

Sea feel for stately home

A SPECTACULAR new garden feature has been created at one of North Yorkshire's stately homes.

Newby Hall near Ripon has installed two new pavilions, decorated entirely with sea shells, in its restored and award-winning garden.

Located at the end of the 172m-long herbaceous borders by the River Ure, the pavilions have been designed to provide a calm place in which visitors can sit and linger.

Conceived by Newby Hall's curator Lucinda Compton and architect Christopher Smallwood, the pavilions reflect the 17th-century Grade I-listed house. The intricate shell interiors were designed by Lucinda and delivered by Terrington artist Linda Fenwick and her team.

"People find it very calm and peaceful sitting in a room of shells - it brings a bit of sea to rural North Yorkshire and every shell used tells a story," she said.



Curator Lucinda Compton with shell artist Linda Fenwick in one of the pavilions