



## Celebrating Humphry Repton: Research

Suggested outputs for County Gardens Trusts' Repton research

- 1. Research results can now again be submitted to the Parks and Gardens database. Philip White of Hestercombe, who have taken this over has asked that for now (until the website is modernised) use the form on the PGUK website for your results http://www.parksandgardens.org/research-and-record
- 2. Research results and snippets can be added to the Historic England Heritage List (Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest) via their Enriching the List initiative. This is also useful where a house is listed but the garden doesn't get a mention. You cannot change the entry but you can add in notes (1000 characters), weblinks and pictures. once you have signed up to do this. Your user name will appear with the additions you have made but it might be an idea to include your CGT web address as well all good publicity! Details at <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/enrich-the-list/how-to-make-contribution-to-enrich-the-list/">https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/enrich-the-list/how-to-make-contribution-to-enrich-the-list/</a>, or there is a guidance handout on the Gardens Trust online Resource Hub.
- 3. Books, leaflets (online or printed) or walking guides are a great way to share your work. Do take a look at the array produced by CGTs for the Capability Brown celebrations at <a href="http://thegardenstrust.org/publications/cgt-publications/">http://thegardenstrust.org/publications/cgt-publications/</a>. The Gardens Trust will create a similar list for Repton so that we can publicise your work as a whole.
- 4. Exhibitions! Many CGTs held fantastic exhibitions for the Capability Brown celebrations, and it would be great to see this repeated. Maybe consider following the example of Welsh Historic Parks and Gardens Trust, who mounted their exhibition in pubs to reach a different audience from the usual museum crowd?
- 5. Historic Environment Records are online records of heritage assets maintained by local authorities and are used in the planning system. You would be doing a great conservation service by adding information on Repton sites to the appropriate Historic Environment Record, especially if you can do this in the form of a Statement of Significance.





## Support tools available

- 1. There is a growing library of Repton support materials on the Gardens Trust Resource Hub <a href="http://thegardenstrust.org/conservation/hlp-hub/campaigns-and-celebrations/">http://thegardenstrust.org/conservation/hlp-hub/campaigns-and-celebrations/</a>.
- 2. The Gardens Trust hosts a Repton discussion forum at <a href="http://thegardenstrust.org/forums/forum/repton-forum/">http://thegardenstrust.org/forums/forum/repton-forum/</a>. Do use it for research queries or announcements.
- **3.** The Huntington Library in the US has a range of Repton papers and there is a microfilm of these at RIBA. Do take a look at <a href="http://riba.sirsidynix.net.uk/uhtbin/cgisirsi/?ps=cUswoIaFkM/MAIN\_CAT/24020024/9">http://riba.sirsidynix.net.uk/uhtbin/cgisirsi/?ps=cUswoIaFkM/MAIN\_CAT/24020024/9</a>
- 4. John Phibbs has copies of most Red Books and is happy to let CGTs borrow these in return for you transcribing them for him. Contact Johnny at <a href="mailto:johnphibbs@debois.org.uk">johnphibbs@debois.org.uk</a>
- 5. The Gardens Trust's Newsletter editor, Charles Boot, has scanned all the Polite Repository images that were collected by Nigel Temple and is happy to receive requests at <a href="mailto:news@thegardenstrust.org">news@thegardenstrust.org</a>. Kate Harwood also has a list of the images which are held in the Bodleian and the V&A (neither site has the whole range but between them they cover them all and you are allowed to photograph them) please contact her at <a href="mailto:kateharwood@thegardenstrust.org">kateharwood@thegardenstrust.org</a>.

Kate Harwood has kindly agreed to act as the Gardens Trust's Research Coordinator for County Gardens Trusts' Repton research. Do contact her at <a href="mailto:kateharwood@thegardenstrust.org">kateharwood@thegardenstrust.org</a> to discuss any of the items here.