



# Nottinghamshire's Garden Story

## Research Training 2023-24

with Gardens Trust Volunteer Support Officers Tamsin McMillan, Sally Bate and Frankie Taylor

*Please save the dates of any sessions you'd like to attend – we'll let you know when bookings are open, at <https://thegardenstrust.org/events/>. All are free to attend.*

*Don't worry if you can't make all the dates:*

Webinars will be recorded, so you will be able to watch them at a time to suit you.

Extra meetings can be added, as required, to support you as you research your landscape.

14<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
2023

### An Introduction to Garden History

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 6-7.30pm (online)*

We'll take you on a whistlestop tour through British garden history, from the earliest Roman gardens, to medieval deer parks, Georgian landscape parks, Victorian public parks and modern landscapes, and everything in-between!

21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

### Understanding the Threats facing Historic Parks and Gardens

*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 6-7.30pm (online)*

A summary of the many ways in which the historic designed landscapes we care about can be threatened by development, neglect and inappropriate management, and how volunteer research projects like NGS can help to prevent this.

5<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### Beginning Historic Landscapes Research, Part 1: Introduction to Desktop Research

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6-7.30pm (online)*

A look at some of the online resources, including databases and maps, you can access to start understanding the history and development of your site.

13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### Beginning Historic Landscapes Research, Part 2: More Online Resources

*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6-7.30pm (online)*

How to find more detailed information about your site online.

10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Beginning Historic Landscapes Research, Part 3: Primary and Secondary Resources</b> <i>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 6-7.30pm (online)</i> Looking at a wide range of source materials, from maps and pictures, to diaries and account books.
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Recording: Walking an example site</b> <i>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 11am-2pm (location tbc)</i> We will walk around an historic landscape, recording the current layout and anything we can see from earlier periods, including paths, planting, trees and garden buildings. You'll learn what to look out for and how to fill in a site visit form.
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan. tbc	<b>Visiting Nottinghamshire Archives</b> <i>Date &amp; time tbc, County House, Castle Meadow Road, Nottingham, NG2 1AG</i> A two hour visit to the county archives will provide an introduction to using the archives to research your site and will include a behind the scenes tour. Archivists will present some of the maps, images and written sources relating to Nottinghamshire's historic designed landscapes.
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Collecting memories and an introduction to sharing your research</b> <i>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 6-7.30pm (online)</i> Frankie Taylor, the Gardens Trust's Audience Development and Engagement Officer, will explain why it's so important to learn about landscapes from people who know and use them, and how to collect memories, including oral histories. We'll also start to look at the ways in which we can share this project's research with others, including via social media and leaflets.
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>How to share your research online</b> <i>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6-7.30pm (online)</i> How, and why, to upload your finished research to online databases (including Historic Environment Records, Parks & Gardens UK and Local Lists) so that it can be used by others to understand and protect landscapes.
Mid-March	<b>Sharing the project's outcomes and lessons learnt</b> <i>Date and time tbc (online)</i>
Mid-April	<b>End of Project Celebration for the Volunteers</b> <i>Date, time and venue tbc</i>

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