



The Story of *Heythrop Park*

Welcome to Heythrop Park – an English estate steeped in over 3000 years of romance, reinvention, and timeless grandeur.

1700 – A Love Story Begins

Charles Talbot, Duke of Shrewsbury, travels to Rome where he falls for Countess Adelhida Paleotti. Their marriage becomes the foundation of a dream: to bring a touch of Italy back to the Cotswolds.

1705 – Italian Elegance Takes Root

Inspired by Roman Baroque, the Duke commissions architect Thomas Archer, recently returned from Italy, to create a grand country house echoing Mediterranean magnificence.

1710 – A Masterpiece Emerges

Builder Francis Smith of Warwick brings the vision to life, completing much of the palatial home—an architectural jewel nestled in rolling parkland.

1718 – A Noble Legacy Continues

Following the Duke's death, Heythrop is passed down through generations of Shrewsbury Earls, each adding their mark to its evolving story.

1831 – Fire and Loss

A catastrophic fire ravages the house, destroying its ornate interiors—stucco ceilings, tapestries, and sculptures lost to time.

1870 – Revival Through Romance

Decades later, railway magnate Thomas Brassey gifts the estate to his son Albert as a wedding present. Celebrated Gothic Revival architect Alfred Waterhouse is tasked with restoring its former glory.

1923 – A Sanctuary of Study

Heythrop is transformed into a Jesuit college, becoming a haven for learning and quiet contemplation.

1969 – Business with a View

The estate enters the corporate world as National Westminster Bank converts it into a training and conference centre.

1999 – Luxury Reimagined

Entrepreneur Firoz Kassam acquires Heythrop, reopening it as a Crowne Plaza Hotel, inviting a new generation of guests.

2018 – Honouring the Past, Embracing the Present

Under Warner Hotels, the estate undergoes careful restoration—its storied past preserved, its future reimagined.

2022 – The Grand Reawakening

Heythrop Park reopens, fully restored and redefined. Every room whispers history. Every visit becomes part of its enduring legacy.