

# Protecting Historic Parks and Gardens: Round-Up and Resources



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A training presentation from the Gardens Trust.

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## Professional planning background not required!



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As I hope you already know, you do not have to have a professional background in planning to be able to respond effectively to planning applications affecting historic parks and gardens.

The knowledge of historic designed landscapes gathered by your county gardens trust over time, as they research and record individual sites, gives you most of the tools you need to effectively respond to planning applications.

It is particularly important in helping to protect unregistered sites, which, if their significances have not been identified and made public via the HERs etc, have much less protection from development.

The Gardens Trust can help to build your CGT's planning response capacity in a number of ways...

## Gardens Trust Resources

Training Days



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We can't always promise cake, though we do try!

We move our two-part planning training around the country – most recently in Yorkshire and Gloucestershire. This training, which is suitable for beginners, looks at the varied threats to historic parks and gardens and the many tools we can use to protect them, including using your local knowledge to respond to planning applications.

This year, while it is harder to meet up, we are launching our planning training events online, as a series of webinars. See our events page for more details  
<http://thegardenstrust.org/events-archive/>

Please approach the HLP if you would like some help to organise further training, perhaps to attract / train new planning recruits.

Our events budget is finite, but we may be able to find ways to work with your CGT to source alternative funding for events.

## Gardens Trust Resources Networking Days



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We run national and regional networking events – an annual Historic Landscapes Assembly in November, where you can hear about recent projects and initiatives by CGTs and other landscape organisations; and regular Members’ Meet-Ups.

Conservation is always on the agenda at Meet-Ups and these informal discussion sessions are a great way to drum up interest in your work in planning and conservation and perhaps recruit some volunteers to help.

Please encourage all your members to come along. We realise that some CGTs had assumed Meet-Ups were organised primarily for committee members, but they are a great way to inspire your ordinary members.

## Gardens Trust Resources

One-to-One Support



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As Conservation Officer, Margie Hoffnung relies on CGTs' knowledge of individual sites in order to be able to put together effective responses to planning applications. She is very happy to pay back that favour by sharing her experience of the planning system. Get in touch if you need help with a case  
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Would you like us to help advise your Committee on planning matters?  
Or come and talk to your CGT?

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## Online Support – Resource Hub

[thegardenstrust.org/conservation/hlp-hub](http://thegardenstrust.org/conservation/hlp-hub)

**Resource Hub**

The Gardens Trust's capacity-building Historic Landscape Project has produced and gathered a large range of support materials to help County Gardens Trusts in their conservation work, which we are making available here at the Resource Hub. Please click on the appropriate links below to take you to the various subject pages.

We regularly add to or update these materials, so do come back soon and see what's changed if you have seen or produced a document that you think may be of interest to other CGTs, do please send it to [info@thegardenstrust.org](mailto:info@thegardenstrust.org) and we'll add it here.

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You will, hopefully, have already heard of our Resource Hub, on the Gardens Trust website, under the 'Conservation' tab.

It contains a huge volume of freely-available material, over 400 documents, including presentations and handouts from our planning training days; all the remote learning packages which we've been sending out to CGTs this summer; and up-to-date guidance from other organisations.

It's worth a browse and may save you time and effort in searching for information, or perhaps creating your own training materials.

Do have a look, and please let the HLPOs know if your CGT, or other landscape organisation, would like to share anything on this platform.

## Gardens Trust Resources

### Conservation Casework Log

Contact Alison Allighan [consult@thegardenstrust.org](mailto:consult@thegardenstrust.org)

Calverley Park and Calverley Grounds	Kent	Tunbridge Wells BC	<a href="http://www.tunbridge-wells.gov.uk/appsearch">18/00076/FULL www.tunbridge-wells.gov.uk/appsearch</a>	E17/1326	16/01/2018	II	PLANNING APPLICATION Full planning permission for the redevelopment of the site to include the demolition of existing buildings (the Great Hall car park, the dental surgery in Calverley Grounds and the toilet block in Calverley Grounds) and provision of new offices (including Council offices, Council Chamber and commercial office space), theatre, underground car parking, and associated landscaping, infrastructure and associated works, including temporary site compound. Civic Development Site, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. OFFICE/COMMERCIAL Lynda Middlemiss 01892 554055
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The Gardens Trust's Conservation Casework Log contains details of all planning applications and other consultations which have been sent to the GT (and before 2015, the GHS) since 2001. It now contains the records of over 27,000 cases. Probably the most public face of the log is the weekly casework list, which is compiled from the data entered over the previous seven days. This is sent out to CGTs, and other appropriate organisations. Each case is allocated a category (here FOOTPATH/CYCLEWAY), used by Historic England to monitor trends/statistics.

CGT planning volunteers can access the log to enter information on their own cases, helping to build a picture of both precedents and also the changing threat to historic parks and gardens; and use key word searches to access other cases which may help them with responses.

Please contact our Conservation Casework Manager, Alison Allighan to learn more about accessing and uploading information to the log

## Gardens Trust Resources Online Support – Social Media

The Gardens Trust @thegardenstrust · 21 Jul  
We've enjoyed hearing from volunteers about their community gardens at @EnglishHeritage sites

Some gardens are Registered in their own right, others - the setting for a Listed Building like #ChicheleGardens

Let us know if you volunteer at #unforgettablegardens like these 🥰

📍 The Gardens Trust @thegardenstrust · 15 Jul  
Do you have a special garden or park which has been even more special during Covid-19 lockdown months?

The local community and volunteers in #Highamferens, #Northamptonshire certainly did. Their #unforgettablegardens are #Chichele #Gardens

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Show this thread

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8 posts 124 followers 41 following  
the Gardens Trust  
The national charity dedicated to protecting and conserving our heritage gardens. Please join us today: [thegardenstrust.org](https://thegardenstrust.org)

Facebook: The Gardens Trust Sharing Landscapes  
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This year in place of our annual Family Picnic we will be supporting the #flowers campaign by highlighting public parks to cherish whatever your age. We start by revisiting the locations for our previous picnics - Wollaton Hall and Park in #Nottinghamshire, @wicksteedpark in Kettering, and Grovelands in London. Thanks to @nationalheritagelottery for supporting our work.  
#unforgettablegardens  
<https://www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/things-to-do/wollaton-hall-and-park-p354961...> See More

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And use your own social media pages to:

- Share information about your local landscapes and highlight both negative and positive issues affecting them
- Share your planning triumphs – inspire others to keep going!
- Seek help with difficult cases
- Attract new recruits to planning – perhaps even the younger generations – succession planning for your CGT

## Build your network

Work with others to achieve your conservation aims



### Heritage Organisations

Local planners  
Historic Environment Records  
Local List  
Parks and Gardens UK

### Likeminded allies

Friends groups  
Other local clubs and organisations



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Working with other groups who also care about landscape – historic or not - can really strengthen the protection for historic parks and gardens in your county.

Don't limit yourself to garden / history groups – you can find allies in all sorts of local organisations: Parks Friends, wildlife, sport, ramblers, tree enthusiasts etc. Tap into the armies of enthusiastic volunteers. Perhaps you can help them in return.

Don't forget to send our 2019 updated Planning System leaflet (<http://thegardenstrust.org/conservation/conservation-publications/>) to local planners to make them more aware of the work of the CGTs and their obligation to consult the GT.

Make your research available to planners and others, via the HER, Local Lists, PGUK and, coming soon, OASIS.

Photos: left <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/news/latest-news/2016/june/linlithgow-ramblers-30th-anniversary.aspx>

Right <https://www.inderby.org.uk/parks/volunteer-groups/>

You have all the tools and  
knowledge required



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