

## Jodrell Bank's Unesco bid leads news from Cheshire for 2019

Cheshire Oaks unveils £40m revamp and Capesthorpe Hall opens new lodges



**Cheshire:** The new year will bring exciting news for Cheshire ([www.visitcheshire.com](http://www.visitcheshire.com)), with Jodrell Bank waiting to hear if it has been successful in its bid for Unesco World Heritage status. Meanwhile, Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet will finish its £40m expansion project and historic Capesthorpe Hall will be opening some eye-catching modern lodges for overnight stays.

**Jodrell Bank** (01477 571766; [www.jodrellbank.net](http://www.jodrellbank.net)) will find out in July 2019 whether it has been awarded the status of a World Heritage Site by Unesco. The Observatory, near Holmes Chapel – which recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of the giant Lovell Telescope, an iconic symbol of science and engineering on the Cheshire landscape – was submitted as the UK's candidate for the prestigious inscription last January. In preparation for inclusion on the World Heritage List, Jodrell Bank has been improving visitor facilities and working on a spectacular new gallery space that will celebrate the creation of radio astronomy. If successful, Jodrell Bank will join world-famous sites such as the Taj Mahal and Stonehenge on the global heritage stage.

**Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet** ([www.mcarthurglen.com](http://www.mcarthurglen.com)), the first mall of its kind in Europe when it opened in 1995, will unveil a £40m development project at Easter. The McArthurGlen outlet near Chester will feature 25 new shops and restaurants, including Kate Spade, Tefal and Comptoir Libanais, and larger stores for high-street favourites such as Gap, Cath Kidston and Mulberry. The new Cheshire Oaks Piazza will become the place to see special events, and there will be a bigger and bolder children's play zone, a new Guest Welcome Centre and premium lounge, improved accessible bathroom facilities, and a further 300 parking spaces.

Eight new lodges and cottages will open in May in the grounds of historic **Capesthorpe Hall** (01625 861221, [www.capesthorpe.com](http://www.capesthorpe.com)). The stately home near Macclesfield has chosen a bold contemporary style for its six new one-bedroom lodges, which will be timber-clad with living roofs and outdoor decking areas. Two converted cottages, sleeping up to six guests, will each feature two en-suite bedrooms, a sitting room and fully equipped kitchen. The hall, which has a fascinating collection of fine art, sculpture, tapestries and antiques and 100 acres of parkland with a lake, will celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2019 with special events throughout the year.

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