

GARDEN POLICY

Country: ENGLAND

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1. Institution(s) in charge of gardens

There is no single English institution 'in charge of gardens' instead a host of government and non-government organisations involved and each has special roles. The principal ones are:

- Historic England (government agency) www.historicengland.org.uk
- National Trust (charity managing many gardens) www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- English Heritage Trust (charity managing gardens) www.english-heritage.org.uk
- Royal Horticultural Society (charity) www.rhs.org.uk
- National Gardens Scheme (charity) www.ngs.org.uk
- Parks and Gardens UK database <http://www.parksandgardens.org/>
- The Gardens Trust (charity) www.thegardenstrust.org.uk
- ICOMOS-UK Cultural Landscape and Heritage Gardens Committee
- Landscape Institute (professional) www.landscapeinstitute.org
- Chartered Institute of Horticulture (professional) www.horticulture.org.uk
- Professional Gardeners Guild (professional) www.thegardenersguild.co.uk/
- Government departments : DCMS, Defra, DCLG
- Individual local authorities managing public parks and green spaces
- Garden Museum (museum) www.gardenmuseum.org.uk , etc.

2. Other actors: professional associations, networks, civil society, etc.

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3. Law in force in your country

There is no specific gardens legislation however planning law covers some aspects of development controls.

4. Protection : number of gardens, levels of protection, statute (public/private), inventories

- a) Protected gardens : Yes – a statutory register but no specific controls (Heritage Act 1983)
- b) Number of protected gardens: 1,636 sites on the National Heritage List of England (as of 8 February 2016).

There are other designations which may cover gardens and afford some protection e.g. Conservation Areas.

c) system of protection / legislation

- Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/what-is-designation/registered-parks-and-gardens/>.
- National Heritage Act 1983 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1983/47/contents>
- There are also local lists.

d) statute of gardens (protected or not) : public / private (number or rate) :

No data available. Probably at least 65% (and not including National Trust and other trusts) of the sites on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England are privately owned and many are not open to the public.

5. Inventorie(s) of parcs and gardens:

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- b) Parks and Gardens UK database <http://www.parksandgardens.org/>
- c) local lists.

6. Online information : inventories, databases, maps, pictures, etc.

- The Register of Parks and Gardens sites are included in the online National Heritage List for England (<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>)
- Parks and Gardens UK database (<http://www.parksandgardens.org/>)
- local inventories and lists (e.g. London Gardens Online www.londongardensonline.org.uk)

7. Training: existing structures, levels of training, specializations, etc.

- a) Name of the training : There is a range of professional training ranging from landscape architecture <http://www.bealandscapearchitect.com/> to horticulture www.growcareers.info/ but little current opportunity to specialise in historic parks and gardens conservation and management.
- b) Long-life learning: Yes. There are life-long learning type study days and courses provided by county gardens trusts and other organisations.
- c) Training body + Website : There is no single training organisation. Training ranges from apprenticeships to degrees, and post graduate courses. See web sites above.

8. **Awareness-raising :**

- a) Name of the event : There are many. The major 2016 event is the Capability Brown Festival.
- b) Level: national
- c) Dates : 2016
- d) targeted audiences : General public
- e) Website : www.capabilitybrown.org

Also see web sites for all the above organisations. For example : Royal Horticultural Society's Find a garden (<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/search-form>) which has details for 800 gardens nationwide, including over 150 RHS Partner Gardens ; and National Garden Scheme (www.ngs.org.uk). There are also lectures, conferences and study visits for life-long learners to academics.

9. **Existing terminology tools**

- a) Historic England's thesaurus in English (<https://thesaurus.historicengland.org.uk>)
- b) Historic England Selection Guides (<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/selection-criteria/pag-selection/>) and 'Introductions to Heritage Assets' (<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/selection-criteria/pag-selection/iha-designed-landscapes/>)
- c) Parks and Gardens UK database glossary (<http://www.parksandgardens.org/glossary/category/280>)

10. **Documentation: reference books, conference proceedings, journals, etc.**

The leading academic journal is Garden History (<http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org/publications/journal/>) but all the organisations publish journals, conference papers and research papers. The list of resources is vast and impossible to collate in this form.