



Welsh Historic Gardens Trust/Ymddiriedolaeth Gerddi Hanesyddol Cymru

THE SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Terms and conditions

The trustees of The Welsh Historic Gardens Trust (WHGT) launched the Small Grants Scheme in 2014 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Trust in 1989. In the past the Trust has received many requests for small amounts of money to assist projects aiming to preserve, raise awareness of and maintain historic parks and gardens in Wales. Whereas large financial grants are available from a number of sources, grants for small projects are often difficult to acquire.

The Trust raised funds in 2014 to support this project and will continue to do so in subsequent years when it is hoped that the Small Grants Scheme will become an established source of funding to assist conservation of Welsh gardens.

All potential projects which would be eligible for a small grant must be located in Wales. **The maximum possible amount available for a grant in 2017 will be £500.**

Information for applicants:

The grant may be awarded for the *full cost or part of the cost* of a project. Projects must fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. **Garden Works:** restoration, conservation or the creation of a new garden on an historic site. This will include, for example, such items as conservation measures for an ancient tree. It may be possible to apply for funding to purchase plants, but for such an application very detailed information on reasons for selection, variety and suppliers will be required.
2. **Ornamental Works:** The restoration of appropriate garden ornaments, or statues.
3. **Surveys:** archaeological, environmental, horticultural or botanical aspects relating to a proposed project.
4. **Planning:** conservation management or restoration plans.
5. **Public enjoyment:** the interpretation of a park, garden or designed landscape for public benefit or the improvement of public accessibility. Priority will be given to applications wanting to provide permanent labelling of plants and garden features rather than for short-term information boards.

Any grants awarded would be for projects which may:

- Be or likely to become of historical, landscape or horticultural value or significance.
- Be considered to be an outstanding work of art according to contemporary evidence at one or more stages of its history, or a trend-setter for later styles.
- Be associated with the work of a particular designer of historic importance.
- Be associated with a building of particular architectural or historic value or significance.

Please note that other criteria may be considered by the Trust on enquiry.

Terms and Condition of Grants

All grants awarded will be subject to the acceptance of any conditions determined by the Trust as appropriate. The decision process will be administered by a small group nominated by the Trustees of the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust. The decision on the amount to be awarded will rest with the Trustees of the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust.

1. The recipient will undertake to ensure that plans are in place to ensure the future maintenance of any item funded by the small grants project.
2. A grant may only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded according to the information set out in the application and any offer must be accepted in writing.
3. Payment of the grant will normally be retrospective. A representative of the WHGT will conduct a site visit and/or meet with applicants before any grant is determined. The project will be revisited on completion and, once approved, payment will be made.
4. If planning approval or listed building consent is required, these details must be submitted and the result known before a grant can be approved.
5. The Trust reserves the right to request receipts for any items purchased with the grant.
6. A grant must be claimed within twelve months of the date of its approval unless otherwise agreed.
7. The recipient must notify the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust of the start and completion of the project and provide receipted invoices or other supporting documentation.
8. Any grant awarded by the Trust must be recognised in any publicity in connection with a project accomplished with the aid of the grant.
9. Whilst acknowledging the intellectual copyright of authors, the Trust may wish to publish material in part or whole resulting from grant-aided surveys in the furtherance of promoting knowledge and understanding of the designed landscape heritage of Wales. In such cases the author will be asked to submit an article for a WHGT publication.
10. The decision of the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust is final in all cases. All applicants will be notified whether or not they have been successful.

The application must be submitted on the official application form to the
address below by midnight on **Oct 31 2017**.

Applicants will be notified of grant decisions by no later than **the end of
December 2017**.

Small Grants Scheme, Welsh Historic Gardens Trust, Aberglasney Gardens, Llangathen, Carmarthenshire. SA32 8QH

or

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