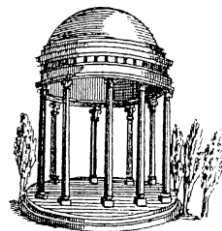


RUNNING A RESEARCH & RECORDING PROJECT
HLP WORKSHOP BIRMINGHAM 23 January 2017

FUNDING – LUXURY OR NECESSITY?

Claire de Carle Project co-ordinator

‘Understanding historic parks and gardens of Buckinghamshire’



The rich garden heritage in Buckinghamshire



Research in 2016



At risk sites currently being researched



Buckinghamshire – facts and figures

- There are over 400 parks and gardens on the local list
- There are 4 district councils plus Milton Keynes unitary authority in the county
- Shape of county makes for difficult logistics stretches from MK in north to M25 in the south
- Volunteers needed across the county
- Bucks GT members approx. 180 a need to recruit from outside
- Support from other local organisations, including Bucks Archaeological Society
- County town Aylesbury – centre for meetings and location of records office
- Long term project – 10 years!

The Bucks Project – Funding Timetable

- December 2012 - Initial discussions
- 2013 - Detailed Planning, initial training session organised
- October 2013 - Application for HLF funding
- December 2013 - Bid successful
- May 2014 - HLF 1 year pilot project starts
- July 2015 – pilot scheme ends (after 2 month extension)
- 2015 – 2017 Further funding secured from various trusts to roll out long term project

Why did we need funding?

- The Bucks GT could not cover all the costs of the project, have made contributions
- We wanted the volunteers to be well trained at suitable venues
- We wanted to employ someone to take on some of the administrative tasks (2 days per month)
- We wanted to be able to pay volunteers expenses - eg mileage (budget calculated on a per site basis, 2 volunteers per site)
- To cover printing costs – finished dossiers, training materials, flyers and postage
- Other expenses including photocopying, photo license from Centre for Bucks Studies, etcetera
- To provide days out and other incentives for our 20 volunteers, making the experience more enjoyable



Bucks Gardens Trust



Association of Gardens Trusts



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“Understanding old gardens in Buckinghamshire”

**A research and recording project carried out by
volunteers from the Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust**



Over the last eighteen months a dedicated group of volunteers has been trained, as part of a Heritage Lottery funded pilot scheme, to research and record the historic gardens of Bucks; work on fifteen locally important parks and gardens is complete. We have now secured generous funding to roll out the project for a further two years and are looking for new volunteers, interested in history and gardens, to help with the important work of safeguarding some of the county's lesser-known sites. A number of training sessions will be held, commencing in the Autumn of 2015; if you are interested in joining us, please see below for contact details.

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For the background to the project: www.bucksgardentrust.org.uk

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/local/local-designations/local-list/>

Training venue Aylesbury Cemetery



Volunteers day out to Rousham



Training day at St Katherine's Parmoor



