



## Devon Gardens Trust Grants for Conservation Management Plans Grant Criteria

The Trust is keen to encourage owners and managers of historic designed landscapes to recognise the importance of having a comprehensive conservation management plan (CMP) to inform the management and development of the gardens, parks and cemeteries of the county. Many designed landscapes in Devon already have a conservation management plan, but some do not, the Trust is therefore offering grants towards the preparation of conservation management plans.

The Trust's criteria for conservation management plan grants are:

- The landscape must be a garden, park or cemetery in the county of Devon; priority will be given to sites included either on the *Historic England Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest* or on the *Devon Gardens Trust Gazetteer of Gardens or Parks of Local Historic Interest*.
- The applicant must be a registered charity whose aims and objectives are similar to those of Devon Gardens Trust (in exceptional circumstances DGT might consider an application from a non-charitable organization, in which case DGT will weigh carefully the public benefit, including public access, commitment to promote the historic significance of the landscape to the public and to public engagement, as well as heritage value).
- The amount of grant will normally be up to 50% of the cost.
- DGT will not normally award more than one grant to the same organization within a 3 year period.
- The Trust will not consider applications where a CMP has already been produced.

If awarded a grant,

- The applicant will deposit with DGT a copy of the CMP and they are also encouraged to deposit a copy with the national Hestercombe Archive of Conservation Management Plans <https://www.parksandgardens.org/news-events/the-hestercombe-archive-of-conservation-management-plans>
- The applicant will send a report to DGT on the implementation of the CMP, details of the report and timing to be agreed on the award of the grant.
- DGT and the applicant will agree any recognition or publicity of the grant both in terms of content and timing. DGT retains the right to publicize all project grants via its website and other media.
- The applicant will inform DGT if there is a substantial change to the nature of the project subsequent to the award of the grant, and, if such change significantly amends the project so that it no longer meets DGT criteria or has a reputational risk to DGT, then DGT reserves the right to request repayment of the grant.

Applications may be submitted at any time. There is no formal application form but the [Guidance for Conservation Management Plan Grant Applicants - Application Checklist](#) details the information we would like to receive. The more information that you can

provide the easier it is for the Trust to assess the application and it helps to minimise the queries we might have. However, we strongly advise contacting the Trust as early as possible when considering the commissioning of a conservation plan because the Trust's experts may be able to advise on the commissioning process.

The Trust will acknowledge applications, will make an initial assessment, and may then wish to meet with applicants, usually on site, to discuss the project. The Trust may offer suggestions and may ask for further information or amendments to be made to the application. The Trust will consider the application and advise the applicant of the outcome.