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Hello, welcome!

About Sally Bate.

So glad to be working with you all and looking forward to getting to know everyone.

- The Gardens Trust - Research, Conserve, Campaign
- Journal, events, conservation, network, training.
- 36 County Gardens Trusts, including Bedfordshire Gardens Trust.



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- Unique small but national charity working to look after historic parks and gardens. Not in sense of mowing grass or owning the gardens, but rather championing them. In a nutshell, we Research, Conserve, Campaign

- GT formed in 2015 from two older organisations, the Garden History Society and the Association of Gardens Trusts.

- C1200 members

- We have a Journal, newsletter, garden visits, lectures.

- One of our most important roles is to comment on planning applications.

- We're trying to get better at sharing our love of historic parks and gardens with more people.

- Often, we find ourselves as the spider in the middle of a web – helping grow networks.
- Because the County Gardens Trusts have so many volunteers, we have become very accustomed to training and supporting volunteers.
- 36 County Gardens Trusts, plus Welsh Historic Parks and Gardens Trust, plus Scotland's Garden Landscape Heritage. Between them they have about 8000 members. Independent charitable organisations which are all linked through the Gardens Trust.
- Plug for Beds GT– perhaps by the end of this you will be thinking about joining them as well as the national Gardens Trust!
- CGTs typically very busy with Research & Recording, Conservation, Education and working with schools, Events and garden visits.

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