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Welcome To The Children's Country House Woodland Theatre

As part of our new and exciting programming work at The Children's Country House at Sudbury, we are delighted to launch our mini-summer season of theatre especially for children. For two weekends on 27 to 28 July and 1 to 4 August, we will be taking over our den building section in the grounds to create a new magical and intimate woodland theatre space.

For our first season we are delighted to welcome two companies from the East Midlands, who have earned an excellent reputation for their work with their children over the past few years. Buxton based Babbling Vagabonds will be presenting "*Here Be Dragons*" on 27th and 28th July, whilst HandMade Theatre from Nottingham will be "*Flying the Nest*" from 1st to 4th August, a show, with accompanying workshops, all about nature and birds. A subject very close to our hearts here at the National Trust.

Programming and Partnerships Manager for The Children's Country House at Sudbury, David Longford says, "This theatre programme is all part of our aim for The Children's Country House to become a vital creative hub for children's work, utilising the skills and creativity of artists from all across our region, who can transform our spaces and really fire up the imagination of all our visitors, young and old."

Mark Hornsey, Designer for Babbling Vagabonds theatre group also says "since my children were young, we have visited The Children's Country House at Sudbury, and we have many happy memories there. It's a treat to be performing there this summer, and our performance 'Here Be Dragons' is a fabulous story full of adventure and wonder, as well as entertaining for children of all ages!".

We look forward to welcoming you for the Woodland Theatre shows, and if you are an artist or company, either new or more established, working in the Midlands region then do please get in touch with us.

Woodland Theatre tickets are £9.00 per adult and £8.00 per child for performances and £10 per child for workshops. Tickets are available to purchase now via the [National Trust website](#) and more information can also be found [here](#).

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About the National Trust

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