

SHARING REPTON: HISTORIC LANDSCAPES FOR ALL

Facilitated Excursion

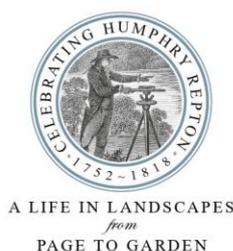
Case Study



An excursion for families from a multicultural community centre to Wicksteed Park in Northamptonshire, organized with volunteers from Northamptonshire Gardens Trust and including child-friendly activities based around historic landscapes.

What happened: We invited multigenerational guests from the Wellingborough Community Centre and hired a coach to bring them to Wicksteed Park. The day began with chat over a shared picnic and informal exhibition, then we had a verbal introduction to Humphry Repton before sharing activities such as tree measuring, and then setting off on a brief tour of the park which included learning about designed views by photographing them.

Reuse potential: This pilot was simple to run, with proper planning and support, and could be easily reused for different family groups. Northamptonshire Gardens Trust have already rerun parts of the day as an excursion for residents of a dementia care home. The most significant cost was in coach hire.





Top Tips:

- It was useful but not essential to host this event at a venue with a professional Community Link Manager as her expertise gave us confidence.
- Partner a volunteer with each family during the event to ensure a properly welcoming experience.
- It is useful to have the community group manage bookings themselves, but try to ensure you know in advance who is attending so that you can plan accordingly.
- This excursion was based on a 'bring a picnic to share', but cultural, economic or organisational reasons mean this doesn't necessarily happen. Bring spare food, or organize the event after lunch.

Support materials include:

- Method Statement for whole family excursion, including Risk Assessment
- Activity instructions for tree measuring, paper boats, view spotting
- Method Statement for whole care home excursion, including Risk Assessment

For free support materials to help you run a similar activity, please visit:

thegardenstrust.org/conservation/hlp-hub/networking-materials/sharing-repton-2/

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