

Visit to Columbine Hall, Stowupland, Stowmarket, IP14 4AT

Monday, 18 May 2026

Cost: £26

Travel costs to/from Columbine Hall are not included

Space for this visit is limited to twenty people

BOOKING FORM

We have organised an exclusive, private visit to Columbine Hall, a charming timber-framed medieval manor house surrounded by a spectacular moat, formal gardens, woods and orchards. Bought in 1993 by the newspaper proprietor Hew Stevenson and his late wife, the *Country Life* and *Sunday Times* writer Leslie Geddes-Brown, the house and gardens have been painstakingly restored and maintained with the steadfast support of head gardener, Kate Elliott. The house contains an eclectic and quirky collection of objects and ancestral portraits. Hew and Kate will show us around the house and gardens.

On arrival we will be split into two groups to view the house and gardens separately. Afterwards, we are invited to have refreshments in the West Barn, a large timber-framed outbuilding that overlooks the moat, now used as a function room. The cost of afternoon tea and cakes is included in the price of the visit.

Programme

- 14.20** Meet at Columbine Hall
- 14.30** Tours of house and gardens begin
- 16:30** Tea

Directions: Take the A1120 into Stowupland. Turn off almost opposite the petrol station and cross the village green. Turn right at the T junction and go beyond Columbyne Close bungalows on the left. Just beyond the derestriction sign turn left through wooden posts into the drive. Please park in the car parking area next to the outbuildings and meet Jane and the owner at the front door.

Accessibility: there are thresholds to step over and gravel paths. There is no access for wheelchairs but walking aids are permitted on the ground floor.

Please return the form to the Visit Organiser: Jane Pearson, Cob Cottage, The Street, Great Tey, Colchester CO6 1JS Email: drjanepearson@gmail.com Tel: 01206 210855, Mob: 07541 728442

Name(s):

Email:

Mobile Telephone:

Contact Name & Number in Case of Emergency:

PAYMENT: post or hand a cheque to the Visit Organiser for **£26** payable to **The Arts Society Colchester**.

If you wish to pay online, please notify the Visit Organiser beforehand and confirm when the payment is made. The BACS details are below:

Account Name: The Arts Society Colchester

Sort Code: 60-06-06

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