



INDOOR PLAYBARN
THE KENTISH GARDENS
&THE VINTAGE VILLAGE

GROUP VISIT GUIDE









www.kentlife.org.uk or call 01622 763936



DISCOVER KENT LIFE

Located in the Garden of England and set in 28 acres of distinctive Kent countryside, Kent Life offers a unique look back at traditional Kentish life. Explore our collection of historic buildings, stroll through our gardens, enjoy a complimentary tour, meet our resident Owls and Meerkats at The Kent Owl Academy or take time out to refresh the senses in Dotty's Tea Room.

Your group will be welcomed from their coach and given an overview of the Kent Life experience. To further enhance the visit, why not consider one of our packages? You can even enjoy a scrumptious afternoon tea on the courtyard terrace. Special menus and discounts are available for pre-booked groups.



Why not join us to celebrate the special events taking place throughout the year? We have fantastic events every season. From the arrival of our new lambs at Easter, to our Hops 'n' Harvest Beer Festival – with a chance to pick your own hops! The year ends with our Firework Spectacular and the opportunity to Experience Christmas at Kent Life.

Group Benefits

- Complimentary Guided Tour (please ask at the time of booking)
- · Discounted admission prices
- · Free all day coach parking
- Free admission for the coach driver and group leader
- Welcome introduction
- Free Heritage Trail to accompany the visit
- · Free familiarisation visit for the group organiser
- Free train/tractor transport around Kent Life for visitors who may find it difficult to explore.





GROUP PACKAGES

Meet the Owls

Make your visit a real 'Hoot' by joining in with a 'Meet the Owls session' at The Kent Owl Academy. Get up close and personal with these beautiful and secretive creatures. Learn about their adaptations, habitat and diet as well as getting to see them fly in a purpose built arena.

A really magical experience which is both educational and entertaining. The session lasts approx. 30-40 minutes and takes place outside. Maximum 30 people per session.

Adult: £10.00, Concession: £9.00, Child: £8.00

Prices (including admission and session)

Garden Tours

Why not come along and explore our gardens, guided by one of our Kent Life gardeners. You will be led on a tour through our Kitchen and Herb gardens

- with a question and answer session afterwards. If time allows, why not get hands on and help us with our pruning! (Max 25 people per 30 minute session).

Adult: £10.00, Concession: £9.00, Child: £8.00

Prices (including admission and session)

Rag Rug Making

A craft of the past that has made a modern-day comeback! In days gone by, ordinary people used the materials they had available to make their homes comfortable and pretty. They used strips of old material to make warm rugs to cover draughty floors or even beds. Today, using

vintage tools, we use this technique to create a beautiful rag rug piece that could be turned into a scatter cushion or wall hanging. All materials will be provided, no previous experience needed. The workshop takes about 1.5 hours. "I could do this for hours! It's very satisfying".

Adult: £10.00, Concession: £9.00, Child: £8.00

Prices (including admission and session)







You are more than welcome to come along and explore Kent Life at your own pace, entrance prices are as follows:

Adult - £8.00 Concession - £7.00 Child (aged 3-15) - £6.00

UK School and Language School rates are also available.

Group rates are valid for a minimum of 15 paying visitors. You are welcome to spend as long as you like at Kent Life.



REFRESH THE SENSES

Why not use one of our stunning historic buildings to enjoy a lunch or cream tea? The Wagon Store boasts wooden floors and hop strung beams, our Vintage Village Hall may also be used, ideal for afternoon tea.

Alternatively, members of your group may wish to arrange their own refreshments. Dotty's Tea Room offers a variety of hot and cold lunches or the more traditional cream tea. In the fair weather, you are welcome to use the Garden terrace and soak up the fabulous atmosphere.





We have a range of catering options available - our suggestions are shown below:

£2.50 £4.00

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits

Tea, Coffee and Homemade Cake £5.25

A scone, butter, jam and cream, served with Cream Tea your choice of tea or coffee.

£12.00 (£16.00 including Prosecco) A selection of finger sandwiches, homemade scones, Afternoon High Tea jam, clotted cream, small cakes and an endless cup of

fresh tea or coffee. Why not treat yourself and add a ¼ bottle of Prosecco for £4.00! £9.00

Sandwich Lunch Platter Selection of sandwiches, Kent crisps, homemade cakes and fresh tea or coffee. Served buffet style.

Fancy something different? Call us to discuss bespoke breakfast, lunch or buffet options.



SPECIAL EVENTS 2021/22

Ice Cream Festival

Sunday 29th & Monday 30th August 2021

Hops 'n' Harvest Beer Festival

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th September 2021

Firework Spectacular

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th November 2021

Experience Christmas at Kent Life

Selected dates in December

Spring into Easter

2nd - 17th April 2022

May Bank Holiday Celebrations

Monday 2nd May 2022

For our complete events list, and further information, visit www.kentlife.org.uk.



THE NECESSARY STUFF

Coach Driver/Operator

All coach drivers receive complimentary tea/coffee.

Access

Most buildings have wheelchair access, with the exception of the first floors of the historic buildings.

Fully accessible toilets are available at four locations including The Village Hall.

The Cellar is not suitable for visitors who require wheelchair

We have two wheelchairs available to hire completely free of charge, reserve by calling 01622 763936.

Please be aware our site is on a gradual slope.

Free car and coach parking is available on site. Disabled parking spaces are available.

Booking/Payments

All bookings should be made by completing the Booking Form and returning it to Kent Life, Lock Lane, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3AU – or email to enquiries@kentlife.org.uk.

Once your booking has been made you will be sent your booking details, which remain provisional until full payment has been received at least 10 days prior to the visit date.

Failure to do so will result in your booking being released.

Bookings made within this 10 day period should be confirmed immediately by full payment.

Payments can be made by cheque made payable to Planning Solutions Ltd t/a Kent Life, or by card payment over the phone.

Cancellations

All cancellations of bookings must be made in writing by letter or email.

In the event of a late cancellation, Kent Life reserves the right to charge a late cancellation fee.

Kent Life reserves the right to make changes to the booking at any time, in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Catering

Group catering including any dietary requirements, should be pre-ordered at least 10 days in advance of your visit.

For more details of our catering offer, please email enquiries@kentlife.org.uk.

Once food choices are confirmed and paid for refunds are not available.

Menus are subject to change.

*Please note that at certain times of the year and for certain events rates may vary.

For more details or to make a booking: enquiries@kentlife.org.uk or 01622 763936 Kent Life, Lock Lane, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3AU. www.kentlife.org.uk

Group Booking Form

Group Details



Group Leader		
Group Name		
Address		

Postcode

Email Telephone

Visit Details

Date of visit Time of arrival

Package

Numbers Adults: Concessions: Children:

N.B: Group rates are only valid for pre-booked groups of 15 or more paying visitors.

Catering	Price	Servings	Time
Tea, Coffee & Biscuits	£2.50		
Tea, Coffee & Cake	£4.00		
Cream Tea	£5.25		
Afternoon High Tea	£12.00		
Afternoon High Tea (with Prosecco)	£16.00		
Sandwich Lunch Platter	£9.00		

Any other requirements? (i.e. Coach Parking / Dietary Requirements)

How did you hear about Kent Life?





