



**Historic  
Environment  
Grants**

Landscape  
Management Plan  
Grants Scheme

**Notes for Guidance**

## Introduction

Gardens and designed landscapes are a significant and fragile element of our historic environment. They are important because they can:

- be outstanding works of art in their own right
- provide spectacular settings for major buildings and monuments
- make a significant contribution to the scenery of Scotland
- be an attractive tourist and recreational resource
- contain valuable plant collections
- be an important nature conservation resource
- play an important educational role in that they are a living record of cultural, social and economic change.

Historic Scotland can award grants for the preparation of landscape management plans for sites included in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland. The Inventory can be consulted via the Historic Scotland website [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/gardens](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/gardens). We consider applications throughout the year on our Landscape Management Plan application form. We will award grants at rates of up to 50% of the cost of preparing a plan prepared by a consultant who has an established record of such work with particular reference to historic gardens and landscapes. Please provide evidence of any such work with your application.

The aim of these notes are to help you and your consultant to prepare a costed landscape management plan.

## Need for Landscape Management Plans

Gardens and designed landscapes cannot be preserved in aspic. The *green elements*, as with all living things, are constantly growing, maturing and dying. The days of significant numbers of gardeners and estate staff are long gone. We must, therefore, accept that there often needs to be change in the way that a landscape is maintained and managed. Many are now in divided ownership which presents yet more difficulties. Many aspects of farming are now less productive and significant than they were, necessitating the exploration of other means of generating income. A landscape management plan can be an informative working tool because it will:

- describe the historic development of the site
- identify the significant elements of the layout, describe their condition and make recommendations for conservation, restoration or recreation
- identify areas where new development might be absorbed without detriment to the overall integrity of the site and highlight areas where such development would be damaging
- assist owners in planning for the future
- inform owners of sites in divided ownership of the significance of their land to the overall designed landscape.

## Who can apply?

Applicants need to own or control all of the property and provide details of how long it has been in their or their family's ownership. In cases of divided ownership, please provide proof of whether there is general support for the production of a plan.

## Who will qualify?

Sites must be included in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland. The Inventory can be consulted via the Historic Scotland website [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/gardens](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/gardens)

## Who should produce the plan?

The plan must be prepared by consultants who have an established record of such work with particular reference to historic gardens and landscapes. Please provide some evidence of previous work with your application. Please note that Historic Scotland cannot recommend individual consultants.

## What conditions will apply to an award of a grant?

The following standard conditions will apply:

- The plan must be produced by a consultant who has an established record of such work
- A copy of the completed plan must be lodged with Historic Scotland within 6 months of the date of offer
- Public access to the site is normally required. We recognise however that many sites will include working farms and other enterprises which present hazards. In such cases public access to such areas may be restricted/denied.

## Further Information

Historic Scotland's Gardens team are always pleased to offer advice and guidance. Contact details can be found on our website – [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/gardens\\_contacts](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/gardens_contacts) or by telephoning 0131 668 8798.



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