

ENGLISH HERITAGE

Lights up the Nation



Matt Thompson, Curatorial Director for English Heritage, said, 'We are pleased to participate in the Lamplight of Peace commemoration for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Beacon lighting will be taking place at English Heritage properties across the country. Many of the historic properties our charity cares for, played a part in the War effort, from the combined operations centre at Dover Castle commanding the Dunkirk evacuation to country houses like Belsay Hall, and Wrest Park providing refuge for the wounded during the war and Audley End hosting the elite training school for Polish special forces. The flames from the lamps lit across our sites and beyond will symbolise the 'light of peace' that emerged from the shadows of war, serving as a powerful reminder of the importance of peace in the world today.'

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