



National Heritage Ironwork Group Working Parties Nettleham Hall Gates and Railings, Lincolnshire



The gates and piers at Nettleham Hall are attributed to Francis or William Smith of Warwick, Master Builders and Architects, circa 1720. Their original location was the now demolished church St Peter at Archers, Lincoln, also designed by William and or Francis Smith and built 1720-24.

The gates are in the English Style of Wrought Ironwork that was developing in the early 18th century. The style consisted of strong vertical elements, the majority of the decorative elements being consigned to the overthrows, piers, and pilasters. The English Style of ironwork followed the more flamboyant Baroque ironwork of the late 17th Century, which employed heavily ornamented scrolls and leaf work.

The gates and railings are Grade I listed by Historic England and on the Heritage at Risk Register, assessed as “in a very poor condition.”

Aims and Objectives:

The National Heritage Ironwork Group aims to run a series of Working Party Groups, following the process of the conservation of the Nettleham Hall gates and railings over a number of years. Participants will work under supervision alongside professional blacksmiths and conservators, with working parties covering such elements as Condition Reports, Site dismantling and removal, Repair Techniques, Cleaning, Finishes and Protective Coatings. The objective is to allow interested individuals to gain practical experience of ironwork conservation within a safe environment.

[Book here](#) for Working Party 1: **1st-3rd July 2022**

Friday

From 5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival, introductions, set up camping.• On-site meeting outlining the weekend's activities and highlighting site Health and Safety at 7pm• History of the gates talk• Communal evening meal at 8pm
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Saturday

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Am	Condition Report	Site Investigation & Excavation	Paint search & Sampling
Pm	Site Investigation & Excavation	Paint Search & Sampling	Condition Report

Sunday

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Am	Paint Search & Sampling	Condition Report	Site Investigation & Excavation
Pm	Group review and discussion, learning outcomes, forward planning Depart by 2pm		

Site Investigation & Excavation: cutting back foliage, digging out buried section of gates, searching the site with a metal detector for missing pieces of ironwork.

Condition Report: using measuring and surveying tools, assessing the condition of the gates and annotating a scale drawing.

Paint Search & Sampling: examining the ironwork for signs of historic paint and learning how to take and record samples.

There will also be the opportunity to practise forging, based on elements of the ironwork and pitched according to experience.

Notes:

- Camping available on site. Bring your own equipment - tent or van. Or participants are welcome to make their own alternative accommodation. Price includes:
 - All necessary PPE (except footwear – closed toe essential)
 - Evening meal on Friday night
 - Breakfast and lunch on Saturday & Sunday
 - Tea, coffee and soft drinks throughout the weekend.
- **PLEASE BRING OWN REUSABLE CUPS FOR ALL DRINKS.**
- Evening meal on Saturday night will be in a local pub with participants purchasing their own food and drinks.
- Toilets and basic washing facilities will be available on site.