



Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens

Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens wins Severn Trent Community Fund Gold award

- 20 community project winners share £250,000
- Severn Trent's special community fund is part of Nature and Carbon Neutral partnership with the 2022 Commonwealth Games
- The Gardens win in the Gold category is a result of a public vote
- The 'Going with the Flow' project gets communities involved with historic landscape conservation
- For more information about the whole award contact media@severntrent.co.uk.

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust are delighted to announce that, following a public vote we have won £20,000 from Severn Trent's special community fund. The fund was set up especially as part of the water and waste company's Nature and Carbon Neutral Partnership with the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The early 18th century gardens and surrounding historic parkland are a surprising green haven surrounded by some of the most industrialised landscapes of East Birmingham and Solihull. The project will enable the small charitable trust to continue its work of further restoration, care and community engagement with the precious and protected landscapes.

Going for gold with a public vote

Twenty of the thirty three projects applying from across the wide Severn Trent Region have a share in the £250,000.

The Gardens' ambitious programme made a bid for the Gold category which was set to win £20,000. After a campaign led by volunteers to win the public vote they were delighted to win.

"We're so grateful to all our supporters who voted and delighted that other people value the green spaces here on the edge of Solihull and Birmingham as much as we do" says Glynis Powell General manager of the Gardens Trust.

"All of the projects which entered were so deserving and showed the amazing determination of people to look after their environment and the planet. We're proud to be part of that." She continued.

Going with the Flow

Over the next eight months the project will be working with specialists and volunteers across the formal gardens and the wilder Parkland to:

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- Build a rainwater harvesting system to save 30,000 litres of water each year to nurture, grow and conserve the 600 different species of flowers and plants in the Gardens
- Rescue a neglected wild habitat and important historic 'holloway' in the Parkland to help maintain the habitat for birds and bats
- Support the sustainable management of a 400 year old garden and landscape which has over a 150 mature trees. Our mature trees absorb about 25 tonnes of carbon each year! Some of them are over 100 years old; they're helping save the planet, just by existing.
- and central to it all give local young children their first experience of nature and the wild through forest school, foraging, wildlife detective and other creative events

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Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens is a restored 10 acre walled garden in the 17/18th century formal style – just a few hundred metres from junction 5 of the M6.

Over the last 30 years volunteers have restored the site to its formal Baroque glory and now the tiny independent charity opens it regularly for the public to enjoy.

The nationally significant and highly protected (Grade 2*/2) formal garden lies within a larger Conservation Area which includes a range of Grade 1 buildings in private ownership and 30 acres of historic Parkland (in public ownership) which is also a local nature reserve.

The Trust runs a full calendar of cultural events and a programme of family friendly activities (Unplug and Play) throughout the year.

There are 600 species of plants and flowers, formal beds and walks, heritage apple orchards, a holly maze and wildlife areas.

The Gardens are RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) partner Garden. See website for opening times, events and entrance fees.

Adjacent to the gardens is a beautiful Jacobean mansion previously owned by the Bridgeman family, Earls of Bradford and now operating independently as a Hotel.

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