

Green spaces have always made London liveable. **Our vision** is that green spaces in London, old and new, are valued, protected and thrive so everyone can enjoy them. **Our mission** is to ensure London's green spaces are always protected, flourishing, and accessible for all.

In 2025 we...



Championed green space in London by:

- Of the 494 planning applications impacting heritage landscapes in London in 2025, we were able to respond to 10%.
- 99% of our responses were positive with just 1% opposing or recommending reviews, demonstrating our commitment to protecting green spaces while enabling quality development of housing and infrastructure.
- Continued to challenge HM Government proposals threatening 40% of Victoria Tower Gardens, a rare public greenspace and children's play area in this part of the capital, sitting alongside the Thames and part of the Westminster World Heritage site.
- Strengthened protection for parks and gardens by contributing to the GLA's London Plan for development and providing expert input to London borough Local Development Plans.



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

- Engaged more than 46,000 people with our annual London Open Gardens fundraising weekend, which saw more than a hundred rarely accessible green spaces open their gates.
- Growing website visitors by more than 19,000 compared with 2024 to a new high of 77,000.
- Increasing the audience for our monthly bulletins by 7,000 to total nearly 38,000 individuals by the end of 2025.
- Increasing our social media reach across Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and X.



Behind the scenes we:

- Advocated for the continued statutory role of Garden Trusts in the planning system to assist development.
- Invested from our reserves to renew our website in 2026, improving access and navigation for visitors.
- Grew our part-time and volunteer team to increase impact and grow awareness of greenspace value.



Cultivated knowledge and appreciation by:

- Conducting supporter and audience surveys to establish how we can remodel our website in 2026 to deliver the information you want.
- Reviewing, updating and refining our strategy to ensure we're fit for purpose for the next decade.
- Running six online presentations in our Winter Lecture Series to more than 200 people.
- Showcasing London Parks and Gardens work at the Europa Nostra AGM. They are Europe's largest civil society group for heritage landscapes and buildings.
- Attended the popular annual Historic Parks and Buildings event at Westminster's QEII conference centre attended by 100's of key heritage managers.
- Commissioned a study of mobile phone data showing the number of people in parks and their movement between green spaces during the LOG weekend.
- Published work by our research team on London cemeteries and the influence migration has had over time on London's green spaces and the people who care for them.



Thank you to:

- Our subscribers, donors, benefactors and the families of loved ones who left us legacies. Especially the donor who gave us £30,000 to support new engagement projects.
- Richard Buxton Environmental Solicitors for providing their expertise at reduced costs for our planning campaigns.
- Grant Giving bodies like MPGAs and Heritage Lottery for supporting our work.
- The Thorney Island Society and other partners for their continued commitment to protect Victoria Tower Gardens.
- The Royal Parks who continue to host us at Duck Island Cottage.