



## Historic Landscapes Assembly

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

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**10am-5.30pm**

**With evening lecture and book-  
signing, 5.45-8.00pm**

The Dickens Room, Birmingham and  
Midland Institute, Margaret Street,  
Birmingham, B3 3BS

***The second 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 include representatives from the Gardens Trust, Historic England, Natural England and Celebrating Repton 2018, and we will also be treated to case studies from County Gardens Trusts. Thirty years after the 'Great Storm', we'll be looking at its effects, both negative and positive, on historic parks and gardens. Discussion will include 'Capability' Brown landscapes at risk; progress of the recently re-housed Parks and Gardens UK database; the place of research in conservation; and ways to drive our sector's renewed determination to be a combined force for good.

**Background:** Last year's inaugural Assembly, in London, was born out of the 2015 merger of the Association of Gardens Trusts and the Garden History Society, to form the Gardens Trust. This fresh organisation restated its role as a key conservation organisation working to protect designed landscapes, with the publication of 'The Planning System and the Protection of Historic Parks and Gardens: Guidance for Local Planning Authorities'. This leaflet makes clear that successful conservation in these times of stretched resources will rely 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 will build upon the success of the inaugural event, again bringing together those working for the protection of historic designed landscapes, whether as staff or volunteers, to discuss key issues demanding our collective attention.

### **Programme to include:**

- The Legacy of the Great Storm, Dominic Cole, President of the Gardens Trust
- Historic England Agenda 2017, Jenifer White, National Landscape Adviser, Historic England
- Launch of the 'Capability' Brown At Risk Report, David Lambert, Trustee, The Gardens Trust
- Case Studies from County Gardens Trusts
- An additional evening talk and book signing.

Image: Emmetts Garden, Kent, the day after the Great Storm ©NTPL/Mike Howarth [http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent/content/image\\_galleries/1987\\_great\\_storm\\_gallery.shtml?28](http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent/content/image_galleries/1987_great_storm_gallery.shtml?28)



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### **DRAFT Programme:**

- 10.00am *Registration, tea and coffee*  
10.30am Welcome (Dr James Bartos, Chair, The Gardens Trust)  
10.35am Introduction (Linden Groves, Strategic Development Officer, The Gardens Trust)  
10.45am Launch of 'Capability' Brown at Risk Report (David Lambert, Trustee, The Gardens Trust)  
11.15am Celebrating Humphry Repton, 1752-2018 (Linden Groves)  
11.35am Gardens Trust Campaign: Compiling the Record of Mid to Late Twentieth Century Landscapes (Karen Fitzsimon, Chartered Landscape Architect and Garden Historian)  
11.55am Discussion and questions  
12.05pm Historic England Agenda 2017 (Jenifer White, National Landscape Adviser, Historic England)  
12.25pm Natural England Agenda 2017 (Elaine Willett, Historic Environment Senior Adviser, Natural England)  
12.45pm Update from Parks & Gardens UK (Philip White, Chief Executive, Hestercombe Gardens Trust)  
1.00pm Discussion and questions  
  
1.15pm *Lunch and networking*  
  
2.15pm Key Speaker: Thirty years on, the legacy of the Great Storm (Dominic Cole, President, The Gardens Trust)  
3.00pm Discussion and questions  
  
3.15pm CGT Case Study 1: Planning Issues at Bramshill Park (Sally Miller, Hampshire Gardens Trust)  
3.45pm CGT Case Study 2: East Midlands Gardens Trusts Research and Recording Project (Chris Addison, Northamptonshire Gardens Trust and Gardens Trust Trustee)  
4.15pm Discussion and questions  
  
4.30pm Round-Up and key messages  
4.40pm *Tea and networking*  
5.30pm *Close of Assembly*  
  
5.45pm Evening Event, with refreshments: Book Talk by Tamsin Treverton Jones, author of 'Windblown: Landscape, Legacy and Loss, The Great Storm of 1987', followed by book sales and signing.  
8.00pm *Close.*

**Tickets £12 for whole event, including evening lecture, available via Eventbrite at <http://thegardenstrust.org/events/>.**

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