

History of Copped Hall

The present house was built in 1753 for John Conyers. However, the Copped Hall estate has a history which stretches back to Domesday. There was a large Elizabethan palace close to the existing house, which once entertained Queen Elizabeth I on one of her progresses. It is said that the first performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" took place here. The 18th century house was embellished in the 1890s by the Wythes family who extended it and built a very elaborate Italianate garden with terraces, sculpture, temples, etc. In 1917 a fire gutted the house and there followed over 80 years of gradual decay and demolition.

The Copped Hall Trust was established as a charity in 1993 in order to acquire the mansion and its surroundings and permanently protect it under benign ownership.

The interior of the mansion is being painstakingly restored to its mid-18th century form. The stables to the north of the mansion have been sold and restored as leasehold apartments, subject to strict covenants. This enabled the Trust to begin to work towards stabilising and securing the mansion. Epping Forest District Council gave the Trust a grant to restore the Racquets Court and the Essex Heritage Trust gave a grant to restore the cupolas on the stable roof. A private donation and grants from Essex Environment Trust have enabled the interior of the mansion to be partially roofed. Musical and cultural events are now staged within the mansion.

The Walled Garden is one of the largest in Essex. It was acquired by the Copped Hall Trust due to the generosity of the previous owner. Clearance of the undergrowth by Volunteers has created this magnificent area. One of the ruined greenhouses has been restored and a second greenhouse is well on the way to being brought to its former glory. Produce from the garden is on sale to visitors.

The best way of visiting Copped Hall regularly is to become a "Friend of the Copped Hall Trust".

Accompanied children under the age of 16
admitted free of charge.

Non-members and groups can arrange visits and private tours. Please write to: **The Copped Hall Trust,**

Stables Courtyard, Crown Hill, Epping Essex CM16 5HS
Tel: (Callminder) 01992 571657

Access via the gates in Crown Hill (Upshire Road) only.

The gates are manned for all arranged visits and functions.

Do not disturb the Lodge owners for access.

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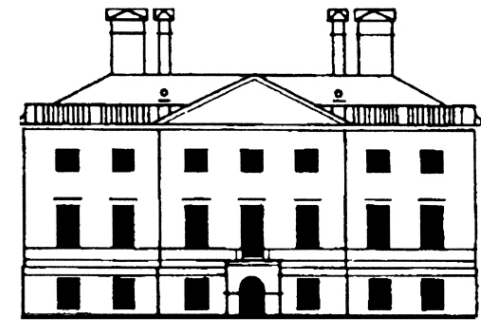
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE COPPED HALL TRUST

"The Friends of the Copped Hall Trust" has been set up to help sustain the work of the Trust and to support its objectives. "The Friends" financial support is vital in ensuring that the restoration of Copped Hall continues. If you would like to become a "Friend", fill in the form on the reverse.

As well as helping secure the future of this house and the garden, "The Friends" will receive:

- A programme published at the beginning of the year, detailing the events for the whole year at Copped Hall.
- Two Newsletters a year, which give updates on all the progress on the restoration, along with a variety of articles.
- Regular E-Bulletins, giving you news and up-to-date information on forthcoming events, providing you are happy to give us your email address.
- Free entry to all Guided Tour Days, Open and Apple Days, as well as the Garden Afternoons throughout the year.
- Give you the chance to join our friendly volunteers and help in many of our projects.



THE COPPED HALL TRUST

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1065569/0
www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk

Friends Membership Form

By Joining the Friends of the
Copped Hall Trust

you can help secure the future of
this important house and the gardens.

The "Friends" are supporters of the
Copped Hall Trust and its objectives



*Patrons: The Lord Lieutenant of Essex,
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Application to join the Friends of The Copped Hall Trust

To the Membership Secretary, The Copped Hall Trust, Stables Courtyard, Copped Hall, Crown Hill,
Epping, Essex CM16 5HS

I wish to become a Friend of The Copped Hall Trust.

Friends pay £25 a year for single membership or £40 a year for joint/family membership
(joint/family membership: 2 adults + children under the age of 16 at one address)

All money goes towards the restoration of the House and Gardens.

Full name(s) and title:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone No: Mobile No:

E-mail address:

By providing your e-mail address you will receive extra news bulletins about Copped Hall. Your personal details, address and e-mail address will not be given to any third party.

Cheque enclosed, made payable to "The Copped Hall Trust" for £25 single membership

or £40 joint/family membership

These are the minimum levels of subscription, but any additional donations would be greatly appreciated.

Or you can pay by Direct Debit. Please give your Bank/Building Society details below.

To: The Manager,

Name of Bank/Building Society:

Address:

Account No: Branch sort code:

Please pay annually from the account detailed above, the sum of £ on (date)

To The Copped Hall Trust, account number **0117 0775** sort code **40 30 25**

at HSBC bank Loughton, IG10 4LN Signed:

Date:

I should like the Copped Hall Trust to apply for Gift Aid on my behalf. I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Name and address for gift aid purposes required

Please print

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Phone number and/or email:

Signed:

Date: