

# GLORIOUS GARDENS

Exploring our hidden gardens and forgotten landscapes

**Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage's Glorious Gardens project is entering its second stage. The purpose is to produce a conservation strategy for the historic designed landscapes of the Clyde and Avon Valleys based on the site records researched and written by a team of volunteers during Phase 1 on the project.**

The first of a series of three workshops was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 in Lanark to introduce this stage of the project. Discussions considered the scope and purpose of the Conservation Strategy, with several points emerging:

- The need to identify the current condition of significant landscape features
- Determining their relative priority for conservation – perhaps considering what would be missed most if lost
- The need for ongoing management and maintenance as well as conservation
- The need for the strategy to fit within the context of surrounding areas
- Recognition of the woodlands of the Clyde and Avon valleys as being very important
- The role of tourism in bringing in visitors and funding
- The drivers of Historic Environment Scotland outcomes focussing on giving local communities ownership of the strategy and promoting health and welfare

This workshop formed a useful starting point for the process which will be continued at two further workshops:

- Workshop 2: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Lanark Lifestyles, 2.30-4.430pm)
- Workshop 3: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 (Lanark Lifestyles, 2.30-4.430pm)

Workshop 2 will be a focussed session seeking to gather answers to the following questions:

- Which key features and elements of the designed landscapes need to be conserved?
- What are the constraints and opportunities for conservation?
- What are the roles of the Conservation Strategy and Guidance Notes for those who will be using them?

Landowners, land managers, community/heritage groups in the CAVLP area, and anyone with a passion for historic designed landscapes and gardens is welcome to join us! Contact Jacqueline Macleod on [talamh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:talamh@hotmail.co.uk) / 07447 357 257



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