



The Chester Civic Trust

# Visit to Wentworth Woodhouse, near Rotherham

Thursday, 20th July 2017



The house was built in 1630 and has been extended and so enlarged that it has probably the longest façade of any house in the UK. The original façade, on the West Front is jubilantly Baroque whilst the East Front is sober Palladianism and is huge.

Sadly, the house has been neglected but is now awakening from slumber and guests like us are being invited to view the interior that has survived being undermined by coal mining and being used as a Training College for lady physical education teachers, amongst other things!

The history of the building is fascinating; the cash cow of this house was the Stable Block (The Whistleblower Portrait?); there was the man who called all his male children William; even the Kennedy family gets into the story.

As you walk round the building, you will recognise various rooms from TV period dramas, films and advertisements!

Now the Government has offered the Trustees £7 million to further restore this house. . . .

**Pick up points:** Handbridge 8.00 am, Railway Station 8.10 am, Boughton 8.15 am

**Lunch:** You decide! Take a picnic, or there is the wonderful Garden Centre, which serves everything from a full roast to a bowl of soup at very reasonable prices. (The coach will be parking there)

**Cost:** £26 per head

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To book please complete this slip and enclose a cheque payable to Chester Civic Trust.  
*Please note: Tickets will not be issued but you will be notified by telephone or email.*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose cheque for £ ..... for ..... places at **£26.00** each

**I wish to be picked up at: Handbridge / Railway Station / Boughton**

**Please return to:** Chester Civic Trust, Bishop Lloyd's Palace, 51/53 Watergate Row South,  
Chester, CH1 2LE by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017