



Devon Gardens Trust Grants for the Conservation of Historic Landscapes Guidance for Grant Applicants

We welcome applications for grants towards the

- conservation of historic garden structures that might include the restoration of garden buildings, boundaries, enclosures/walls, paths, features like fountains, monuments.
- reinstatement or restoration of structural planting (trees/hedges) that will restore the original design.

(Note that the following are not eligible: soft landscaping ie shrubs and herbaceous, operational maintenance, new garden features (eg benches), events.)

Devon Gardens Trust would expect normally to contribute a percentage of up to 25% of the total cost of a restoration project. (NB Total costs might include staff or volunteer time, as well as materials, specialist contractors etc. These costs may be met by in-kind contributions as well as financial contributions from other funders and the applicant.) In some cases the Trust may also be able offer its expertise.

- The project must relate to 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*.
- Demonstrate that longer-term maintenance and sustainability has been taken into account and provided for.
- Demonstrate that there is/will be public access to the site.
- Show commitment to promote the historic significance of the landscape to the public and to public engagement.
- The applicant must normally be a registered charity whose aims and objectives are similar to those of Devon Gardens Trust.
- The project must further or support the Trust's charitable purposes and be of public benefit.
- The Trust will assess the heritage value, amount of public access and the public benefit.
- DGT will not normally award more than one grant to the same organization within a 3 year period.

Organisations awarded a Devon Gardens Trust grant are expected to

- Acknowledge DGT support publicly in a form to be agreed and to engage with DGT on publicity as agreed. DGT retains the right to publicize all project grants via its website and other media.
- Engage with DGT activities as appropriate and agreed.
- Submit a report to DGT at the completion or otherwise as agreed, on the progress, benefits and outcomes of the project.

Applications may be submitted at any time. There is no formal application form but the **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. It is often useful to include photographs to illustrate the application.

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. The Trust would hope to advise applicants within three to five months of the receipt of the application.

Applications should be sent by email to conservation@devongardenstrust.org.uk or by post to Conservation Grants, Devon Gardens Trust, Exeter Community Centre, 17 St David's Hill, Exeter, Devon, EX4 3RG.

We are happy to have an informal discussion in advance of an application, please contact conservation@devongardenstrust.org.uk