

Draft BGHG Donations policy

BGHG makes a surplus mainly as a result of income from public events. Administration costs are covered from members' subscriptions, which have remained at the same modest rate since the group started. The surplus is used

- to further the aims of the group in promoting the awareness and study of garden history, including by the occasional publication of MA and other research, and in supporting the conservation of gardens
- to foster relations with institutions /sites/ groups etc in our sector and help make BGHG better known, thereby making us better placed to promote our aims

To these ends, we may

- generate our own suggestions for donations
- respond to relevant requests for donations from other bodies, which will be judged on their merits

Donations made should

- support our aims
- be to organisations not to individuals
- enable us to spread our support across the sector over time

Examples of recent donations are:

- Support for the free garden history seminars at the Institute of Historical Research
- Bursaries awarded to the Professional Gardeners Trust for attendance on garden history courses
- Publication of *Digging Deeper*, a collection of MA papers in garden history
- Donation towards the publication of *Repton in London* by London Gardens Trust in the bicentenary year, in which some BGHG members were involved
- One-off small donation to London Gardens Trust as a result of the financial deficit caused by the Covid crisis

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