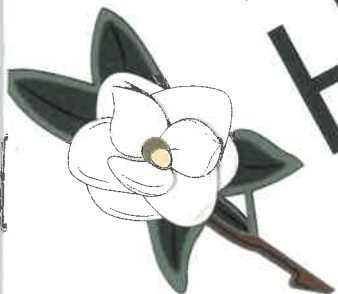


# HISTORIC AND BOTANIC GARDEN HBGTP TRAINEE PROGRAMMES

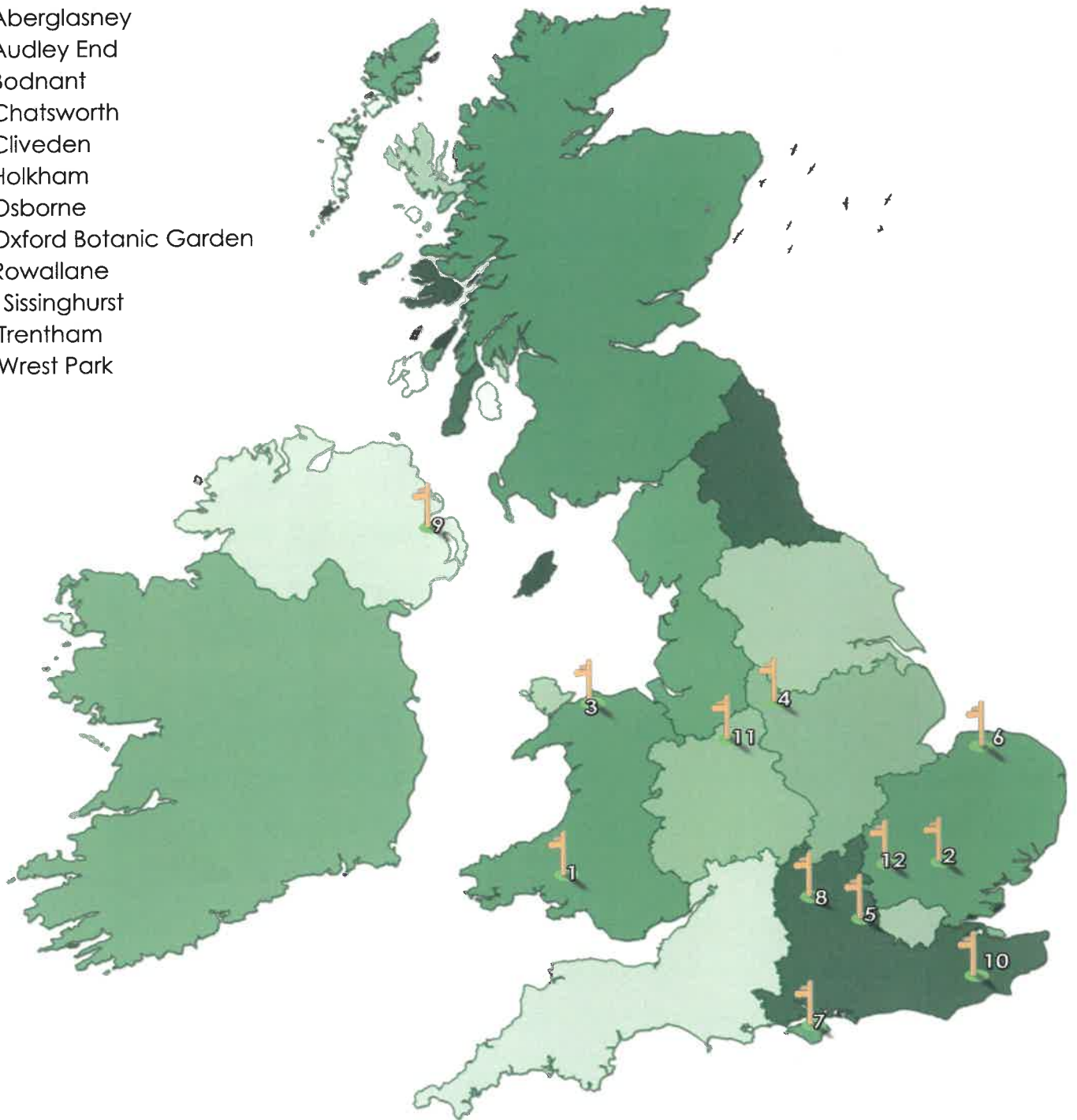


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The best thing about the HBGTP scheme is **“Working with like-minded people in such an amazing garden. I’ve discovered so much about the garden through researching for my projects and really enjoyed seeing it transform through the seasons”**

Rose Greves  
HBGTP Trainee at Osborne House

## About the HBGTP

The Historic and Botanic Garden Trainee Programmes (HBGTP) are managed by English Heritage and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The HBGTP are an unrivalled opportunity for passionate individuals committed to establishing a career in horticulture. You can earn a salary while developing your professional skills in some of the best historic and botanic gardens that the UK has to offer!

The scheme has benefited over 200 trainees to date, with 98% of trainees finding further employment in the horticulture sector. Prestigious historic gardens such as Holkham and Chatsworth join us for 2018 alongside notable 2017 placement gardens such as Oxford Botanic Garden and Osborne House.

## How does it work?

- 1 year full-time, paid practical placement in an historic or botanic garden.
- Work alongside the gardening team throughout the seasons.
- Learn about the key aspects of managing an historic garden.
- Develop practical skills and increase plant knowledge.
- Complete 3 projects, a daily technical journal and weekly plant ident.



Further information on the application and selection process can be found by going to our website:

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

## Placement Gardens 2018

When applying, you will be asked to select your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of placement garden. Or for those who fancy an adventure, why not leave your choices open and select 'any'?

With such a variety of prestigious gardens to choose from, we have keyed out some crucial information (right) to help guide you in the selection process.

### The Key:

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|  | Glasshouse                       |  | Arboretum      |
|  | Accommodation                    |  | Kitchen Garden |
|  | Nearest Public Transport (miles) |  | Walled Garden  |
|  | National Plant Collection        |   |                |



### 1. Aberglasney



Aberglasney Gardens are a renowned plantsmans' paradise with a unique Elizabethan cloister garden at their heart.

The gardens are a great place to train. Although compact (about 11 acres) they are extremely diverse, boasting about twenty different gardening styles and methods including formal, woodland, kitchen, rose, meadow and herbaceous. The gardens are also packed with all sorts of rarities and plant collections.



### 2. Audley End



Audley End is an historic 100 acre site which comprises a wonderful selection of garden areas, including a beautifully restored parterre and a 2 acre organic Victorian walled kitchen garden.

Rotating around the different areas of the garden, working in the Pleasure Gardens, Kitchen Garden, Vinery, Peach Houses, and Orchard House, trainees will be given the opportunity to learn in an environment that offers a varied range of skills and techniques.



### 3. Bodnant



Bodnant is noted for its botanical collections and impressive garden features, such as the historically significant Italianate Terraces containing formal lawns, mixed borders and water features.

As a trainee you will learn first-hand from our friendly and highly skilled garden team. Joining our team now has the added bonus of involvement in the garden's development, as new areas are being opened up.



### 4. Chatsworth



The amazing 105 acre garden at Chatsworth has evolved over 450 years, whilst preserving its many layers of history. Famous features include the 17th century Cascade, impressive gravity-fed Emperor Fountain and Joseph Paxton's Rockery.

As a trainee, you will work as part of a large garden team. Your training will be varied, working in the Cutting Garden, Kitchen Garden, Glasshouses and Pleasure Grounds on a two weekly rota.



### 5. Cliveden



As a part of the gardening team at Cliveden, you will work within the 80 acre formal gardens, which include a Grade 1 Listed Parterre, annual bedding schemes, herbaceous borders, a Water Garden, and a recently restored, Jellicoe-designed Rose Garden.

Cliveden is now in a very exciting phase of restoration, providing a huge range of hands-on experience, not only in horticulture, but in active conservation.



### 6. Holkham



Holkham sits in a beautiful Repton landscape. Key garden elements include William Nesfield's parterres, an arboretum, and the 6 acre walled garden.

You will be involved in the restoration of the garden, and will also take part in the annual food festival and plant fair. You will finish the placement with knowledge of pruning, propagation, composting, machinery and productive gardening, and working with volunteers.



## 7. Osborne House



The garden at Osborne has been restored to its Victorian appearance. It is made up of formal terraces, extensive lawns, historic trees and shrubberies, woodland, and a walled garden developed as a cut flower garden.

Osborne offers trainees a bit of everything, from formal bedding and lawn care to fruit training and glasshouse work, all set in a magnificent landscape overlooking the Solent.



## 8. Oxford Botanic Garden



The University of Oxford Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum (OBGA) are the oldest botanic gardens in the United Kingdom. Founded in 1621 they have an unparalleled collection of plants.

The two sites, in combination with the glasshouse collection, offer trainees the opportunity to develop the widest possible range of horticultural skills and experience in a historically important setting.



## 9. Rowallane



Rowallane is an 155 year-old informal plantsman's garden. The 52 acre landscape is carved from rocks, and stretches to include walled gardens, a rock garden, and woodland in which a variety of exotic trees and shrubs thrive.

You will be involved in daily garden maintenance and in project work. We have a wide range of machinery, plus dedicated propagation facilities with bio-security and composting areas.



## 10. Sissinghurst



Sissinghurst is famous as the epitome of the English Garden, a result of the creative tension between the formal design of Harold Nicolson and the exuberant planting of Vita Sackville-West.

As a trainee at Sissinghurst, you will work alongside the existing team of gardeners, continuing the tradition of experimentation and maintaining and presenting the garden within the 'Spirit of the Place'.



## 11. Trentham Gardens



The Trentham Estate encapsulates magnificent historical gardens, parkland and ancient woodland within its 725 acres. The large-scale gardens boast some of the finest contemporary herbaceous planting schemes in the country, designed by Tom Stuart Smith and Piet Oudolf.

The restored "Capability" Brown landscape has recently been embellished with a mix of annual meadow flora and perennial planting by Professor Nigel Dunnett.



## 12. Wrest Park



The gardens of Wrest Park are unique, with a range of surviving garden layouts dating back to the late 17th century.

Wrest Park is able to offer trainees the opportunity to work in a public garden that is undergoing a major programme of restoration. The site includes a wide range of features including woodland, waterways, a walled garden, and French and Italian parterres.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Am I eligible to apply?

Suitable applicants will have some experience of gardening in a professional setting, either in a paid or unpaid capacity. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the start of the placement.

### How do I apply?

Application is done online. From the 1st of March 2018 an 'apply now' button will appear on our website homepage. Click this button and you will be taken to an external job application page to complete an application form.

### How do you select candidates?

Given the opportunities that the HBGTP offers, there is strong competition for the limited number of placements. Applications will be reviewed by HBGTP staff and gardeners at the chosen placement gardens. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at placement gardens during May. The interviews will include a practical element.

### What does a traineeship involve?

You will experience a 12 month traineeship in an historic or botanic placement garden. You will be expected to work a standard working week alongside the garden team. You will also be given a half day per week for study. You will complete 3 projects, maintain a daily technical journal and undertake weekly plant IDs which you will submit to the scheme for feedback.

As a trainee you will also be fully funded to attend an autumn trainee seminar and spring study tour. Further details can be found in the trainee handbook at: <http://hbgtp.org.uk/placements/trainee-handbook/>

### How many places are available in 2018?

There are 16 traineeships available in 2018, with some gardens hosting more than one placement.

### When does the placement start?

Trainees are required to commence work in the first working week of September 2018.

### What about funding?

Candidates are paid a salary no less than National Living Wage.

### Do the HBGTP offer accommodation?

Some gardens offer accommodation (please see garden listings on previous page). However, you must be prepared to meet the costs of your accommodation from your own salary.

### What do I get for completing a traineeship?

You will get a 'HBGTP Certificate of Completion' along with 12 months' experience in a prestigious garden, providing that first crucial step to a career in horticulture.

If you would like to discuss a placement on the scheme, please contact the Scheme Manager, Elinor Davies, during working hours on: **Tel:** 07979 401784 **Email:** [Elinor.Davies@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:Elinor.Davies@english-heritage.org.uk)

### What should I do next?

Apply online at:

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

Apply  
between 1st  
March and 1st  
April 2018, for a  
September 2018  
start!

"I thoroughly enjoy my training as every day is different and I get to work with a huge variety of plants in stunning surroundings."

Rose Nash, Trainee at Aberglasney



## Existing Trainee Profiles

### Rose Greves Trainee at Osborne House

Rose became interested in horticulture after working in a local plant nursery for a week whilst still at school. She then went on to pursue her new-found interest by enrolling upon the RHS Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture at Pershore College.

Keen to get as much experience as possible, she volunteered at The National Trust's Croome Court Walled Garden in Worcestershire for one day a week during her studies. Here she helped out with general maintenance activities in the garden.

Rose was accepted onto the one year HBGTP scheme at English Heritage's Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. She began her placement in September, excited about adapting to life on an island for a year.



### Mike King Trainee at Trentham Gardens

Mike's interest in horticulture was ignited by weekends spent working on a farm whilst he was still at school. He persuaded his dad to apply for a local allotment. Ten years later, Mike was still growing vegetables, fruit and wildflowers, and was even keeping bees, despite also spending five years in the army as an avionics technician. **"I would travel home at weekends just to go to the allotment."**

A friend told him about the HBGTP scheme at Trentham Gardens (near Stoke-on-Trent) and he thought it would be the perfect opportunity to gain experience in a Historic Garden and to learn more about plant science, botany and growing decorative plant displays.

**"The best thing about the scheme is that it gives you the opportunity to learn from expert gardeners in awesome gardens."**



- Do these stories feel familiar?
- Do you love being outdoors?
- Do you love gardens?
- Do you love growing, tending and managing plants?
- Do you have passion and dedication?

**If so, now you need first-class training from the best in the industry!**



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