

PRESS RELEASE

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Venue and Event: *Walk for Autism Research at The Alnwick Garden,
Northumberland*

Date: *Sunday 13 June 2010*

Once again Autistica returned to Northumberland to join our friends in the North East at The Alnwick Garden. Just under 300 people came and enjoyed a choice of walks covering two, three or five miles. The event raised thousands of pounds for the charity and also helped to create more awareness of the need for research into autism.

There was lots of entertainment provided on the day, including H2O Northumbrian Water employees dressed as cartoon superheros who greeted children and posed with them for photos. There was live music and an unexpected performance from The Heaton Voices choir! Kirsty Rhodes ran a highly successful Tombola and Taffy Thomas, Laureate Storyteller MBE delighted everyone with his stories in The Roost at the Treehouse. Our thanks to everyone who helped and supported us, all the walkers, Northumbrian Water and a special thank you to Barry and Brenda Taylor.

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Autistica is the leading UK charity dedicated to raising funds for biomedical research into the causes of autism, and translating the findings into real benefits for autistic people and their families. For more information please visit www.autistica.org.uk.

The Alnwick Garden

The Garden is managed and developed by The Alnwick Garden Trust, an independent registered charity (Registration No. 1095435). The Alnwick Garden is a transformational cultural project, transforming and inspiring the economy of the North East. It now expects visitors in the region of 500,000 every year. For more information please visit www.alnwickgarden.com.