

We protect London's historic landscapes in the planning process. We increase knowledge and appreciation of historic parks, squares, community gardens, cemeteries and churchyards in London.

In 2022 we...



Championed green space in London by:

- Reviewing 249 consultations with potential impacts on historic landscapes across 29 London boroughs.
- Providing in-depth analysis and comment on 36 planning applications to protect historic parks and gardens and making observations on many others.
- Winning the High Court case to protect Victoria Tower Gardens (a Grade 2 public park and the setting for the Houses of Parliament World Heritage site) from threatening development. The decision was also upheld by the Court of Appeal. All this supported by a further £20k in crowdfunding and donations.



Cultivated knowledge and appreciation by:

- Adding 14 new sites to the Inventory through original archival research, of which 7 in Lewisham as part of our contribution to London Borough of Culture and updating a further 23 records.
- Providing our members with 10 e-newsletters, 3 printed colour magazines and our annual Journal, the London Gardener, packed with information about events and activities
- Delivering our first hybrid (simultaneously online and in person) lecture as part of Chelsea Fringe on 'Gardening for Health'
- Running a series Winter Lectures delivering:
 - 7, of which one was a further hybrid lecture on 'Garden Eccentrics';
 - A wide variety of topics from Landscape Design, Wildlife Improvements to garden history
 - Sold over 670 tickets
- Motivating a core of some 40 volunteers in working groups and celebrating their success with e-newsletters. Last year the volunteers clocked up 3,427 donated hours between them.



Celebrated our love of London's historic green places by:

- Returning to gardens, post-covid, for our annual event, now rebranded London Open Gardens (LOG). We welcomed over 31,000 garden visits made by nearly 7,500 ticket holders on one glorious weekend.
- Sharing £3.5k with eligible gardens that participated in LOG. The event was made possible with the help of 276 LPG weekend volunteers doing shifts in the 105 participating gardens alongside their many gardeners.
- Circulated monthly bulletins to nearly 31,000 subscribers packed with interesting news about historic gardens. Also sharing vital news with e-newsletters to garden contacts.
- Posting regularly increasing social media followers across Twitter (29%); Instagram (23%) and Facebook (4%)



Thank you to all our Donors, Sponsors and Members, including:

- London Square's headline sponsorship of LOG bringing the event back post-covid. Our partnership led to nominating freely built raised beds for 9 school and community gardens.
- Richard Buxton Environmental Solicitors and their Legal Counsel providing their expertise at reduced costs for our planning campaigns.
- Our new benefactors, joining our refreshed membership programme.
- Royal Parks who continue to host us at Duck Island Cottage
- Alan Baxter Associates for meeting facilities at Cowcross Street
- Francis Holland School, Sloane Square for hosting our new hybrid lectures with staff providing technical support and catering.



Behind the scenes we:

- Updated our Articles.
- Refreshed our membership offer
- Continued diversifying our income portfolio with: a major Sponsor deal; and the return of our professionally run Winter Prize Draw.
- Managed all this with the equivalent of 2.4 members of staff working remotely

We received grants through:

- National Lottery Heritage Fund; Historic England; NPTUK; and MPGA

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