



Grant-Aid Scheme for Sussex Parks and Gardens

This grant-aid scheme aims to support the survey, repair, restoration, promotion of, and, in some circumstances, new initiatives in Sussex parks and gardens.

The Trust's general criteria for inviting and assessing schemes are those which further the following:

1. Help in keeping the physical park and garden heritage of Sussex in good repair for future generations to enjoy.
2. Help in furthering surveys, research and publications related to Sussex parks and gardens that will widen knowledge and understanding of, and inform the repair of, that heritage.
3. Help, through promoting the preparation of education and interpretative material, to encourage more people to enjoy that heritage.
4. Assist in the creation of new gardens and garden features where these will have maximum public benefit.

Applications will be assessed in relation to the four general criteria above.

Please complete the Application below with reference to the Guidance Notes.

Guidance Notes for Applicants

Categories of Eligible Works:

Physical Works:

- ❖ Repairs to, or renewal of, key historic features:
- ❖ *Hard landscape such as:*
Steps, statuary, garden buildings, pergolas, pools, fountains, cascades; boundary features such as walls, fences and ha-has.

- ❖ *Soft works such as:*
Replanting, reinstating or managing through surgery of avenues, tree clumps, belts and small woods; key specimen trees, key shrub beds, hedges and topiary; clearance to reveal lost views.
- ❖ *Physical / photographic surveys:*
Ground, field archaeological, vegetation/tree surveys, condition surveys to garden structures and buildings. A copy will be required for the Trust's archive.

Non-Physical Works:

- ❖ *Archival surveys:*
That result in a body of written or illustrative work. These should be made available for public viewing on open days. A copy will be required for the Trust's archive.
- ❖ *Publications:*
On specific sites or topics related to garden design, history or horticulture in Sussex. A copy will be required for the Trust's archive.
- ❖ *Exhibition / educational material:*
Preparation of material for public exhibition or for other educational purposes such as use in schools or adult education. A copy will be required for the Trust's archive.
- ❖ *Management plans:*
Preparation of a management plan for a specific park or garden. A copy will be required for the Trust's archive.
- ❖ *Training:*
Assistance with training of new or young head gardeners at important sites.

New Works:

Although there is a great need for assistance to repair existing fabric in gardens, the Trust will be prepared to consider new garden initiatives where public benefit would be great.

Non-Eligible Work for Grant-Aiding:

Routine maintenance and staff costs, lawn maintenance, very large water bodies, forestry work. Government-owned sites, universities, non-departmental public bodies such as English Heritage.

Before completing the formal application form, it would be helpful to have an outline of your request by email. Please contact us at:

info@sussexgardenstrust.org.uk

Sussex Gardens Trust Grant-Aid Scheme for Sussex Parks and Gardens Application Form

Name of applicant(s):

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Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Name & address of park/garden:

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Postcode:

Brief description of park/garden:

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Amount of grant applied for: £

Description of application – attach separate sheet if necessary (please refer to list of categories of eligible works in Guidance Notes):

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If the grant offered is only a part of the total project, how will the balance of the work be funded?

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Can the work be undertaken in self-contained phases?

Yes No

If YES, please describe:

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Describe what resources you will use to maintain any grant-aided works for a period of 3 years.

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Conditions of Application:

I/we agree to the following conditions:

- ❖ to Trust representatives making occasional visits within the 3-year period following the grant-aid (on open days or by prior appointment).
- ❖ to the park or garden being open to the public on a minimum of 4 days per annum (including any days already open under NGS, HHA or similar).
- ❖ to recognise the Trust's grant in any publicity for the garden (e.g., in leaflets for open days).
- ❖ that the Trust may publish any material resulting from grant-aided archival, field or ground surveys in the furtherance of promoting knowledge and understanding of the park and garden heritage of Sussex.

Signature(s) of applicant(s):

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Date:

For further information please e-mail:

info@sussexgardenstrust.org.uk