

**The Gardens Trust**

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**Historic Landscape Project Training Day**

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

**Monday 11th June 2018, 10.00am to 4.00pm**

**Tetbury Goods Shed, 31 Gumstool Hill, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8EY**

*Understanding the finer points of planning affecting historic designed landscapes.*

**Background**: Despite their popularity, the historic parks and gardens that we love are easily lost, as they are vulnerable to decay, development, and a lack of understanding. The Gardens Trust is a statutory consultee in the planning system and every year receives some 1500 planning applications that may affect historic parks and gardens, and this figure is expected to rise. To fulfil this demanding role, the GT relies on the volunteer manpower and localised knowledge of the County Gardens Trusts to make comments on the planning applications in their areas.

**Aim**: This day will take you through the finer points of planning, appeals and national and local policy, giving you all the skills and confidence needed to help protect historic designed landscapes from planning threats. We will be hearing from experienced County Gardens Trusts, Historic England and the Gardens Trust’s Conservation Officer. The Full Monty is the final part of a three part planning training programme, but is also suitable for those who have not attended the previous sessions.

**Programme:**

10.00 **Arrival**, with tea, coffee and biscuits

10.20 **Welcome** (Tamsin McMillan, Historic Landscape Project Officer, the Gardens Trust)

10.30 **Introduction: the Gardens Trust and CGT’s roles in the Planning Process** (Margie Hoffnung, Conservation Officer and HLP Officer, the Gardens Trust)

10.45 **“We may not be young, we may not be pretty, we may not be right good, but we’re here…” – and we’re worth protecting: the planning policy context to the protection of historic parks and gardens** (Victoria Thomson, Head of Planning Advice and Reform, Historic England)

11.30 Discussion

11.45 **Designation of Historic Designed Landscapes** (Linden Groves, Strategic Development Officer, the Gardens Trust)

12.30-13.15 **Lunch**

13.15 **Planning applications, planning appeals and public inquiries** (Christopher Gallagher, Historic Landscape Consultant and Shropshire Gardens Trust)

14.00 Discussion

14.15-14.30 **Tea**

14.30 **Panshanger, Hertfordshire: CGT planning case study** (Kate Harwood, Hertfordshire Gardens Trust)

15.15 Discussion

15.30 **Resources for CGTs and final discussion** (Tamsin McMillan)

16.00 **Close**

*A free event, with a suggested donation of £5 towards lunchtime catering, payable on the day.*