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Knitted Sandringham: Margaret Seaman's knitted textiles to go on display at Sandringham House Ballroom



From Saturday 17 July, visitors to Sandringham House will be able to enjoy a special display inside the Ballroom.

Ninety-two-year-old, Margaret Seaman has knitted a collection of works inspired by the landscape, architecture and people at Sandringham Estate in Norfolk, to raise money for projects at Norfolk's three NHS hospitals.

Working from sketches and photographs, Margaret's handiwork features a knitted version of Sandringham House including its intricate architecture, chimneys, and windows, which measures 5.5m (18ft) by 1.8m (6ft).

Alongside the knitted Sandringham House, visitors will be able to view other knitted locations from around the Estate including versions of St Mary Magdalene Church, Alexandra's Nest Summer House, and lakes and ornamental trees in the Gardens - all joined by miniature woollen visitors and members of the Royal Family!

Previously available to view as work in progress at the Norfolk Makers Festival in The Forum Norwich, Sandringham Estate has been in regular contact with Margaret throughout her two-year project and followed her progress closely.

Margaret's version of the Sandringham Estate going on display in the ballroom at Sandringham House is a 'knitting' tribute to her completed handiwork and dedication. Passionate about knitting, Margaret has concentrated her efforts on completing the "woolly wonders" of Sandringham Estate over the last year whilst shielding at her home during the pandemic.



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Margaret also regularly supports local causes through her knitting and recently has been Fundraising for projects at Norfolk's three NHS Hospitals, including the Boudicca Breast Cancer Appeal at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, which aims to raise money for a dedicated breast cancer unit on site, a maternity bereavement suite at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital; and the 'Raise a Rainbow' Appeal, a community improvement project at the James Pagent Hospital.

Visitors to the Ballroom will have the opportunity to make a donation to these projects as part of the display at Sandringham House, which will form part of a visit to Sandringham House from 17 July – 14 October 2021.

Tickets for Sandringham House must be pre-booked in advance via the website www.sandringhamestate.co.uk. Sandringham House is open to visitors six days a week from 10am – 4pm, remaining closed on Fridays.

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Notes to Editors

Sandringham Estate

Sandringham Estate is the much-loved country retreat of Her Majesty The Queen and has been the private home to four generations of British Monarchs since 1862.

Sandringham Royal Parkland spans nearly 243 hectares and is open daily throughout the year for walking and cycling, is dog friendly and includes a woodland children's play area. St Mary Magdalene Church, visited by the Royal Family particularly at Christmas, is also located in the Royal Parkland and open to visitors in line with Sandringham House opening times.

Sandringham House and Gardens can be visited via pre-booked tickets from the website from March – October (closed Fridays). www.sandringhamestate.co.uk

Facilities at Sandringham Courtyard include The Sandringham Shop, Sandringham Restaurant serving Afternoon Tea, and take away refreshment facilities all open daily throughout the year.

The Forum Norwich

The Forum is a community building in Norwich, Norfolk hosting events across the year managed by The Forum Trust an independent, charitable organisation representing Margaret Seaman.

The Forum is built on the site of the old Norwich Central Library which was devastated by fire in 1994. Rebuilt and designed by award winning architect Sir Michael Hopkins the new building was officially reopened by Her Majesty the Queen in 2002.

Margaret Seaman is raising funds for three NHS Norfolk Hospitals via a Just Giving Page via the link - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/margaretknitsfornorfolk>



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Further information about the NHS Norfolk Hospitals Projects

James Paget Hospital - Raise a Rainbow Appeal

The new Raise a Rainbow appeal, under the James Paget University Hospital Charity umbrella, aims to raise much-needed cash for a range of projects which will help improve the lives of those who live in and visit areas across Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Waveney. A brand new website has been launched – www.jpaget-charity.org.uk - which offers a host of inspiring stories, fundraising ideas and practical advice for those wishing to help the Gorleston-based hospital.

Facebook: jamespagetuniversityhospital

Twitter: @JamesPagetNHS

Norfolk and Norwich Hospital - Boudicca Appeal

A one-stop shop is now being offered to all patients referred by their GP to the breast cancer unit at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital thanks to the Boudicca Breast Cancer Appeal. The N&N Hospitals Charity £800,000 appeal to create a dedicated breast cancer unit at NNUH has raised more than £400,000 thanks to donations from members of the public, groups and businesses alike.

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Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Maternity Bereavement Suite Appeal

The Maternity Bereavement Suite Appeal aims to raise funds to create a dedicated facility, away from the maternity suite, for families who sadly lose their babies either during or shortly after birth at The QEH, King's Lynn. This will give a place to spend time with their babies and create special memories.

Having an allocated suite will make such a positive difference to the experience of parents when they are going through their most difficult time after their loss. This redevelopment will help these families to spend time with their babies in a more homely environment, away from the maternity suite.

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