

Tea-room



The tea-room serves seasonal fresh food, plus a selection of hot and cold drinks. The lunch menu is served 12-2.30pm and lighter options, including freshly-made sandwiches, hot pastries, bakes, cakes and cream teas are available throughout the day. Don't forget to try the scones – fruit, cheese or seasonal speciality. Dogs are welcome in both the in and outdoor seating areas.

On busier days you can buy ice creams, snacks and drinks from the courtyard kiosk. Dogs are welcome in both the in and outdoor seating areas, why not grab a doggie ice cream too?

Shop

View our range of National Trust souvenirs and gifts and locally made goods in the shop and plant area, with a new collection released every season. Take home a Scotney souvenir, browse the selection of books, delve into our variety of jams, chutneys and sweet treats, or pick up something chilled from the range of cold drinks and ice creams. The plant area has a selection of tender plants, shrubs and perennials, as well as a range of garden equipment, decorations and gifts.

Bookshop

Scotney's second-hand bookshop is a great spot to pick up a bargain for adults and children alike. All purchases go towards helping us carry out essential conservation work across the property. If you are having a clear out we are always happy to receive donations.



Volunteering

Volunteering is a great opportunity to get more involved at this unique property. From room guiding to gardening, helping in the property office, shop or tea-room, our flexibility suits all ages and abilities and we pride ourselves on being a friendly community.

If you're looking for fulfilling experiences, we'd love you to get involved. To find out more about our different roles, visit our website or call 01892 893820 to speak to a member of the team.

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Welcome to Scotney Castle



Introduction to Scotney

Scotney Castle has a long and rich history. The earliest parts of the old castle were built in 1378 by Roger de Ashburnham and were altered over the years by both the Darell and Hussey families.

In the 1830s, Edward Hussey III engaged the architect Anthony Salvin to build a new house at the top of the hill looking across the valley. Following the aesthetic ideals of William Gilpin, select sections of the old castle were deliberately ruined to form the focus of his new garden. As a result it's now a property primarily celebrated as being one of the most significant survivals of a complete Picturesque vision.

Scotney Castle has been in the ownership of the National Trust since Christopher Hussey's death in 1970. The house remained the private residence of his widow, Betty Hussey, until 2006 and first opened to visitors in 2007.



You can visit the renowned Picturesque garden to see the vibrant colours and to explore the romantic and ruined old castle. Inside the 19th century house is a large collection which features many artworks, books and furniture, as well as stories about previous inhabitants. The 780-acre estate offers parkland, woodland, hop gardens and a herd of historic Sussex cattle.

“The moated castle and landscape of Scotney, tucked away in an unfrequented valley, compose an ideally romantic picture. The old buildings are of considerable architectural and historic interest, but it is the picture as a whole that is exceptional.”

Christopher Hussey, *A History of Scotney Castle*

Double Portrait of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hussey in the Library at Scotney Castle, by John Ward, R.A.





Key To Scotney Castle



Parking



Toilets, Accessible Toilets & Baby Change



Information



View Point



Picnic Area



Dogs Must Be Kept On Leads Please



Trails

- Parkland Trail - 2 Miles, 45 Minutes
- Woodland Trail - 1.5 Miles, 30 Minutes
- Hop Trail - 1.5 Miles, 30 Minutes
- Colliers Loop - Natural Play



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