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HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES EXTENDS PATRONAGE OF THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM

HRH The Prince of Wales has extended his patronage of the independent charitable trust that manages the gardens of the Yorkshire Arboretum, adjacent to Castle Howard, and Ray Wood. He has been the Trust's patron since June 1998.

Professor Alastair Fitter, Chair of the Board of Trustees said "The news that His Royal Highness has extended his patronage of the Trust for another 5 years is extremely welcome. His ongoing support is valued enormously by the Trustees and staff."

"The Yorkshire Arboretum is one of the most biodiverse sites in the region and home to a remarkable collection of trees from across the world, while the woodland garden at Ray Wood houses one of the greatest rhododendron collections in the UK. Prince Charles' passion for the environment, conservation and horticulture is well-known and fits extremely well with the conservation, education and development work we do here. We hope that, before too long, he will be able to visit to see that work for himself."

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PHOTOS

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Hi-res version attached



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Yorkshire Arboretum and Ray Wood are gardens of the Castle Howard Arboretum Trust, an independent charity (registration number 1044931) established to maintain and protect these

unique collections. Founded in 1997 as a partnership between the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Castle Howard, the Trust's patron is HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Yorkshire Arboretum is located adjacent to Castle Howard and is open from 10am – 5pm every day from March – November. In addition to the 120 acre garden of trees there's a children's woodland playground, a café offering delicious home-cooked seasonal food and drink and a gift shop. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Admission is £6 for adults, £3 for juniors (12-16) and £15 for families. Under 12s are admitted free. Find out more at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

The arboretum's annual event programme includes a wide range of family and outdoor activities, botanical and horticultural education, and arts and crafts workshops. Full details are available at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

Ray Wood is located within the grounds of Castle Howard. Admission prices and more details may be found at <http://www.castlehoward.co.uk>

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