



LEONARDSLEE

lakes & gardens



“Beyond the Dolls House”

- * *A fascinating display of Victorian Life in 1/12th scale*
- * *140 foot of display frontage*
- * *Brought to life with mechanical parts*
- * *Shopping emporium with working lift*

Open 7 days a week
1 April - 31 October
9.30am - 6pm

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The $\frac{1}{12}$ th scale exhibition at Leonardslee lakes & gardens in Sussex has been growing since 1998. Now with 140 feet of frontage, all under cover, the exhibition is one of the largest and most detailed in the world. Helen Holland, its creator, has spent a lifetime making models of old buildings and presenting them, their contents and their inhabitants in a remarkably lifelike and fascinating manner.



“Beyond the Dolls House”

consists of a complete country estate of c.1900, with a mansion, beautiful lawns and extensive gardens. In the stables, the farrier and blacksmith are at work. The productive kitchen garden is complete with greenhouses, growing flowers, and seasonal vegetables for the house. The well-equipped farm has a granary and haystack, where a gamekeeper and some foresters also work.



In the local town can be seen all the shops and tradesmen that make the community self-sufficient. The butcher and baker, *mmm you can almost smell those cakes*, grocer and green grocer all have their goods well displayed. Doctor, chemist, photographer and artist are all there. Then there is the emporium which sells anything that could not be found a home for elsewhere! Ladies’ and gentlemen’s outfitters, shoes & hats, *oh those hats*, to name just a few of the departments. There is even a working lift. It gives window shopping a new dimension!

Leonardslee is also famous for its incredible display of rhododendrons and azaleas in the spring, when the valley is transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour.



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