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## NEWSLETTER

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### TANTcontact

In addition to our new Website TANT can be contacted by email at [info@tantuk.org](mailto:info@tantuk.org) and via a new Helpline number on 0845-224-2986.

In addition you may contact TANT Committee Members as follows:-

Andrew Turner-Cross, Chairman  
07741-053764

Peter Bate, Liaison Officer 01643-704063

Linda Baharier, Treasurer, 07815-842133

Alan Yates, Secretary, 01746-781038

### Website news

The new TANT website is looking really great. New content has been added and minutes of meetings have also been posted for members information. Please do have a look—you will find us at [www.tantuk.org](http://www.tantuk.org)

### TANT AGM - ALL WELCOME

The 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 9th May 2010 at Mottisfont.

The TANT policy is to hold its AGM's in different regions each year and last year we held a very successful meeting on the Dudmaston Estate in Shropshire.

Building on that success the AGM will be held in the Village Hall and lunch will be provided.

In addition to the normal business of the AGM we will also be discussing our forward strategy and the development of our

relationship with the National Trust.

We are also keen to encourage tenants to stand for election to the national TANT Committee and would particularly encourage interest from regional tenant associations.

If you feel that you would be willing stand we ask that you initially contact our Chairman Andrew Turner-Cross on 07741 053764 or [atc121@msn.com](mailto:atc121@msn.com)

**Below: The gardens at Mottisfont in springtime**



### TV appearance

TANT Vice Chairman Leo Stevens appeared the BBC 1 programme Country Tracks in February.

Leo lives in Lacock where previous generations of his family have lived for many years. Regularly used as a film set, the village of Lacock was gifted to the National Trust in 1944 and has been unspoilt by modern features such as yellow lines on the road and TV aerials.

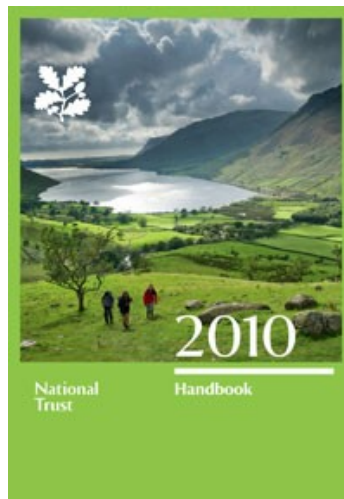
Presenter John Craven also interviewed National Trust staff member Graham Heard. He asked a particularly pertinent question about the plan to convert one of the houses in Lacock into a holiday home, something that TANT opposes. Graham Heard stated that «hand on heart we cannot say that we wouldn't do this again—although I can't see it myself.»

He went on to say that « we try to always let houses to people who have a connection with the place. »

### Digital TV switchover

The digital TV switchover arrangements are now in progress with varying regional completion dates. Viewers will be able to choose from a variety of TV service options. Their particular choice may require an aerial installation or replacement, or the installation of a mini-dish.

Individual National Trust tenancy agreements should indicate if aerial or mini-dish systems are permitted. Any tenant/custodian who is adversely affected is advised to consult their local Property Manager or Rural Surveyor. Any unsatisfactory results may be referred to TANT.



### Members Handbook

The National Trust has been distributing Members Handbooks to all Tenants across the Country. These are being distributed by the Regional offices of the National Trust although we have noticed that the method of distribution is variable. Please do let us know if you have not received your copy.

Inside you will find a free parking sticker which can be used in National Trust car parks.