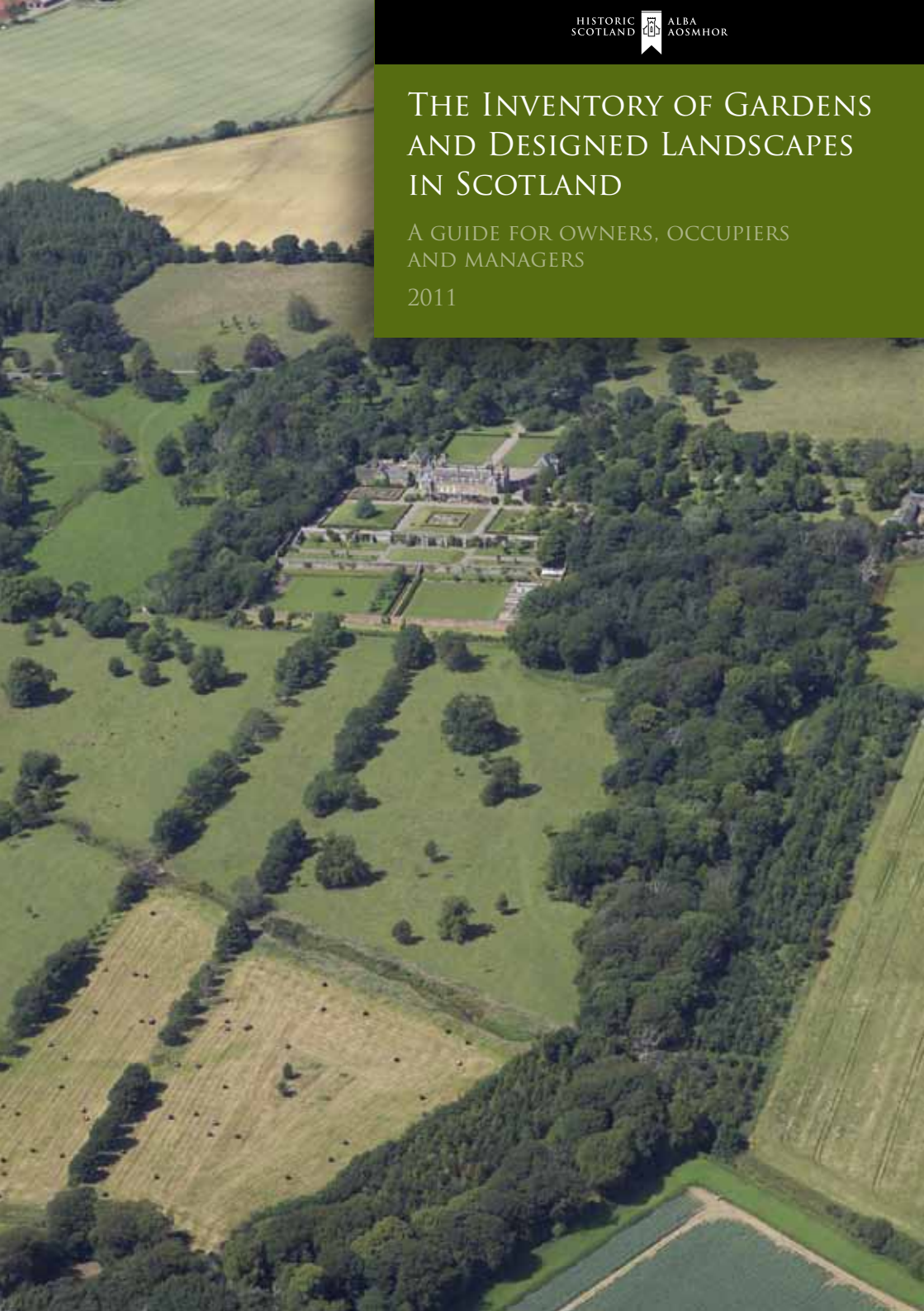


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# FOREWORD

Gardens and designed landscapes are part of Scotland's national identity. They enrich the texture and pattern of our landscapes and form a unique record of social, cultural and economic change. Many offer outstanding nature conservation value for wildlife, and opportunities for public recreation and relaxation, thus contributing to the well-being of local communities and to the economy as a major part of our tourism industry.

As a source of enjoyment and learning, and a valuable network of green spaces, our gardens and designed landscapes play an important role in building a healthier, smarter and greener Scotland.

Historic Scotland, an executive agency of the Scottish Government, compiles an Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland on behalf of Scottish Ministers. The Inventory recognises nationally important sites and guides the management of change affecting them by ensuring that the planning process takes into account the significance of this aspect of the historic environment.



Temple of the Muses among trees, Dryburgh Abbey, Scottish Borders



A coastal walk at Culzean Castle, S. Ayrshire



Little Sparta, S. Lanarkshire

# DEFINING GARDENS AND DESIGNED LANDSCAPES

Gardens and designed landscapes can be defined as grounds that are consciously laid out for artistic effect. This broad definition includes many different kinds of site ranging from the policies of a historic country house, to botanic garden collections, urban parks, small plantsman's gardens, and even some cemeteries.

The older sites in the Inventory incorporate the earthwork remains of medieval gardens, while the most recent are innovative 20th century gardens.

Most frequently represented in the Inventory, however, are the policies surrounding an important house or castle, developed by country landowners for both pleasure and productive purposes. Typically, these will contain features from different periods, thus showing how garden and landscape fashion changed over time.

Inventory gardens and designed landscapes usually exhibit a combination of built structures, planting, open grounds, landforming, water-management, archaeological remains and natural landscape features, all of which may contribute to the overall value of the site. Some of these elements may be important enough to be designated in their own right by Historic Scotland as listed buildings and scheduled monuments, or by Scottish Natural Heritage for their scientific or nature conservation value.

The common thread that unites these diverse gardens and designed landscapes is their outstanding value to Scotland as a whole.

In addition to their importance as historic sites, they help forge the distinctive scenic character of our landscape and bring numerous benefits and opportunities to people through leisure activities, tourism, education and employment.

For wildlife and nature conservation, they offer rich and varied habitats, and can form critical repositories of rare or champion trees, shrubs and plant material.



A veteran oak at Traquair, Scottish Borders



Stair gazebo, Culzean Castle, S. Ayrshire

# THE INVENTORY

Gardens and designed landscapes are a fragile and finite resource that can be easily damaged or lost. Historic Scotland produces a list of the most important sites in Scotland in order to raise awareness of their significance, and to encourage those involved in their management, or who have a role to play in their future, to treat them as valuable and distinctive places that can be enjoyed by future generations.

The Inventory is available online, and can be accessed from our website at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/gardens](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/gardens).



Parkland at Mertoun, Scottish Borders



The formal walled garden at Pitmedden, Aberdeenshire

The Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland was first published in five volumes in 1987, with three supplementary, regional editions published from 2001-2005. The later publications included both lesser known sites, and a wider range of designed landscape types, such as public parks and cemeteries.

In 2008, we launched a resurvey programme in order to reassess and update the Inventory. At present, there are 386 Inventory sites in Scotland (October 2010). As the survey progresses, this number will change as new sites are added and others removed.



The Necropolis, Glasgow

## WHICH GARDENS AND DESIGNED LANDSCAPES ARE SELECTED?

The Inventory identifies sites which remain comprehensible and meaningful today. It is not intended to identify lost landscapes or those where the condition of the site, and therefore its integrity, is such that its interest has become devalued.

Gardens and designed landscapes are selected against the following value-based criteria:

- value as individual works of art in their own right
- historic value
- horticultural, arboricultural or sylvicultural value
- architectural value
- scenic value
- nature conservation value
- archaeological value



The Hundy Mundy folly, Mellerstain, Scottish Borders

These are broad headings and the principles of selection are set out fully at Annex 4 of the **Scottish Historic Environment Policy** (July 2009) available from Historic Scotland's website. They provide a framework within which professional judgement is exercised in reaching individual decisions.

Although a site can be most widely known for its colourful flower displays, this actually represents the most ephemeral part of the landscape and it is the more enduring features that must be considered. Typically, these will include the built structures, landform and monuments, and trees with a lifespan of 100 years or more.

For each principle, we express value on a scale ranging from 'outstanding value' to 'no value'. Generally, the greater the number of outstanding or high values, the more likely the site is to be accepted for inclusion in the Inventory. However, exceptionally, a garden or designed landscape may be of such significance for one value that it too can be regarded as nationally important.

All sites included in the Inventory are considered to be of national importance. Unlike listing for buildings, there is no category or grading system which distinguishes relative merit.

It is important to stress that when a site is considered for inclusion in the Inventory, no factors other than its condition, integrity and level of importance can be taken into account.

## DEFINING THE EXTENT

Gardens and designed landscapes in the Inventory range in size from 1 hectare to well over 1000 hectares (or 2471 acres).

Current land ownership does not have a bearing on defining the boundary.

We use historic documents and maps together with evidence collected during the site survey to help us define the boundary, particularly in the

case of country house policies where there may be inner designed garden grounds and parkland within a much larger agricultural estate.

Sometimes, features such as policy walls and gates provide a clear indication of where a boundary can be drawn. In other circumstances, it is less clear-cut, and professional judgement must be exercised in defining the most logical boundary line.

## THE INVENTORY RESURVEY PROGRAMME

Historic Scotland is carrying out a comprehensive resurvey of the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes, which was first published in 1987.

This is a systematic, region-by-region programme of fieldwork and research designed to provide a more up-to-date resource, and to ensure that existing Inventory sites are of genuine national significance in their present-day form.

We conduct visits to each site and consult owners and the relevant local authority on our proposals and revisions.

As part of the resurvey exercise, we advance new candidate sites for inclusion, propose amendments to designed landscape boundaries, and propose sites for removal from the Inventory. For gardens and designed landscapes that continue to meet the criteria for determining national importance, we simply revise the Inventory entry.

Individual gardens and designed landscapes outwith resurvey areas can be proposed for inclusion at any time (see p.9). However, Historic Scotland will normally choose not to advance a site for inclusion if it is the subject of a major, live planning application.



Benmore Botanic Gardens, Argyll and Bute



## HOW TO PROPOSE A SITE FOR INCLUSION IN THE INVENTORY

If you would like to suggest a garden or designed landscape to be included in the Inventory, you can contact Historic Scotland's gardens team. You should set out why you believe the site to be of national importance and include supporting material such as recent dated and captioned photographs and maps. Details of who owns the site makes it easier for us to arrange access. Please note, however, that the process of considering a site for inclusion can be lengthy.

A proposal form together with further information on the process can be obtained from the gardens team. Write to us at Historic Scotland, Longmore House, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH or email at [hs.gardens@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.gardens@scotland.gsi.gov.uk). Telephone 0131 668 8809/8798.

## MANAGING CHANGE AND THE ROLE OF SCOTTISH MINISTERS

The fact that a garden or designed landscape is included in the Inventory does not mean that changes cannot be made to it.

The Inventory identifies nationally important gardens and designed landscapes on behalf of Scottish Ministers. Through highlighting key characteristics of this significant and fragile resource, we inform the process of managing change.

National planning policy confirms that maintaining and enhancing the quality of the historic environment and preserving the country's heritage are important functions of the planning system. Sites in the Inventory are material considerations in the planning process. Under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, local authorities are required to consult Historic Scotland on development proposals considered to affect a garden or designed landscape and our views will be a material consideration in the planning authority's determination of the case.

Inventory landscapes cannot be 'frozen in time', and change is often necessary, or desirable. For example, sustainable woodland management usually incorporates phases of thinning and felling in addition to replanting. Responsibility for the day-to-day running and maintenance of an Inventory garden or designed landscape remains with the owner/occupier. While there is no requirement to involve either Historic Scotland or the local authority in new planting layouts etc., we are always willing to offer advice and guidance.



Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow

## LISTED BUILDINGS

Nearly all Inventory gardens and designed landscapes contain buildings that have been listed on account of their special architectural or historic interest. The area around a building may be covered by the listing and the protection afforded to the listed building may extend to other structures. This is called the curtilage and its boundaries are defined by the local planning authority as part of their management role.

Listing is a statutory designation. You must obtain listed building consent from the planning authority if you want to demolish a listed building or alter or extend it in any way which affects its character. Further information on listing and the consents process is available from Historic Scotland's website at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/historicandlistedbuildings](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/historicandlistedbuildings).

## SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

Some Inventory gardens and designed landscapes contain archaeological monuments that have been scheduled on account of their national importance.

Like listing, this is a statutory designation. Any works to a scheduled monument requires the

prior written consent of Scottish Ministers, administered by Historic Scotland. Further information on scheduled monuments and the consents process is available from Historic Scotland's website at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/searchmonuments](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/searchmonuments).



The Pheasantry at Haddo House, Aberdeenshire



Dawyck Botanic Gardens, Scottish Borders

# CARING FOR GARDENS AND DESIGNED LANDSCAPES

The owners of Scotland's finest gardens and designed landscapes face many challenges, ranging from climate change and managing the resource as a whole to dealing with specific physical problems such as deteriorating built structures or invasive species.

Historic Scotland is responding to the challenge of climate change and its impact on the historic environment. For further information on our role and research strategy, see our website at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/climatechange](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/climatechange).

For gardens and designed landscapes, Historic Scotland supports both targeted, positive management solutions and the development of more comprehensive plans for their ongoing and future management.

Historic Scotland's gardens team can provide comments on management plans for Inventory sites. The Forestry Commission may also consult us for our views on significant felling proposals and other woodland management within Inventory sites.

We encourage owners to seek external professional advice on landscape management issues and to pursue solutions compatible with the character and historic structure of their

garden or designed landscape. There is now a significant body of expert knowledge on sustainable management options and some further sources of information are provided at the end of this booklet.

For issues relating to the care and maintenance of historic buildings and structures, Historic Scotland's Conservation Group can provide guidance, and issues publications for both professionals and the public. Contact the team on 0131 668 8668, email [hs.technicalconservationgroup@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.technicalconservationgroup@scotland.gsi.gov.uk), [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/conservation](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/conservation).



Edzell Castle walled garden, Angus



Calton Hill, part of New Town Gardens, Edinburgh



Duthie Park, Aberdeen

## GRANTS

Historic Scotland administers a number of grant and funding schemes to support bodies and individuals in the protection, education and promotion of the historic environment.

Programmes that may be of interest to owners of gardens and designed landscapes include:

### Landscape Management Plan Grants

Grants can be awarded towards the cost of preparing a landscape management plan for a site included in the Inventory. We consider applications throughout the year and can award grants at rates of up to 50% of the cost of preparing a plan by a consultant who has an established record of such work.

### Building Repair Grants Scheme

This scheme covers grants for the repair and conservation of listed buildings. Competition for grants is strong and each application is assessed against a range of criteria.

### Ancient Monument Grants

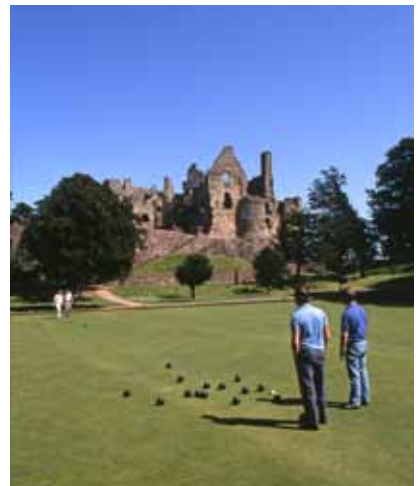
This scheme provides financial assistance to help preserve and maintain monuments, and in some cases to present them to the public.

Further information on all of the above grant schemes can be obtained from Historic Scotland's investments and projects team: telephone 0131 668 8645, email [hs.grants@scotland.gov.uk](mailto:hs.grants@scotland.gov.uk), or at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants).

## OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

The Heritage Lottery Fund runs a number of schemes, including 'Parks for People', which offers grants for projects that regenerate public parks of national, regional or local heritage value.

For advice on funding for the historic environment in the Scotland Rural Development Scheme, contact your local SGRPID (Scottish Government Rural Payments Inspections Directorate) office.



Dirleton Castle, East Lothian

## WHO ARE WE?

Historic Scotland is an executive agency of the Scottish Government. We are charged with safeguarding the nation's historic environment and promoting its understanding and enjoyment. Historic Scotland's Inspectorate is responsible for protecting and providing advice on the management of the most important parts of Scotland's historic environment, including listed buildings, scheduled monuments, wreck sites and gardens and designed landscapes. Policies are also in place to establish a new Inventory of historic battlefields. Historic Scotland also gives grant-aid for the conservation of the historic environment through a number of different funding streams.

You can contact the gardens team at:  
[hs.gardens@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.gardens@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

### Gardens Team

Historic Scotland Inspectorate  
 Longmore House  
 Salisbury Place  
 Edinburgh  
 EH9 1SH

Tel: 0131 668 8809/8798

### Administrative Grievances

The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 provides a simple and effective means for members of the public to make complaints about maladministration and service delivery arising from the activities of public authorities in Scotland.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q WILL I BE CONSULTED?

While consultation with the owner is not required by the legislation, Historic Scotland makes reasonable effort as part of the assessment to consult the owner or occupier of a site under consideration for inclusion in the Inventory, or under review as part of the resurvey programme.

We recognise that the input of those who own the property and know the site well is often invaluable for understanding its historic development. It also gives us the opportunity to explain fully the implications of Inventory status and answer any questions that arise.

Many designed landscapes are under multiple ownership. The consultation process also helps us to identify and contact owners who we were not previously aware of.

### Q DOES OWNING AN INVENTORY SITE MEAN THAT I HAVE TO OPEN IT TO THE PUBLIC?

No. Inclusion in the Inventory does not require owners to open their property to the public.

There are many privately-owned sites in the Inventory that have no formal access arrangements. In our Inventory reports, we provide details on access for sites that are open to the public in some capacity. Otherwise we refer users to the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

## Q DOES INCLUSION IN THE INVENTORY RESTRICT WHAT I CAN DO?

Historic Scotland does not intervene in the day-to-day running and maintenance of an Inventory garden or designed landscape, and there is no requirement to involve either Historic Scotland or the local authority in new planting layouts etc.

Historic Scotland's involvement is limited to development that requires planning permission. The Local Authority is required to consult us on development proposals considered to affect an Inventory garden or designed landscape. The Forestry Commission may also consult Historic Scotland for our views on significant felling proposals and other woodland management within Inventory sites, though this is not a formal, statutory requirement.

If your plans involve a listed building or scheduled monument within the designed landscape, please note that consent procedures appropriate to these statutory designations apply. Please see p.10 for a summary, or our website for further guidance at, [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage.htm](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage.htm).

For advice on the implications of natural heritage designations, such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), please contact Scottish Natural Heritage.

Your local authority can provide guidance on Tree Preservation Orders (TPO), while further information on felling licences is available from Forestry Commission Scotland.

See p.16 for links to these organisations.

## Q WHERE CAN I SEE THE INVENTORY OF GARDENS AND DESIGNED LANDSCAPES IN SCOTLAND?

The Inventory is available to search online through our website at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/gardens](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/gardens).

The location of Inventory sites in Scotland can also be found via PASTMAP [www.pastmap.org.uk](http://www.pastmap.org.uk), a website jointly developed with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS). This will also show the location of other designated sites within designed landscape boundaries.

If you do not have internet access, we will be happy to send you a copy of an Inventory report and map by post for the site that you require. Please contact the Gardens Team.

## Q HOW MANY INVENTORY SITES ARE THERE IN SCOTLAND?

There are 386 Inventory gardens and designed landscapes in Scotland (October 2010), representing a total area of about 1% of Scotland. We expect the number of sites to change as the resurvey programme proceeds. New sites will be added to the Inventory, while those that no longer meet the criteria for determining national importance will be removed.

# USEFUL PUBLICATIONS AND ONLINE RESOURCES

Further information about gardens and designed landscapes and associated policies and legislation can be found in the following publications or online documents:

**Scottish Historic Environment Policy (July 2009)** at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/shep-july-2009.pdf](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/shep-july-2009.pdf)

**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008** at [www.oqps.gov.uk/legislation/ssi/ssi2008/ssi\\_20080432\\_en\\_1](http://www.oqps.gov.uk/legislation/ssi/ssi2008/ssi_20080432_en_1)

**Guide to the Protection of Scotland's Listed Buildings: What Listing Means to Owners and Occupiers (2009)** at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/scotlands-listed-buildings.pdf](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/scotlands-listed-buildings.pdf)

**Scheduled Monuments: A Guide for Owners, Occupiers and Managers** at [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/scheduled-monuments.pdf](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/scheduled-monuments.pdf)

**The Management and Maintenance of Historic Parks, Gardens and Landscapes: The English Heritage Handbook** eds John Watkins and Tom Wright, published 2007 by English Heritage and Frances Lincoln

**Guidance on the Conservation and Management of Trees and Woodlands in Designed Landscapes**, Forestry Commission Scotland, 2011

**Adapting Our Ways: Managing Scotland's Climate Risk: Consultation to inform Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Framework (2008)** at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/06/23113244/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/06/23113244/0)

**UK Climate Impacts Programme 'Gardening in the Global Greenhouse. The impacts of climate change on gardens in the UK' (2002)** at [www.ukcip.org.uk/index.php](http://www.ukcip.org.uk/index.php)



A winter view of Drummond Castle gardens, Perth and Kinross



Aerial view of Kinross House, Perth and Kinross

## LINKS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

### **Scottish Natural Heritage**

SNH's work is about caring for the natural heritage, enabling people to enjoy it, helping people to understand and appreciate it, and supporting those who manage it.

[www.snh.gov.uk](http://www.snh.gov.uk)

### **Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland**

RCAHMS collects, records and interprets information on the architectural, industrial, archaeological and maritime heritage of Scotland.

[www.rcahms.gov.uk/index](http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/index)

### **The Garden History Society**

GHS is the oldest society in the world dedicated to the conservation and study of historic gardens and designed landscapes.

[www.gardenhistorysociety.org](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org)

### **The National Trust for Scotland**

The NTS is Scotland's largest conservation charity and looks after around 35 major gardens and designed landscapes and over 30 smaller gardens.

[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

### **The Tree Register of the British Isles**

The Tree Register is a registered charity that collates and updates a database of notable trees throughout Britain and Ireland.

[www.treeregister.org](http://www.treeregister.org)

### **Forestry Commission (Scotland)**

FCS's mission is to protect and expand Scotland's forests and woodlands and increase their value to society and the environment.

[www.forestry.gov.uk/website/fchomepages.nsf/hp/Scotland](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/fchomepages.nsf/hp/Scotland)

### **Scotland Rural Development Programme**

The SRDP is a programme of economic, environmental and social measures, worth some £1.5 billion, designed to develop rural Scotland from 2007 to 2013.

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP)

### **Heritage Lottery Fund**

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the HLF gives grants to sustain and transform our heritage.

[www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx)



