



Gardens & Historic Houses Group
Coach Visit to Down House
Polhill Nursery & Garden Centre
Kent



Thursday 20th August 2026

Down House was the home of Charles Darwin, who lived here with his family for 40 years. He worked on his revolutionary theories, and wrote *On the Origin of Species*, which upset the Victorian world and has influenced scientific thinking ever since.

Polhill has been an independent, family-run Garden Centre for over sixty years. It offers everything from gardening supplies and outdoor furniture to BBQs, gifts and wild bird care. There is a restaurant and also The Coffee Corner for light lunches.

Leaving the Red Lion Car Park East Bergholt
at **8.30am**

If you need to cancel on the day of the visit, please ring Sandra on 07770 757056

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Booking Slip

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Nursery & Garden Centre



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Cost for English Heritage members: **£25.00pp**

Cost for non-English Heritage members: **£40.00pp**

Tick if English Heritage member ☐

Name of U3A Member(s).....

Tel No:

E-mail address

Emergency contact number and name

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to Stour Valley U3A No 2 Account

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