



# Protecting Historic Parks and Gardens: **The Full Monty!**

*Round-up and Resources*

# Gardens Trust Resources

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.

These six steelworkers from Sheffield certainly didn't have any prior experience of exotic dancing!

The knowledge of historic designed landscapes gathered by your CGT over time, by researching individual sites, gives you most of the tools you need to effectively respond to planning applications.

Particularly important in helping to protect unregistered sites.

## Round-Up

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## Round-Up

- National and Local Planning Policies offer some protection for historic designed landscapes
- But protection of even Registered landscapes is not guaranteed
- **Understanding of significance is crucial** – informed by CGT research
- Share your knowledge via HER → Local Plans and policy
  - Be creative with your responses!
- **Don't worry about knowing planning: know gardens!**



We learnt from Victoria...

## Round-Up

- Use *all* types of designation to fight inappropriate development
- Sites recognised as heritage assets receive some recognition and consideration
- Statements of Significance help planners to quickly recognise key features
- You can request that suitable sites are added to Register, or receive other designation



Use *all* types of Designation to fight inappropriate development, not just historic designed landscape, but also other historic landscapes (eg battlefields), listed buildings, World Heritage Sites, AONB, ecology, archaeology, TPOs

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## Round-Up

- Involve yourselves in planning inquiries
- Develop a familiarity with key planning policies
  - **But most of all, value your specialist knowledge and understanding**
- Consider how proposals could damage significance, both directly and indirectly (setting)

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## Training Days



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The GT can help you to build your planning response capacity in a number of ways...

We can't always promise cake!

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 can find ways to work with your CGT to source alternative funding for events, eg one-day training course.

This year, we will be repeating the 3-part planning training in the north.

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## Networking Days



We run national and regional networking events – annual Historic Landscapes Assembly in November, 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. Realise that some CGTs had assumed Meet Ups organised primarily for committee members, but they are a great way to inspire your ordinary members.

Upcoming Meet Ups planned for:

Sheffield, July

September 2018, in Warwick;

November 2018, in Newcastle;

January 2019, in Grantham (to include a presentation by the Woodland Trust);

and March 2019, in Hampshire.

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## One-to-one support



As Conservation Officer, Margie relies on your knowledge of individual sites. 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.
- you'd like us to help advise your Committee on planning matter
- OR come and talk to your CGT... inspiring new volunteers to get involved in planning.

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## Online support – Resource Hub

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



You're probably sick of hearing us go on about the Hub!

But, as Margie has said, it does contain a huge volume of material, over 400 documents, including presentations and handouts from our planning training days; and up to date guidance from other organisations.

Save time, eg use our letter templates in your planning responses.

I've listed a few pertinent docs on one of you handouts, but there are many others to discover.

Have a look...

Let us know if your CGT would like to share anything on this platform

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## Online support – Forum

[thegardenstrust.org/conservation/forum](http://thegardenstrust.org/conservation/forum)

FORUM	TOPICS	POSTS	FRESHNESS
How to use the Forum	1	1	10 months, 2 weeks ago Richard Binnett
Gardens Trust General Discussion Forum	2	5	4 months, 1 week ago Linda HLPO
Conservation Forum	0	0	No Topics
Events Forum	0	0	No Topics
Region Forum	7	15	1 month ago Janet White
County Gardens Trust Forum	3	7	5 months, 2 weeks ago muhaw
Research Queries Forum	3	3	4 months, 2 weeks ago JanetBinnettGT



As you can see from the rather low numbers of posts, the Forum needs you!!

Launched last year, but some technical teething problems with registering put quite a few users off. These have now been rectified

This could be a fantastic networking resource for CGTs, helping you to share your knowledge and work through problems.

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## Conservation Casework Log

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

Calverley Park and Calverley Grounds	Kent	Tunbridge Wells BC	18/00076/FULL <a href="http://www.tunbridge-wells.gov.uk/app-search">www.tunbridge-wells.gov.uk/app-search</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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As Margie said, please contact Alison Allighan to learn more about accessing and uploading information to the log

Look out for log workshops... Alison is Planning two workshops this year. Let us know if you're interested.

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## Social Media



Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

And use your own social media pages to:

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 other groups to achieve your conservation aims:**

Local planners  
Historic Environment Records  
Local List  
Parks and Gardens UK

Likeminded allies:  
Friends groups  
Other local clubs and organisations



As Kate has demonstrated at Panshanger, working with other groups who also care about landscape can really strengthen your case.

Send our Planning System leaflet to local planners to make them more aware of the work of the CGTs and their obligation to consult the GT

As Linden has said, place your research onto the HER

Find allies in other local groups, eg wildlife, sport, ramblers

You have all the tools and  
knowledge required



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