

The Seaton Delaval Hall Oral History Trail

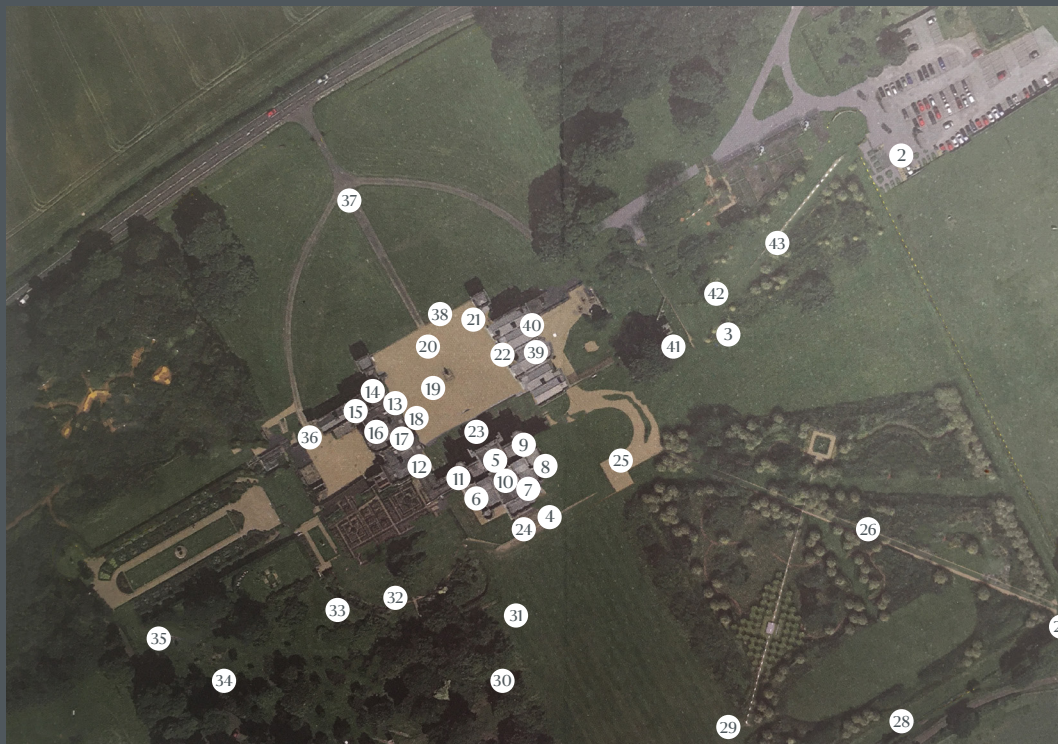


Seaton Delaval Hall is surrounded by a rich oral history, legends, myth and memories told for generations. This trail takes you on an alternative history of the hall, not found in objects and stone but in the stories we tell. It will take you all over the hall and grounds, and through time as you hear fables old and new.

This walk was curated by the oral history student, who conducted the interviews you hear. With this walk they aimed to capture all the different eras the hall and its surrounding area has experienced over the hall's long history. From Prisoners of War to the COVID-19 pandemic this trail is a collage of an ever changing history.

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The market gardens during the Second World War

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The first day opening the hall to the public after the Second World War

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A child's first impression of the hall

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A tale of a very brave resident of the saloon

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Stories of using the fire place in the Great Hall

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Teenagers playing records in the main hall

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There are no tunnels from the hall

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Going to Lord Hastings' Flower Festivals

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The legend of the White Lady

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The trails of the muses

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Restoring the hall over the years

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Traveling with the Bansbury Cabine

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The drawing room during the time of Lord and Lady Hastings

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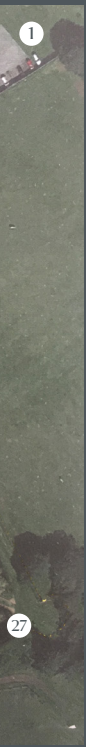
Lord and Lady Hastings in their retirement

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The laundry inspired decorations in the old dining room

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Handling fragile items



- 17 Restoring the Old Kitchen after the medieval banquets
- 18 The banquets
- 19 The stolen statue
- 20 Operation Sea lion and the hall
- 21 Christmas at hall with Santa and his elves
- 22 A (not so) scary story about the hall at night
- 23 The hall is a very cold place so be prepared
- 24 The story of replacing the lintel
- 25 Coming back to the hall after the first COVID-19 lockdown
- 26 The mausoleum and the many antics that occurred
- 27 The architect students getting a good breakfast
- 28 The ha-has are funny
- 29 The World Scouts event
- 30 A proper burial 400 years on
- 31 The antique roadshow comes to the hall
- 32 Tales of the lost Seaton Village
- 33 The witch in Seaton Village
- 34 The south west corner
- 35 The November Club Twelve nights with the Delavals
- 36 The first National Trust volunteer
- 37 Walter the German prisoner
- 38 Living together with the POWs
- 39 Halloween at the hall
- 40 Lord Hastings' horses
- 41 Restoring the Ice House
- 42 Parking on the first day back open
- 43 The future of the hall

The Storytellers

Tracy 4 7 10 13 19 32 35 42

Tracy lived the hall for most of her life. In her oral history she recalls how the hall has changed over the years. Especially health and safety.

Ellis 1 12 20 26 27 34

The first national trust volunteer remembers all the work they did fundraising.

Simon 2 11 14 28 33

He remembers the hall during the war and came to work for Lord Hastings as an architect.

Melville 8 15 24 31 37

Mel was an early volunteer who helped a lot during the events including the Antiques Roadshow.

Dell 5 9 21 23 38 36

Dell is local born and bred and went to at least four different nights at the medieval banquets.

Pete 3 17 22 30 39

Pete has been an employee at teh hall from not a very long time but definitely a very significant time.

Jen 6 16 29 41 43

Jen is the recently retired Vicar from the Seaton Delaval parish and recalls all the restoration work they had to do on the hall's church.

Daniel 18 25 40

During the Second World War Daniel would walk past the hall from Seaton Delaval and try to spot the White Lady.