

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 2023 we...



Championed green space in London by:

- Reviewing 344 consultations with potential impacts on historic landscapes across 32 London boroughs.
- Providing in-depth analysis and comment on 152 planning applications to protect historic parks and gardens and making observations on many others.
- Developing and releasing a handbook to empower more people to respond to planning applications which threaten their local green spaces.
- Continuing the efforts to save Victoria Tower Gardens by successfully challenging HM Government in Parliament and securing scrutiny with the declaration of a Bill as hybrid.



Cultivated knowledge and appreciation by:

- Adding 5 new sites to the Inventory through original archival research and updating a further 89 records. This supports ongoing work to embed the details into the Greater London Historic Environment Record.
- 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 regular Winter Lectures with 9 lectures covering a wide variety of topics including: The Doctor's Garden: Medicine, Science and Horticulture in Britain; Sustainable London, the Energy Garden; London's Ancient Trees; Everything in balance (hybrid); Parks Pelicans and Processions – an insight into the History, Landscape and Iconic Events with the Ceremonial setting of St James's Park (hybrid); Re-thinking Highgate Cemetery; and The Early Life of Alexander Mckenzie.
- Sold over 650 tickets (some are for an entire series of lectures)
- Motivating a core of some 125 volunteers in working groups and celebrating their success with e-newsletters. Last year the regular volunteers. clocked up at least 3,244 donated hours between them.



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

- Delivering our annual London Open Gardens (LOG) weekend with over 34,000 garden visits recorded from 7,400 ticket holders on one glorious weekend.
- Sharing just over £1.5k with eligible gardens that participated in LOG. The event was made possible with the help of LPG weekend volunteers doing shifts in the 115 participating gardens alongside their many gardeners.
- Circulated monthly bulletins to nearly 30,000 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 X formally Twitter (26%); Instagram (16%) and Facebook (19%)



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

- Richard Buxton Environmental Solicitors and their Legal Counsel providing their expertise at reduced costs for our planning campaigns.
- Our Benefactors, joining our refreshed membership programme.
- Royal Parks who continue to host us at Duck Island Cottage
- Francis Holland School, Sloane Square for hosting our new hybrid lectures with the school staff providing technical support and catering.

We received grants through:

- Heritage Trade Up Programme; Historic England; NPTUK; and MPGA



Behind the scenes we:

- Participated in the Heritage Trade Up Scheme to improve our social enterprise awareness and securing funding to maximize trading income
- Ran two Prize Draws generating much needed additional funding, experimenting with different types of online advertise.
- Managed all this with the equivalent of 2.4 members of staff mainly working remotely

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