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### **Goodwood Estate to star in Mary Berry's Country House Secrets**

**For immediate release:**

The rich culinary history of Goodwood, the sporting Estate in West Sussex, will be explored in new BBC One programme Mary Berry's Country House Secrets.

In it, Mary will meet custodians, staff and farm workers from across the 12,000-acre Estate, unearthing secrets away from the well-trodden tourist path. Inspired by what she discovers, Mary will then create her own scrumptious dish that celebrates the heritage and legacy of this extraordinary home.

Susan, Duchess of Richmond and Gordon and mother to the current Duke, plays a central role in the programme. She was one of the Soil Association's earliest members and ran her kitchen garden on organic principles, passing this passion on to her family. As a trailblazer of the organic movement and champion of animal welfare, she has been instrumental in transforming Goodwood into a model of progressive farming.

Mary spends time with The Duchess, collecting eggs from her prized Bantam hens and discussing the history of food and farming at Goodwood. Mary also explores Goodwood Home Farm with farmer Tim Hassell, shears sheep under the watchful gaze of shepherd Nick Page and has a tour of Goodwood's in-house butchery with butcher John Hearn.

A visit to Goodwood would not be complete without a tour of the historic motor circuit, where legends such as Roy Salvadori, Sir Stirling Moss and Juan Manuel Fangio have all been put through their paces. A highlight of the programme sees the Duke takes Mary for a lap around the circuit in his grandfather's iconic AC 16/18.

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon says: "We're very proud of our farming heritage at Goodwood; the farm was here long before any of our big events and it has inspired our food



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philosophy across all of our restaurants. It was an absolute pleasure to host Mary and have her shine a light on our food story.”

Mary Berry’s Country House Secrets will air on BBC One on November 22 and the Goodwood episode will be on December 13, 2017.

Other stately homes featuring in the series includes Highclere Castle, otherwise known as Downton Abbey, the exquisite Powderham Castle in Devon and the regal Scone Palace in Perthshire, Scotland.

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### **About Goodwood:**

Goodwood is a 12,000-acre estate in the heart of the Sussex countryside. Home to the Festival of Speed, the Qatar Goodwood Festival and the Revival, it is also becoming increasingly famous for food. <http://www.goodwood.com>

### **Food at Goodwood:**

**Goodwood Home Farm**, one of the largest lowland organic farms in Europe at 3,400 acres, has become the linchpin of Goodwood’s sustainable food philosophy and is what has put the Estate on the map as a foodie destination. Goodwood is unique in being able to control every aspect of its produce, from the fields where cattle, sheep and pigs graze to the in-house butchery and eventually to the kitchen – where the dishes are created.

It is this unique farm-to-table food journey that inspired **Farmer, Butcher, Chef**, a sustainable restaurant that showcases lesser-known cuts of meat from the farm’s selection of award-winning beef, pork and lamb. Home Farm also produces 21,000 litres of **milk** a week, used to make three cheeses (Charlton Cheddar, Molecomb Blue and Levin Down) and sold to independent shops in London and the South East. The herd of 200 milking cows are part-Shorthorns, a breed which originated in the 16th century, the best milking cow of its time.

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