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Letter from the Chair, May 2022



25 YEARS OF THE PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

Blow the trumpets, clash the cymbals: the Shropshire Parks and Gardens Trust celebrates its 25th anniversary this year! We were set up to help spread the word about just how important Shropshire's parks and gardens are and to help protect them.

When we were set up, in 1997, English Heritage and Shropshire Council had jointly carried out and published a survey of the gardens in Shropshire, which revealed the wealth of gardens we had and how varied they were; how few of them were protected and how little we knew about them. Since then, we have done our best to spread the word about what we have through our lectures and visits, and particularly to introduce members to less well-known gardens. We have responded to planning applications affecting parks and gardens and we have carried out limited research to find out more about them and what is in them to add to Shropshire's Historic Environment Record. But above all, we have tried to help people enjoy this wonderful heritage. There is really nothing more enjoyable than walking round a beautiful garden on a fine summer's day with a group of friends. It is good for our bodies and our souls and I hope that it is something that we and our successors will always be able to do, but the future of both Shropshire's parks and gardens and of this Trust remains in the balance.

We need to keep up our work, and we desperately need more people to help us do it. Help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary by coming forward to do more and by encouraging more people to become members. Your Trust needs you: don't let our 25th year be our last year!

Mary King