



Historic Landscapes Assembly

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

**19th November 2019
10.00am-5.00pm**

**The Linnean Society of London,
Burlington House, Piccadilly,
London, W1J 0BF**

The fourth 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 and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We will also be treated to case studies from County Gardens Trusts, showcasing their varied research, conservation and outreach projects. Highlight speaker Fiona Davison, Head of Libraries and Exhibitions at the RHS, will talk about her new book 'The Hidden Horticulturists: The Untold Story of the Men who shaped Britain's Gardens'.

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, at the historic Burlington House, in the heart of London, again brings together those working for the protection of historic designed landscapes, whether as staff or volunteers, to discuss key issues demanding our collective attention.

Image from 'The Gardeners Magazine' 1826, RHS Lindley Collections



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Programme

10.00 *Registration, tea and coffee*

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

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

11.10 Discussion and questions

Updates from landscape heritage organisations:

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

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

12.00 Discussion and questions

12.15 *Lunch and networking*

Case Studies from the County Gardens Trusts:

13.15 **Development of the Research Group, Essex Gardens Trust, Megan Lloyd-Regan and Maria Medlycott**

13.45 **The Head Gardeners' Network, Bedfordshire Gardens Trust, Corinne Price**

14.15 Discussion and questions

Updates from landscape heritage organisations:

14.25 **National Lottery Heritage Fund, Shaun Kiddell**, Parks Policy Adviser

14.45 **Historic England, OASIS: a new tool to help with archiving conservation management plans, Sarah Poppy**, Senior National Rural & Environmental Adviser

15.05 **Parks and Gardens UK, Philip White**, CEO Hestercombe Gardens Trust

15.10 Discussion and questions

15.20 *Tea and coffee*

15.45 **Key Speaker: Fiona Davison, Head of RHS Libraries and Exhibitions, on her book *The Hidden Horticulturists: The Untold Story of the Men who Shaped Britain's Gardens***

16.30 Discussion and questions

16.40 AOB

17.00 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
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