Public Parks are suffering due to severe funding cuts during this period of austerity. Learn how the crisis came about, how parks have been affected and what your CGT can do to help to protect your local parks. Speakers will include David Lambert, director of the Parks Agency and Gardens Trust Board Member; and Katy Layton-Jones, of the University of Leicester. Together, David and Katy have provided evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee inquiry into the future of public parks and produced the Gardens Trust’s accompanying report, *Uncertain Prospects*.

**Programme**

10.30  *Registration*, tea and coffee

10.50  *Welcome*, Tamsin McMillan, Historic Landscape Project

11.00  *Background to the crisis*, David Lambert, The Parks Agency and GT Trustee

11.30  Discussion

11.40  *The Current Crisis and the Gardens Trust’s Response*, Katy Layton-Jones - School of Historical Studies, University of Leicester

12.10  Discussion

12.30  *Lunch*

13.30  *Guided Tour of Abington Park*, led by the Friends of Abington Park

14.30  *The Heritage at Risk Register and Public Parks*, Erika Diaz Petersen, Heritage at Risk Landscape Architect, East Midlands, Historic England

15.00  *Round-up: how County Gardens Trusts can help*

15.30  Discussion

16.00-16.30  Tea and close

**Tickets free for CGT/Gardens Trust members**, with a suggested donation of £7 towards lunchtime catering; **£40 for non-members** (with one year’s membership of the Gardens Trust included), payable at event registration. Please email tamsinmcmilan@thegardenstrust.org to reserve a place.