

England will lose all historical buildings und beautiful nature places...

AUDIO (I've already sendet it to Ms Suter (N.T.2))



Kingston Lacy



Library in Kingston Lacy



Souvenirs from Egypt

...if the National Trust wouldn't exist.

In the time of global warming it is very important that somebody looks after beautiful places, otherwise these places will be lost. But also objects which aren't in danger because of global warming are endangered if nobody looks after them. The National Trust saves historical houses und nature reserves and restores them when needed. This charity is really important for England. That is why you should learn more about this organisation. In my post you will find a lot of information about the National Trust and you will see what people who live in England think about the National Trust.

The National Trust

Introduction

When you make a journey through England and you visit special places or buildings you might see a board with information about this place. On this board you will often see the company logo of the National Trust which is a branch of maple leaves on a green background. When I visited London, I saw many such information boards. The National Trust supports for example Carlyle' s House, the Eastbury Manor House and other tourist attractions. At the beginning of my project I knew that the National Trust does exist. But I wanted to know more about this charity. I wanted to find out whether my hypothesis: "The National Trust is very important for the environment and the historical buildings of England" is true or not.



Logo of the National Trust

Methods

Firstly, I chose my topic. I decided to write about the National Trust because I had already heard about this foundation.

Secondly, I searched the Internet for general information about the National Trust, but also for specific information about Kingston Lacy. I wanted to find out as much as possible. All my knowledge is based on the Website of the National Trust and on Wikipedia.

Thirdly, I wanted to do in depth research and find more information.

Finally, I wrote down some questions that I couldn't find an answer for.

After that, I had to make an appointment for an interview. I had a lot of specific questions about Kingston Lacy. So I wrote to the tourist centre of Kingston Lacy.

I was very happy that Maddie offered to meet me and answer my questions at Kingston Lacy. I prepared the interview and the survey.

I decided to perform the survey at Kingston Lacy and Bournemouth. I wanted to find out how important the National Trust is for this country.

On the 23 of September, I had an interview with Maddie. She is the Duty Manager of Kingston Lacy. At 09.00 Ms Waiblinger drove me to Kingston Lacy by car. I didn't have a lot of expectations. I knew that Kingston Lacy had a beautiful garden and was a big house. But I was looking forward to seeing the beautiful house and the tea garden.

There I met Maddie. I showed her my list of questions. After that I asked her every single question. Maddie was very open and gave me a lot of information. After the interview I visited all the places that Maddie and Ms Waiblinger had recommended to me within the grounds of Kingston Lacy: for example the house, the tea garden etc. I also did the survey on this day. For the survey I asked a lot of different people in Kingston Lacy. Then I went back to Bournemouth where I asked some other people my survey questions. At home I analysed my survey and wrote my essay.

Finally, I prepared the presentation with my friends Seraina and Corina.

Here are my results:

The National Trust in general

The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty for short - the National Trust - is a charity. At present, the president of this charity is Prince Charles. It was founded in 1895 by three people (Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Canon Hardwick Ransley) who saw the importance of saving the nation's heritage. The aim was to keep houses and properties (Grundstück / Eigentum) safe so they can't be destroyed. When the National Trust buys a house or a property, it will never again be for sale.

Now the National Trust wants to open spaces, restore them and preserve them for everyone to enjoy. National Trust looks after special places throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The National Trust takes care of coastlines, forests, fens, beaches, farmland, islands, archaeological remains, nature reserves, villages, historic houses, garden, mills, pubs and one of the world's largest art collections.

Today the National Trust protects 775 miles of coastline, over 248'000 hectares of land, over 500 historic houses, castles, ancient monuments gardens, parks, nature reserves, close to one million objects and works of art.

To protect all these things, the National Trust relies on an income of membership fees, donations and legacies.

The National Trust has more than 4.1 million members and is **the largest organisation for culture and nature protection in Europe**. Over 61'000 employees work for free.

Kingston Lacy

In 1634, Mr John Bankes had a castle. But this castle was destroyed in the civil war. In 1663, Ralph, John's son, built a new manor house which was called Kingston Hall. In the following centuries, it was the home of family Bankes.

William John Bankes was an explorer and he collected all his antiques and pieces of art from Egypt in the manor house which later was named Kingston Lacy.

In the age of prince Edward, Kingston Lacy was a glamorous meeting point. Even Edward VII was a guest at Kingston Lacy. The last Bankes, Ralph Bankes, died in 1981. He didn't have any children so he donated his properties to the National Trust. This was the biggest donation that the charity ever got. But Kingston Lacy needed a lot of renovations. It took more than five years to renovate Kingston Lacy.

Now, Kingston Lacy is a great family home built in a style of an Italian Palace. It is located in Dorset countryside. The area has a size of 8.5 hectares and it is 5 km from Wimborne Minster. There is a lot to explore. From beautiful carvings to family souvenirs. There are also a lot of paintings from Ruben, Van Dyke, Titian and Brueghel. In the Egyptian Room there is the largest private collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts in the UK. There is a very nice Japanese Garden with an authentic tea house, too. Kingston Lacy can be visited between March and October and is a very important place of the National Trust because the area is very big.



Kingston Lacy



ceiling



nursery

My experiences

My results show that the National Trust does his work very well. A lot of people see how important this charity is, because it also takes care of the environment. In my survey, I was surprised but also very happy that so many people recycle their rubbish. The people agreed with my hypothesis: "The National Trust is very important for the environment and the historical buildings of England". My research confirmed my statement.

In my opinion Switzerland also needs such an organization. In Switzerland we only have The Swiss Heritage Society (Heimatschutz). They protect special houses but nobody looks after these places. But Switzerland also needs an organisation to look after these places and restore them when they need it. Otherwise Switzerland will lose these places some day.

Fortunately, I wrote an email to Kingston Lacy as early as possible to arrange an appointment. Otherwise they would only have answered when my project had already been finished. I was able improve my English during my project, because I spoke English the whole day with Ms Waiblinger and Maddie. Also during my survey I learned so much. And I talked to several people, which was a very nice experience. I liked doing this project. It was interesting to learn more about the National Trust. Then I wrote this essay. Sometimes it was difficult to put my knowledge into words. But hopefully it is easy to understand for everybody. I'm excited to do my presentation together with Seraina and Corina.

Interview

For my Interview I made an appointment with Maddie. Maddie works as Duty Manager for Kingston Lacy.

What can you tell me about Kingston Lacy?

William John Bankes lived in the 18 century. He inherited the house from his father, which was really special, because he was the second son. The first son had died previously. William John Bankes was an explorer, artist and collector, which was impressive. He collected a lot of souvenirs from Egypt.

What is special about Kingston Lacy?

The collection that is in the house. It existed as a single collection and now it's a closed collection. It is really special because what was collected by different generations but from the same family.

Who visits Kingston Lacy?

We have a real mix here. We have a balance of different types of visitors. A lot of members of the National Trust come here. We have a lot of families so they come and explore the garden. Older adults visit the house. A lot of visitors come just to walk around. But we have a lot of local visitors and we have a lot of English tourists who are on holiday in the area. We have also a lot of visitors from abroad. A large number of visitors come from Germany. And we have got a lot of European visitors and people from the States but as well from China and Japan.

How long have you been working for the National Trust?

I've been working for Kingston Lacy for more than 10 years. I started as a gardener but now I'm a Duty Manager.

Why are you member of the National Trust and what is your motivation to work for it?

My education is teaching people about culture and I'm interesting in working in a historic place. I also want to work on a place where people enjoy my work. Before, I worked in an other park. But nobody visited this park. And my job now is to watch over the visitors and the staff.

What is your favourite place or your favourite building of the National Trust?

It has to be Kingston Lacy.

What are the most visited places of the National Trust?

I don't know. I'm not sure, but I think the most visited places are our places where you don't need to pay, for example a park.

How much does it cost to visit a place of the National Trust?

It depends. Because the properties are so different. You might visit a small property that has a small garden and a house with four rooms or you can visit Kingston Lacy. So there are different

prices for different places. But some are similar. If you go to another place which has a big garden and a big house it's the similar price as you have to pay for Kingston Lacy.

How much money does the National Trust need to support the buildings and to protect the environment?

I don't know but it's quite a lot.

What happened, if the National Trust wouldn't, exist?

The buildings and the beautiful surroundings would be lost.

Survey

I made a survey with 24 people about the National Trust. I asked different people the same four questions:

Are you member of the National Trust?

Why do you support the National Trust?

How important is the National Trust?

Do you take care to the environment and how?

Let me present a few answers:

A 5 year old boy from Bournemouth:

I'm not member from the National Trust but my parents are. When I'm older I also want to support the National Trust because nature is so beautiful and it's so important to protect it. The National Trust is really important. I would say the National Trust is 100% important for the environment. My parents recycle all our rubbish to protect the environment.

A 26 year old woman from Bournemouth (mother of the boy):

I'm member of the National Trust and I support the National Trust for my son. The National Trust is important for the future. I recycle, as my son said, all my rubbish.

A 32 year old man from Poole:

I'm not member of the National Trust. So I don't really support the National Trust. But the National Trust do very good work. This charity is very important. All the beautiful parks would be lost. I recycle most of my rubbish.

A 54 year old man from Oxford:

I'm member of the National Trust because I love the historical houses which belong to the National Trust. The National Trust is important because it looks after these houses. But I don't take care of the environment.

A 63 year old woman from Poole:

I've been a member of the National Trust for about 20 years. I support the National Trust because it's really important to keep beautiful places safe. I recycle all my rubbish.

A 75 year old man from Bournemouth:

I'm member of the National Trust because it's cheaper. When you visit only four places it costs more than a membership fee. But the National Trust is also very important. People need beautiful places to relax. I'm member of the National Trust so I take care of the environment.

When you read the answers of this survey you see that many people in England see the importance of the National Trust. A lot of people recycle their rubbish which is really good. In my opinion, it means that National Trust and its volunteers and employees do their work very well.

Glossary

Aim	das Ziel
Ancient	antiken
archaeological remains	die archäologischen Erinnerungen
artefacts	die Artefakten
An object that get his shap through human being.	
branch of maple leaves	der Ahornzweig



Branche of maple leaves

carvings	die Schnitzereien
century / centuries	das Jahrhundert / die Jahrhunderte
charity	die Wohltätigkeitsorganisation
company logo	das Firmenlogo
donation(s)	die Schekung(en)
(destroyed), to destroy	etw. zerstören
Fens	die Sumpfgebiete
Swiss Heritage Society	der Heimatschutz
knowledge	das Wissen
legacies	die Vermächtnisse
manor house	das Herrenhaus
membership fees	die Mitgliederbeiträge

mills



Mill

die Mühlen

nation's heritage

das National-/ Kulturerbe

nature protection

der Naturschutz

nature reserves

die Naturschutzgebiete

otherwise

ansonsten

(to) preserve

etw. erhalten

Previously

vorher

property / properties

das / die Grundstücke (das Eigentum)

(recommended) to recommend

etw. empfehlen

(relies on) to rely on

auf etw. angewiesen sein

I'm rely on an income. Otherwise I can't buy food and clothes.

(to) restore

etw. wiederherstellen

Rubbish

der Müll

Surroundings

die Umgebungen

Whether

ob

More photos



bedroom



library



living room



dining table

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