

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **HALL PLACE HOUSE AND GARDENS**

The London Borough of Bexley is looking forward to developing new and exciting opportunities at Hall Place House and Gardens, when the property transfers back to the Council on 1 April.

The Council is assuring all those with an interest in Hall Place – including customers, brides, sub-contractors, staff, volunteers, exhibitors and schools – that it will be ‘business as normal’ in terms of existing bookings and services. But it is also clear that the transfer provides the opportunity to promote the house and gardens as part of a wider offer to visitors, and to host new and undeveloped activities and events in what is the borough’s premier historic asset.

Cllr Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure said: “Hall Place and Gardens is not only an historic destination for residents and tourists, but also provides an ideal venue for weddings and prestigious events. Managing the property provides us with a fantastic opportunity to build the business and we have lots of exciting ideas. We have already signed up to Open House in 2017, to demonstrate our commitment to promoting Hall Place and Bexley’s unique heritage as widely as possible. We are also entering the venue for the prestigious Green Flag awards scheme, which recognises well run parks and open spaces.

“Initially our focus will be on ensuring the smooth running of Hall Place and Gardens as a visitor attraction and a wedding/event venue, but we are very much looking forward to working to ensure it has an even brighter and more exciting future.

“We hope it will be as successful as Danson House has been, since it came back to the Council.”

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