



## Historic Landscapes Assembly

### *An Historic Landscape Project Discussion and Networking Day*

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**10.00am-6.00pm**

**The Hospitium, Museum Gardens, Museum Street,  
York, YO1 7FR**

*The third annual, national networking forum from  
the Gardens Trust, attracting delegates from across  
the heritage and landscape sector,  
with County Gardens Trusts right at its heart*

**Aim:** An opportunity for all those with a stake in historic designed landscapes and their conservation to meet and discuss current issues. Speakers will update us on current Gardens Trust campaigns and will include representatives from Historic England, Natural England, the National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces and the Woodland Trust. We will also be treated to case studies from County Gardens Trusts, showcasing their varied research and conservation projects.

Following the success of the GT's 'Compiling the Record' campaign, the Assembly will take "The 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Beyond" as its theme, with highlight speaker Kim Wilkie, celebrated designer of 'Orpheus' at Boughton House, sharing his impressions of the essence and personal inspirations of British design through the centuries and his hopes for landscape architecture in the coming century.

Discussion will include ideas for sharing historic parks and gardens with a wider audience; the place of research in conservation; and ways to drive our sector's renewed determination to be a combined force for good.

**Background:** The Gardens Trust was formed in 2015, from the merger of the Association of Gardens Trusts and the Garden History Society. This fresh conservation organisation is committed to the protection of designed landscapes and this drive is reflected in our campaigns and publications and in our support for the work of our 8000 County Gardens Trust volunteers. Conservation in these times of stretched resources relies on the sharing of skills and information, and one of the Trust's most vital roles is to facilitate the dissemination of up-to-date research and policy, helping national bodies, local authorities and heritage volunteers to share their knowledge and expertise so that they may more effectively protect the landscapes we love.

This year's Assembly, in the beautiful, 14<sup>th</sup> Century Hospitium, part of St. Mary's Abbey, York, again brings together those working for the protection of historic designed landscapes, whether as professionals or volunteers, to discuss key issues demanding our collective attention.

#### **Programme to include:**

- Kim Wilkie, Landscape Architect
- Jenifer White, National Landscape Adviser, Historic England
- Dave Morris, Chair of the National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces
- Case Studies from County Gardens Trusts.

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### Programme:

10.00 *Registration, tea, coffee and pastries*

10.30 **Welcome and Introduction: Tamsin McMillan**, Historic Landscape Project Officer,  
and **Dr James Bartos**, Chair, The Gardens Trust

10.50 **Gardens Trust Campaign: "Sharing Repton, Historic Landscapes for All"** Linden Groves, Strategic  
Development Officer, The Gardens Trust

11.10 *Discussion and questions*

11.20 **Gardens Trust Campaign: "Compiling the Record of Mid to Late Twentieth Century Landscapes"**  
**Karen Fitzsimon**, Chartered Landscape Architect and Garden Historian

11.50 *Discussion and questions*

*Updates from landscape heritage organisations:*

12.00 **Parks and Gardens UK: Philip White**, Director, Hestercombe Gardens Trust

12.20 **National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces: Dave Morris**, Chair

12.40 *Discussion and questions*

13.00 *Lunch and networking*

*Case Studies from the County Gardens Trusts:*

14.00 **London Parks and Gardens Trust: "Shrodinger's Park: When is a Park not a Park? (Victoria  
Tower Gardens progress report)"** Helen Monger, Director LPGT

14.30 **Welsh Historic Gardens Trust: "Twentieth Century Gardens in Crisis: Aberystwyth University  
Campus and the John Summers Garden at the Shotton Steel Headquarters Building"**  
**Glynis Shaw**, Chair, Clywd Branch and **Caroline Palmer**, Chair Ceredigion Branch

15.00 *Discussion and questions*

*Updates from landscape heritage organisations:*

15.10 **Historic England: Jenifer White**, National Landscape Adviser

15.30 **Natural England: Elaine Willett**, Historic Environment Senior Adviser

15.50 **Woodland Trust**, Saul Herbert, Senior Conservation Adviser, Conservation Team

16.10 *Discussion and questions*

16.20 *Tea, coffee and scones*

16.30 **Key Speaker: "Cultivated Landscape in Britain and Some Thoughts on the Future"**  
**Kim Wilkie**, Landscape Architect

17.15 *Discussion and questions*

17.30 AOB

18.00 *Close of Assembly*

*Tickets £30 for Gardens Trust or Country Gardens Trust Members, £45 for Non-Members,  
available via Eventbrite at [www.thegardenstrust.org/events](http://www.thegardenstrust.org/events)*

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