

Suffolk's Unforgettable Garden Story:

Protecting Historic Designed Landscapes



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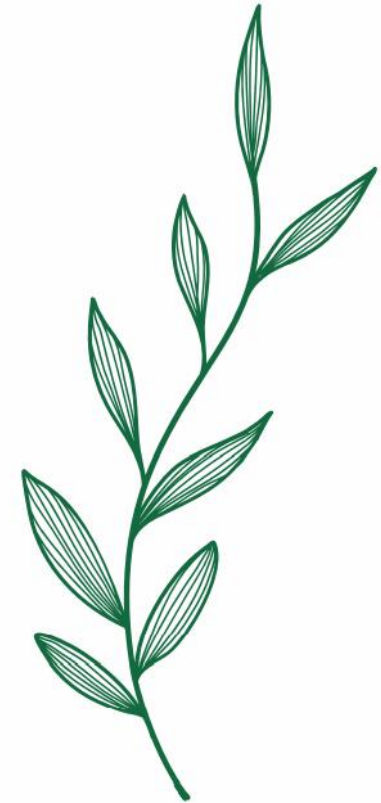
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Welcome & Thank you!

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What we will cover...

- Suffolk's Unforgettable Story: An introduction
 - Who we are
 - What we want to achieve
 - When - project timetable
 - Why this project is important
 - How we want you to help!
- Conclusion
- Christopher Laine - Historic England
- Contributions
- Questions



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A partnership project:

- The Gardens Trust
- Suffolk Gardens Trust
- Funded by Historic England



'Unforgettable Gardens'

- Value
- Vulnerability
- **Volunteering**



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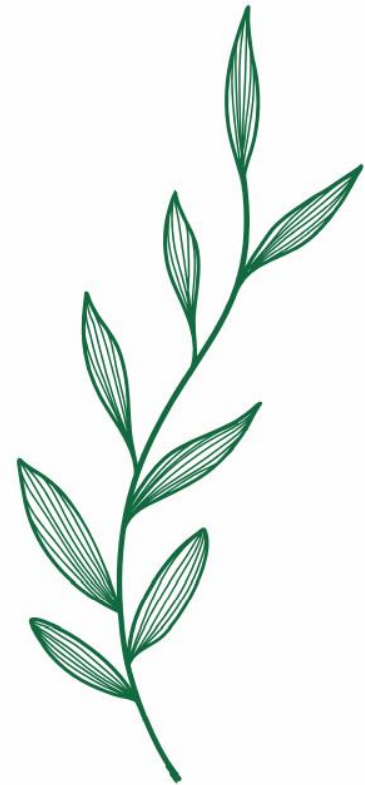


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Our aim...



To recruit and train new volunteers to help protect historic parks, gardens and designed landscapes.



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Research - we need to find out more!

Rural Landscapes

- Parks and gardens

Urban Landscapes

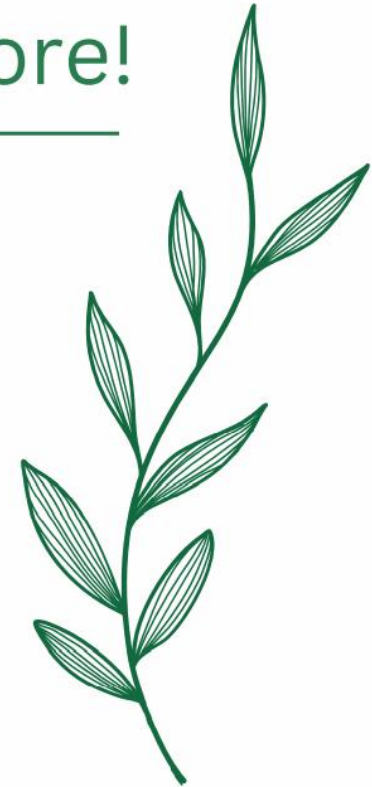
- Municipal parks, town squares

Landscapes of Remembrance

- Cemeteries

Institutional Landscapes

- Schools & universities



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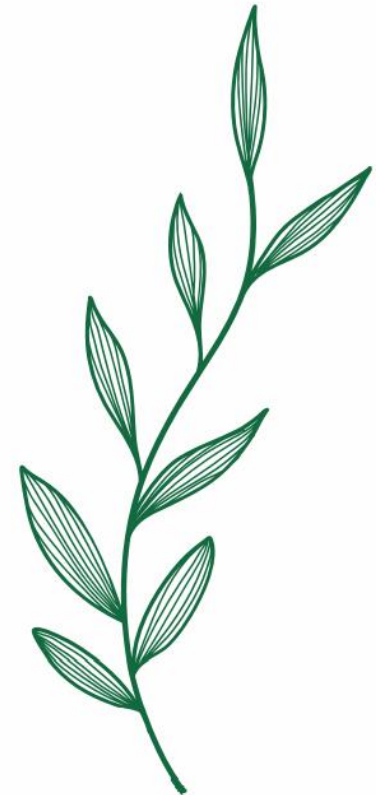
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Rural Landscapes: Parks & gardens



From top left: Claydon Rectory;
Crow's Hall, Debenham; Benton
End, Hadleigh.

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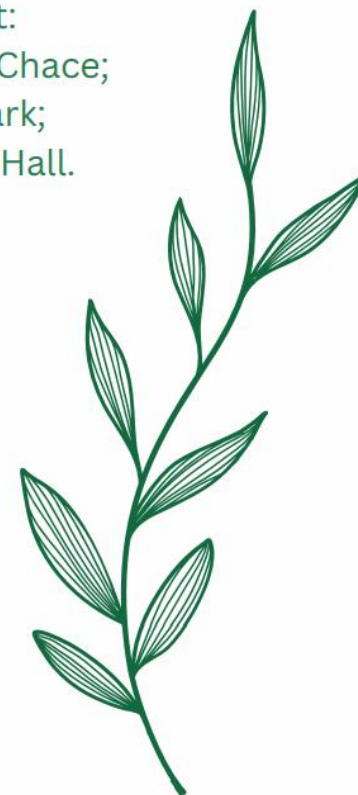


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From top left:
Nettlestead Chace;
Staverton Park;
Little Haugh Hall.



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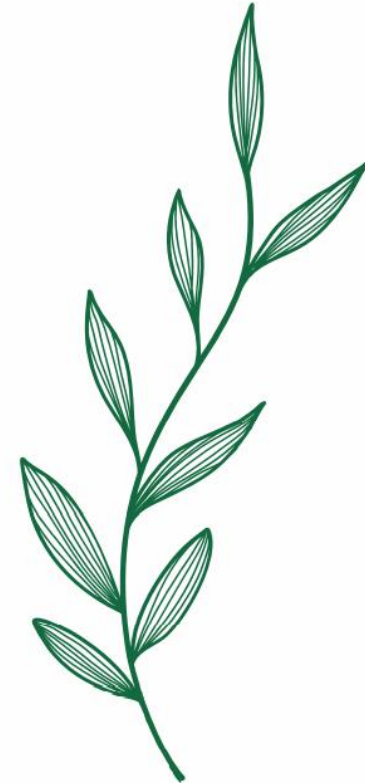
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Urban Landscapes



Chantry Park, Ipswich. *Image courtesy of Archant.*

Holywells Park, Ipswich
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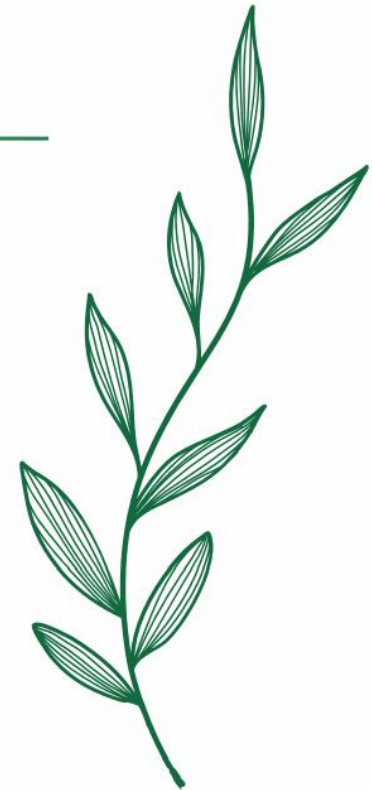


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Landscapes of Remembrance: Cemeteries



Sudbury Cemetery (sudburytowncouncil.co.uk).



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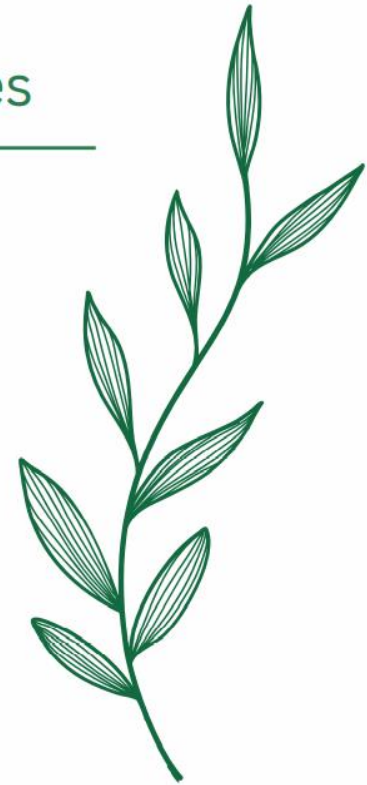
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Institutional Landscapes: Schools & universities



From left: Orwell Park School, Nacton;
Royal Hospital School, Holbrook.

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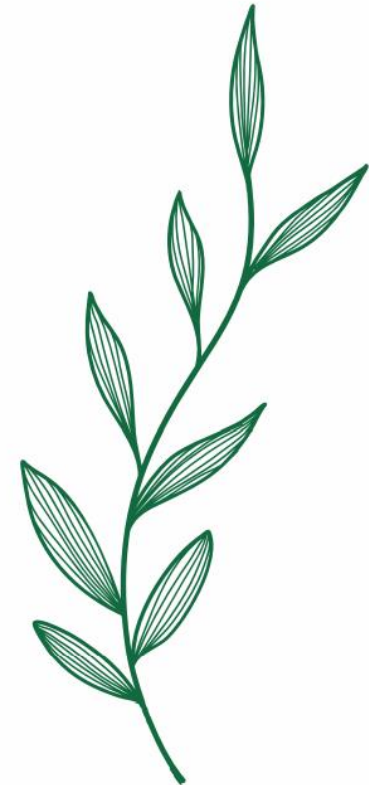
Parks & Gardens: West Suffolk



From left:
Hengrave Hall
1920-39;
Elveden Hall;
Great Saxham
Hall.



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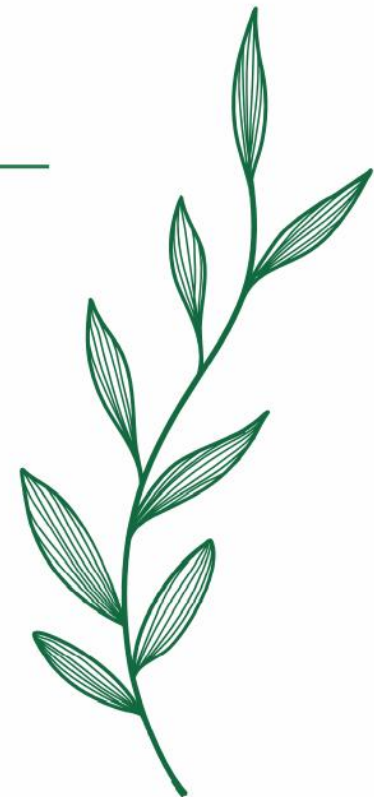
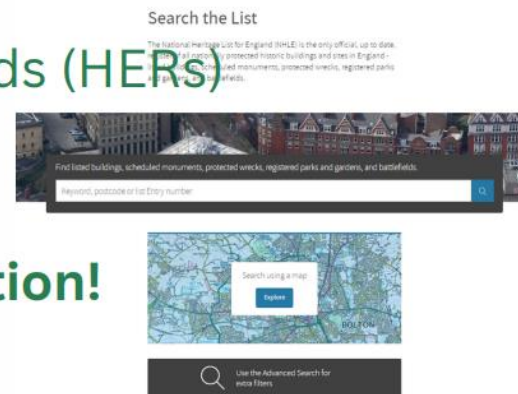
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How will this protect them?

Research will be added to:

- National Heritage List for England (NHLE)
- Enrich the List
- Historic Environment Records (HERs)
- Local lists

Registration means better protection!



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Timetable...

Oct. - Dec. 2022

Training workshops: Online & visits

- Introduction to Garden History
- Threats to designed landscapes & conservation of historic parks and gardens
- What is listing?
- How to research – archives & online
- Recording – walking a site and how to recognise and survey historic features



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Timetable...

Jan. - Jun. 2023

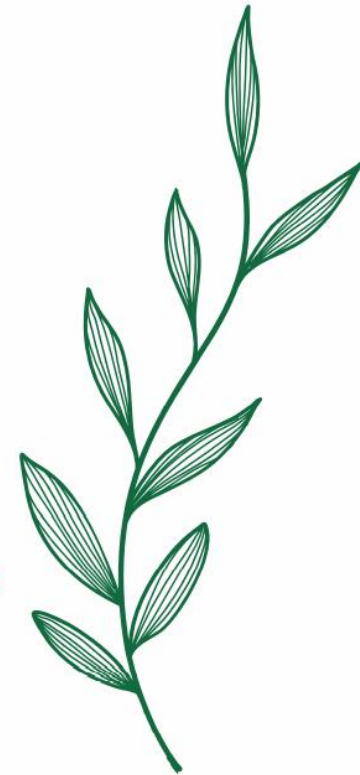
- Research & recording

Jul. - Oct.

- Material will be contributed to various platforms



- We welcome different skills & ideas!
- We will train volunteers, so they have the skills to help us research sites
- No previous experience needed



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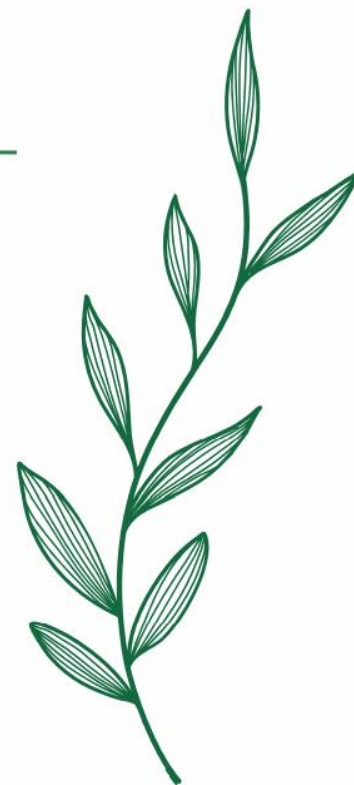
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Why is this so important?

- **Vulnerable** sites in need of **protection**
- Lack of registered Parks & Gardens



SGT and Historic England have identified:

- Sites not currently registered
- Sites needing additional information



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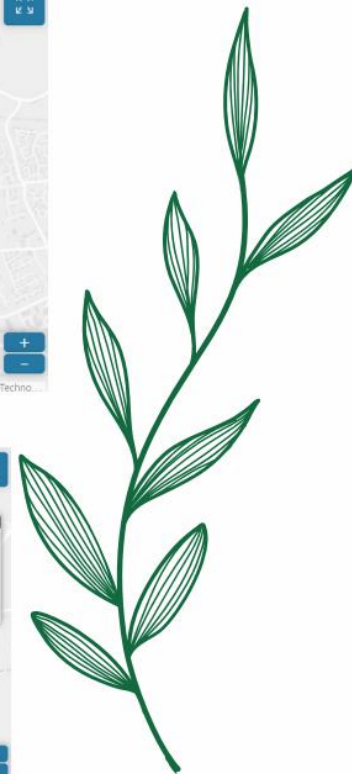
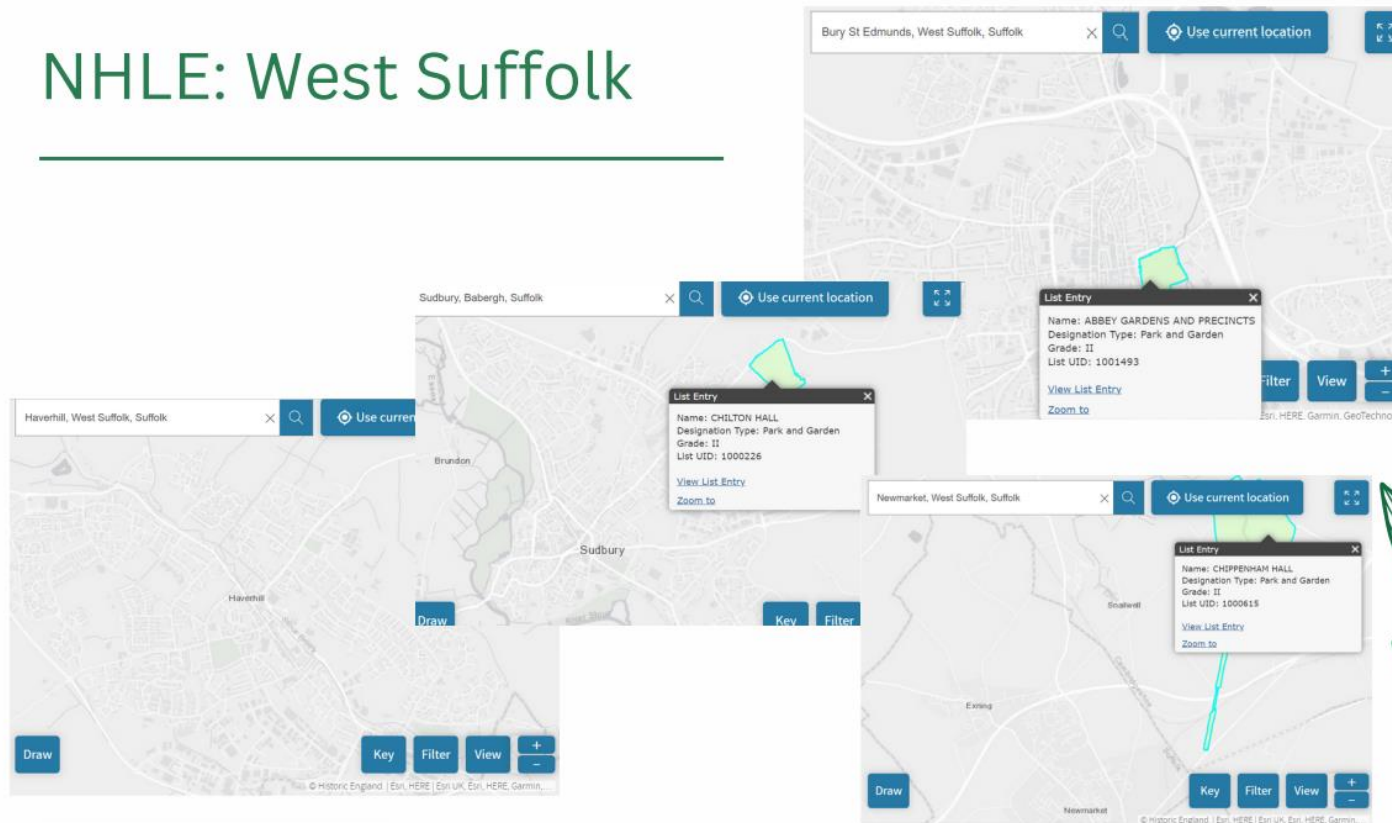
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NHLE: West Suffolk



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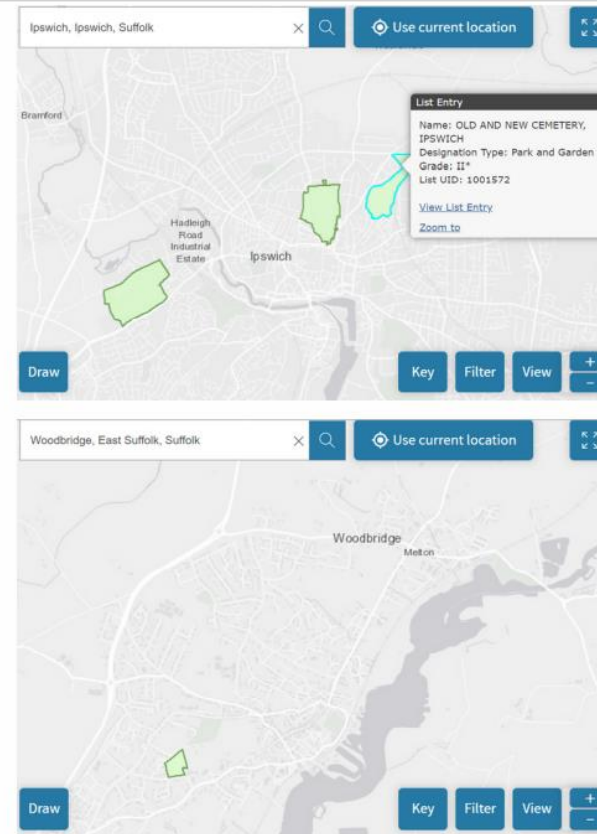
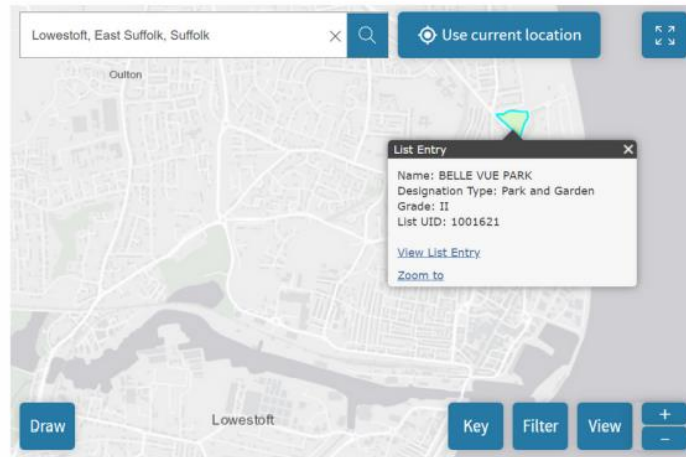
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NHLE: East Suffolk



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Landscapes at risk!

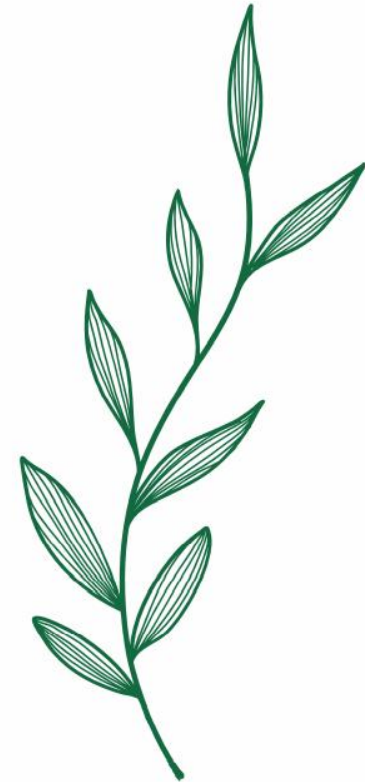
A lack of understanding about their significance:

- Risk of decline, damage or loss
- Vulnerable to neglect and inappropriate development

Example: **Thornbridge Hall, Peak District**



New drive in white, bunds around new car park in orange and car park site outlined in yellow.



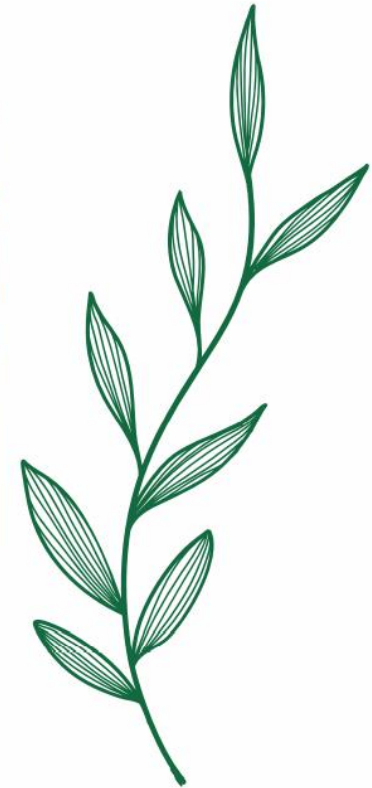
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Thornbridge Hall, Peak District



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How you can help!

If you have an interest in:

- Local histories
- Green spaces
- Protecting historic environments for future generations
- No previous experience needed



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Opportunities to get involved

Researcher

- Research training (Autumn 2022)
- Research & recording (Jan. - Jun. 2023)

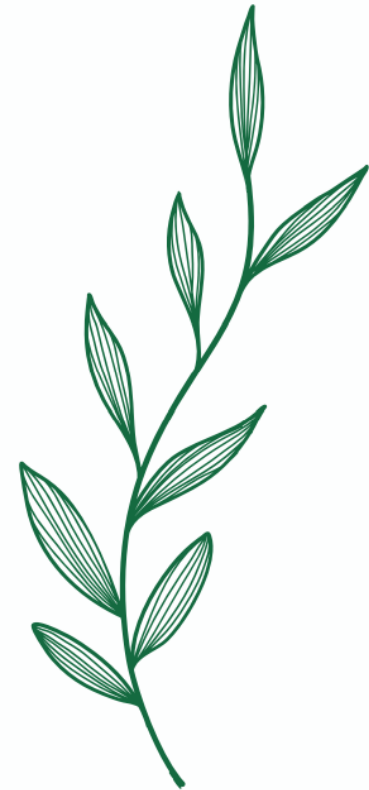
Research-buddy

- Pair-up on researching a place you both love!

Digital Archiving

Training:

- NHLE and other digital platforms
- Interpreting research & making accessible (Jul. - Aug. 2023)
- Sharing researching with online platforms (Aug. - Oct. 2023)



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Other ways to get involved!

Enrich the list:

"Enrich the List with your images, insights and secrets of England's spectacular historic places.

The List has over 400,000 entries – tower blocks and tombstones, barrows and bunkers, palaces and pigsties, plague crosses and piers, cathedrals, windmills and rollercoasters.

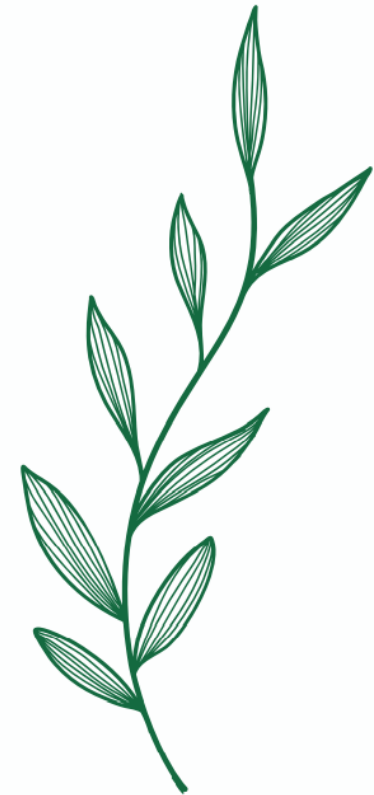
Many places on the List are well-known and even world-famous. But in some cases there is much that remains unknown.

We invite you to share your knowledge and pictures of listed places, so we can record information, and even unlock the secrets of some places.'

Why not form a EtL group?

Share...

- Photography
- Local knowledge or stories
- to 'unlock the secrets' of local outdoor spaces you love!



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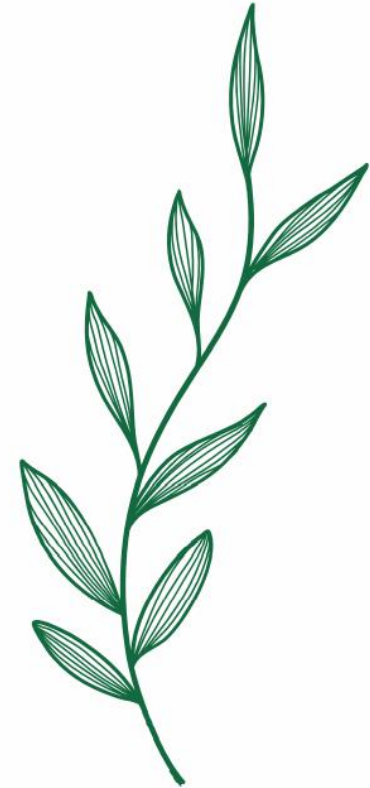


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Why volunteers are important!



- Without volunteers, historic designed landscapes will remain unprotected
- Showcase local knowledge and expertise
- Suffolk volunteers championing Suffolk heritage
- Enrich understanding of local environments



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Why get involved?

- Champion your local designed landscapes
- Inspire others
- Learn & share skills
- Uncover unknown stories, enriching local histories
- Contribute to protecting green spaces for future generations to enjoy



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To sum up...

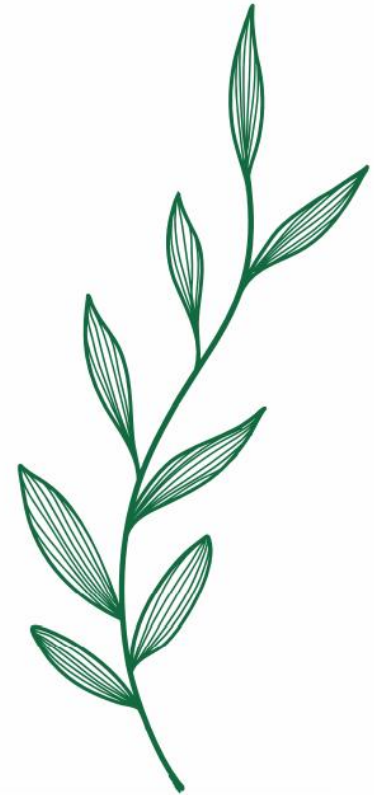
- Volunteers will be vital to this project
- Encourage local knowledge and expertise
- Build partnerships



Have fun doing something worthwhile!

Coming up...

Online research training **October** *tbc.*



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Heritage at risk Landscape Architect



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Contributions

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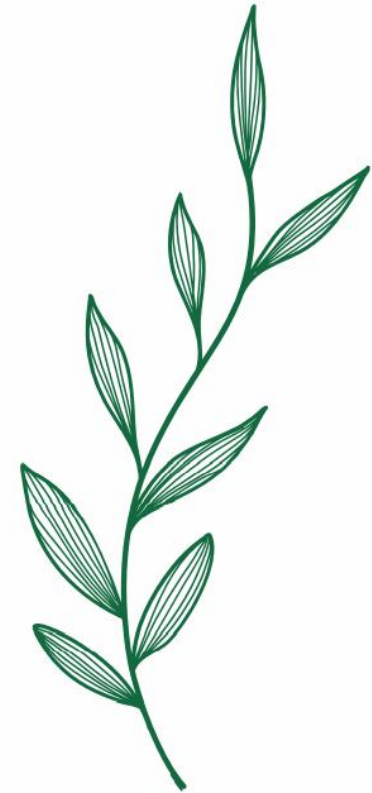
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