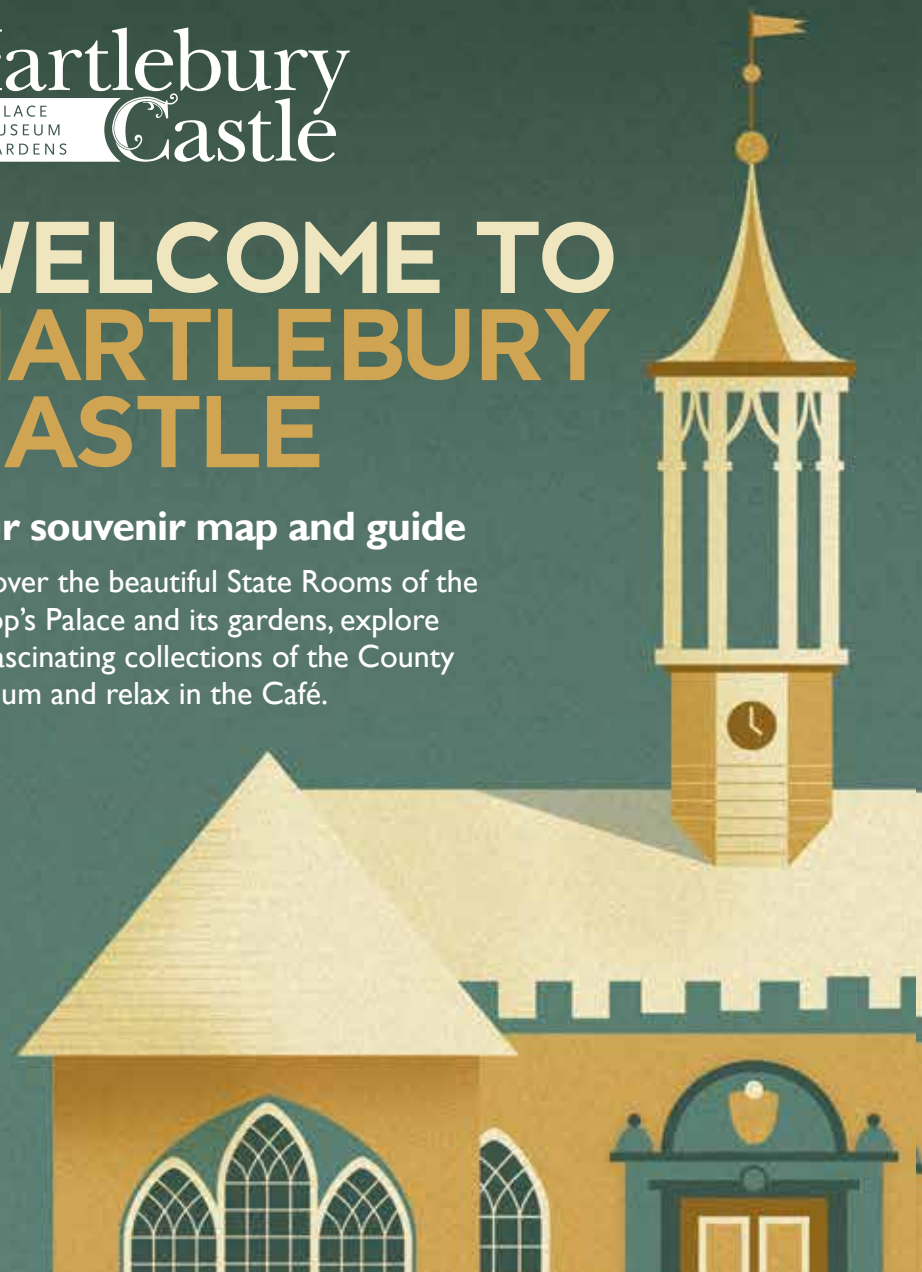
After visiting the Castle, a walk around the grounds offers beautiful views of the site. Make sure to visit the Café, a great place to relax with a delicious meal and fabulous cake before browsing a wonderful range of gifts and souvenirs in the shop.



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### Your souvenir map and guide

Discover the beautiful State Rooms of the Bishop's Palace and its gardens, explore the fascinating collections of the County Museum and relax in the Café.



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## THE MOAT




Enjoy beautiful views of the Castle as you wander along the Perimeter Walk\*.

## THE GROUNDS

Walk in the footsteps of royalty and find our 270 year old Mulberry tree.

## KEY

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Reception / Shop      | 11 Travel & Transport Gallery |
| 2 Carriage Circle       | 12 Cider Mill                 |
| 3 Main Entrance         | 13 Castle Terrace             |
| 4 Level Access Entrance | 14 Queen Elizabeth Walk       |
| 5 Bishop's House        | 15 Perimeter Walk*            |
| 6 State Rooms           | 16 Sunken Garden              |
| 7 County Museum         | 17 Orchard Terrace            |
| 8 Forge                 | 18 Moat                       |
| 9 Orchard Picnic Area   | 19 Café                       |
| 10 Orchard Rooms        |                               |

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| ..... Visitor route  |  Toilets & Disabled Toilets |
| ..... Level Access   |  Disabled Parking           |
| ..... To Café        |  Stairs                     |
| ..... Perimeter Walk |  |

Last entry 4pm. Site and Café closes at 5pm. Exit located through Reception.

This is an historic site with uneven paths and floors and low ceilings in places. The grounds also include steep slopes and deep water. Please take extra care.

\*The Perimeter Walk includes steps and uneven surfaces, therefore is not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

Dogs are allowed in the grounds, cafe outdoor area and reception building. Assistance Dogs only are allowed in the main and outer buildings.

Your receipt is your ticket, please keep it with you at all times.

