

## The Stanmer Park Restoration Project: Key project information



### Landscape and trees

We are proposing some tree works at Stanmer. This is to enable the restoration of the park's largely intact 18th Century landscape.

The proposal will see the planting of over 250 native trees across the park.

Managing the woodland will encourage a greater range and quality of wildlife habitats.

We will not be removing or modifying any memorial trees without the sponsors' consent.

We've produced a draft Woodland Management Plan which will grade trees according to health, form and desirability. This a standard system used nationally.

The Plan covers the next 40 years and will ensure that woodland in the Estate is better managed for people, wildlife and long term sustainability.

### History and heritage: Why is the project focusing on this?

The park's history is of local, regional and national significance (its recorded heritage dates back some 6000 years.)

Its unique 18th Century designed landscape is supported by the:

- Collection of over 25 listed buildings and monuments
- Grade 2 registered historic park and garden
- Grade 1 listed Manor House.



18th Century design was a landmark era in British landscape history.

This period was the last time the park was designed and managed as a single estate.

We are safeguarding Stanmer's history through the restoration project, which is why the £3.75m secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund to invest in the park for future generations is so critical.

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## Transport, access and parking

The restoration project will increase visitor numbers.

This brings significant challenges as we want to protect the park's environment and heritage and keep its countryside feel, whilst enabling everyone to access and enjoy this unique park.

We have produced a Sustainable Transport Plan for Stanmer. Public access will increase by around 40%, and we will be improving walking and cycling routes and signage to encourage people to explore the park without bringing their cars.

To protect the park's infrastructure, parking will be regulated and managed more effectively in future. Charging will be introduced. Disabled parking bays will be available free to those with a valid Blue Badge.

We also plan to build a new car park at the Patchway. We discussed options for this new car park with a wide range of stakeholders. This site was chosen because it:

- Optimises accessibility to the walled garden, tea rooms and house
- Minimises the visual impact of parked cars
- Has the lowest impact on the conservation area
- Is the only location which can accommodate overflow car parking without the additional staff costs of managing vehicles.

The income generated from car parks will contribute directly to the future management and maintenance of the Park. This income will also assist in subsidising and encouraging more sustainable travel.



## Volunteering and engagement activities

The Project's Activity Plan will increase and enhance the number, scope and quality of opportunities to become actively involved in supporting the park's future. We will be working with a number of partners and organisations to deliver these.

*(Photo left courtesy of Sarah Davenport, BPT.)*

One of the major partners is Plumpton College. With Plumpton, and many other organisations, we will:

- Deliver horticultural and heritage gardening training & food production
  - Provide educational & learning opportunities.
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