Historic Landscapes Assembly 19 November 2019

Looking back over 2019 a Historic England perspective Jenifer White National Landscape Adviser



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Our new Corporate Plan Building the Future 2019-2022

www.historicengland.org.uk/about/what-we-do/corporate-strategy/

- Protect historic places and keep them alive for current and future
- generations
- Ensure our advice and evidence result in well-informed decisions that
- serve people, places and the economy well
- Close the gap between arts, culture and heritage to bring heritage into
- mainstream cultural life
- Give people the skills, knowledge, confidence and motivation to fight
- for, look after and make the most of their historic environment



Heritage at Risk 2019 hour annual snapshot

www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/

- 102 registered parks and gardens
- 3 new entries for 2019: Stoney Road Allotments, Lansdown Cemetery and Beckford's Tower, Highbury Hall
- Also includes listed garden buildings e.g. Edgcumbe Country Park, Ashridge's grotto, Scheduled Monuments, Conservation Areas



Heritage Counts

Historic Environment Forum's annual audit www.historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/

2019 report due out soon ...2018 report said

- In 2017/18 there were 1,020 planning applications affecting registered parks and gardens
- 36% increase since 2003/04 "
- SE 22%, SW18%, EoE 15%



Register of Parks & Gardens now 1,670 sites!

- You can search the list: <u>www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/</u>
- New entries: Pearl Centre, Westbrook, Wavendon House
- Listings e.g. war memorials
- NHLE entries also reviewed/updated e.g. Grosvenor Sq, Ramsgate Heritage Action Zone, Trentham
- Assessments underway for the joint Gardens Trust project ... look out for new designations!
- Matthew Saunders' advice on the present state of, and future strategy for, the National Heritage List for England





Landscape Institute's 90th

Transforming landscape – challenging boundaries Celebrating the Landscape Institute's 90th Birthday



www.landscapeinstitute.org/journal/summer-2019/

Local Listings



Local Heritage Listing

Historic England Advice Note 7



24 October 2019 'Communities Secretary launches 'most ambitious heritage preservation campaign for 40 years'

Aim is that 'every single local authority across England to draw up lists of buildings of significant historical and cultural value to an area' and a £700,000 fund was announced.

Historic England's 2020 'national campaign on local identity getting the country talking about what defines our heritage'

Current criteria includes: Designed Landscape Interest

www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/what-isdesignation/local/local-designations/



C Building and Landscape Conservation

Capability Brown's Drawings: A Reference Catalogue of Drawings by Brown or his Office (c.1740s-83)

Dr Sarah Rutherford and Ceryl Evans, consultants with Steffie Shields MBE

Discovery, Innovation and Science in the Historic Environment



Capability Brown and Repton celebrations: legacy projects

Stop press! 2nd edition of Brown's Plans to be published 22 November 2019

Research Report Series no. 64-2019

High Street Heritage Action Zones

- Launched in May, a £95m fund for 69 high streets
- Changing perceptions of heritage and high streets
- Supporting sustainable economic and cultural growth on and around high streets
- Restoring and enhancing local historic character



and across Government ...

- Protecting and enhancing England's trees and woodlands
- Garden Tourism Select Committee
- Conservation covenants
- Parks Action Group and 'Greenprint' for Skills for Parks



Green Flag Awards the national benchmark for public parks supported by Historic England

1,410 awards in 2019

New Green Heritage Accreditations: Newark Castle Gardens, Great Yarmouth's Venetian Waterways, Stephens House and Gardens, Whitehall Gardens, Kennington Park, Royal Museums Greenwich, Brompton Cemetery, Forbury Garden, Farnham Park, Bournville Village Green, Castle Ring, Cliffe Castle Park and newly registered University of York's Heslington campus



Climate Change and Adaptation

- Understanding the impacts of climate change upon the historic environment and our work
- Improving the resilience of our workforce
- Supporting increased resilience in the historic environment
- Embedding climate change adaptation and environmental risk management within projects and practices
- Promoting the positive role the historic environment can play
- Developing an approach for dealing with inevitable change, including loss





Charlecote Park (NT) 🤣 @CharlecoteNT · 17 Nov

We've been talking a lot about water and flooding lately, but did you know there used to be a water garden at Charlecote?

In the 1670s a formal water garden was established, with two ponds in which bred carp. Today it's the green area below the Long Border called Cricket Pitch.





Identifying issues, tracking changes, planning the future

- PlantNetwork's 2019 conference <u>https://plantnetwork.org/meetings/conferences-</u> <u>meetings/plantnetwork-conference-2019-2/</u>
- Pests and disease threats
- The role of parks, especially in urban areas as Green Infrastructure



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