



## **Waddesdon Manor unveiled as the fairy-tale castle starring in Amazon Prime Video's new *Cinderella***

The release of a new trailer this month reveals Waddesdon Manor, the Rothschild House & Gardens in Buckinghamshire, England, will play a starring role in the upcoming Amazon Prime Video adaptation of *Cinderella*, streaming September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Inspired by the châteaux of the Loire Valley, Waddesdon was built in a French-renaissance style by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild in the late 1800s. The twisted turrets, golden brick work and countryside setting meant no Fairy Godmother transformation was needed to turn this National Trust property into the famous palace. The Manor's exteriors, interiors and wider grounds were all used in the production, and those who've visited will immediately recognise distinctive features such as the portico balcony.

This is not the first time Waddesdon appears as a royal residence on the silver screen, having doubled as Buckingham Palace in both *The Queen* (starring Helen Mirren) and *The Crown*, as Château de Fontainebleau in *A Little Chaos* (starring Kate Winslet), and even Versailles in BBC's *McMafia*.

Kim Hallett, filming consultant for Waddesdon, said, "*Never before has Waddesdon played such a central role in a production of this scale, nor had the chance to shine as an instantly recognisable building in its own right. It's been wonderful to see such a unique place bring its own magic and charm to this classic tale, and as Waddesdon is open to the public we look forward to welcoming visitors to come and see 'Cinderella's palace' for themselves*".

*Cinderella* will be available on Amazon Prime Video on 3 September 2021. Waddesdon Manor is open to the public weekly, Wednesdays – Sundays. Book tickets now at [www.waddesdon.org.uk](http://www.waddesdon.org.uk)

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[High resolution media images are available to download here](#)

### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

**Waddesdon Manor** was built at the end of the 19th century by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild in the style of a French early 16th-century chateau, as a weekend retreat where he could entertain friends and family. Baron Ferdinand was an inspired collector and the house was designed to showcase his exceptional collection of English and French paintings, French 18th-century furniture, Sèvres porcelain, and other decorative arts. When Ferdinand died in 1898 he left Waddesdon to his sister, Alice. Upon her death the house passed to a French cousin, James de Rothschild, who inherited a substantial part of his father, Baron Edmond's, great art collection. In 1957, to ensure its future in perpetuity, Waddesdon was bequeathed to the National Trust. The Rothschild family continues to run Waddesdon on behalf of the National Trust



through the Rothschild Foundation under the chairmanship of Lord Rothschild. More at [www.waddesdon.org.uk/about-us/press/notes-for-editors/](http://www.waddesdon.org.uk/about-us/press/notes-for-editors/)

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