



# SANDRINGHAM

## VISITING SANDRINGHAM – A FEW TIPS

There is a lot to do and see at Sandringham, and because it is spread out, it takes time. So it really is a good idea to plan your visit, and work out in advance what you most want to see and do.

In terms of the layout – the House itself is surrounded by 60-acre gardens and a wall; and the Café and Coffee Shop, Gift Shop, Ticket Office, toilets and Church are outside the wall.

The car and coach park is outside the wall in the Country Park, and from here it is about 130 metres to the House and Gardens Entrance, beyond the War Memorial. Many visitors choose to see the Church first; it is well worth a visit and opens at 11am. Then (maybe after a cup of tea or coffee) they go to the House and Museum.

To get to the house there is transport provided for people with mobility difficulties (from the car and coach parks); otherwise, it's a 10 to 15-minute stroll through the gardens. NB: the transport runs on a continuous shuttle service, but it can be up to 20 minutes' wait if you've just missed one. There is lots to see in both the House and Museum. The House admission includes a Multi Media Tour which your group may like to make use of; otherwise we have knowledgeable guides in every room. You should allow at least two hours to see the House and Museum.

After this you may need a substantial lunch – in which case you return to the self-service café in the Country Park. If a sandwich is enough, you can call in at the Stables Tearoom, beside the Museum. NB: the only toilets inside the wall are here as well!

Do take some time to stroll in the gardens. The North Garden, West Terrace and especially the Lake are a delight; there are seats scattered about where you can rest and take in the variety of vistas, as well as Queen Alexandra's summer house, the "Nest", overlooking the lake. From the delightful Stream Walk at the eastern end of the gardens you will get a view of York Cottage, once the bachelor quarters for King Edward's guests, later the much-loved home of King George V, and now the Estate Office.

Before you leave for your car or coach, allow some time for a potter around the Sandringham Gift Shop which stocks a wide range of local and unique Sandringham gifts and produce.