I would like to register for the 'FUTURE OF HISTORIC GARDENS' conference and enclose £

☐ I would like a local accommodation list (Cheques payable to NORTHERN IRELAND HERITAGE GARDENS COMMITTEE) I would like vegetarian food Please tick:

HILLSBOROUGH

This most delightful town was the product of careful planning by many generations of the Hill family, the Margursses of Downshire. The old market & court house in the town center (see illustration), built from 1760 to 1810, will be the venue for our conference. A short distance away lies the former seat of the Hill family, Hillsborough Castle, which was acquired in 1924 as the official residence of the governor of Northern Ireland. Its magnificent wrought iron gates (c.1745) opposite the court house, were brought here from Richhill in 1936. The castle gardens, which we shall visit, lie in the so-called 'small park', which was landscaped in the early 19th century. It has a lake and mature trees, while the pleasure grounds have a yew walk, pond, temple, moss walk, a Pinetum, a planted glen and formal bedding by the main house. The 'large park', on the south side of the town, also has a lake with parkland; it was the site of the earlier Hill residence and contains the fine 17th century starshaped fort. This is approached down a tree-lined path lying opposite the court house front entrance.



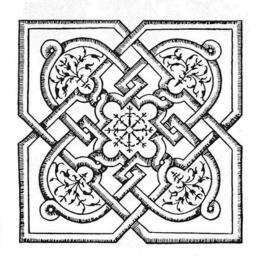
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CONFERENCE

at Hillsborough Court House County Down

THE FUTURE OF HISTORIC GARDENS

Conservation, Preservation & Restoration



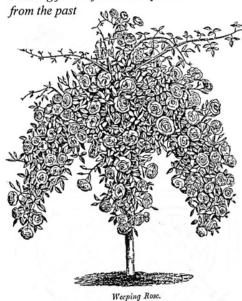
24, 25, 26 SEPTEMBER 1999

Friday 24 September

7.30pm Registration Reception Refreshment

Penelope Hobhouse:

Planting for the future with plants



Saturday 25 September

9.30am David Lambert:
The Future of Historic Gardens

11.00am Stephen Anderton.

Managing cycles of decay

11.45am James Howley:

Follies, ruins and inspiration: the conservation challenge

2.00pm Site Visit:

Hillsborough Castle Gardens

4.00pm Brendan Little:

Carrablagh, Co. Donegal: the past, present and future of the garden and the collections

4.45pm Cormac Foley & David O'Regan:

Fota Arboretum, Co. Cork - A perspective

8.00pm Dinner

Venue: White Gables Hotel, Hillsborough Speaker: **Donal Synnott:**

Glasnevin: Past and Future



Sunday 26 September

9.30am Michael Condren:

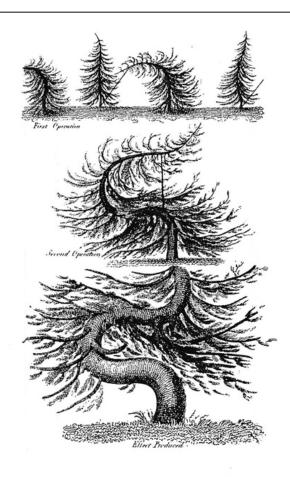
Belvedere: A local authority garden Heritage project

Michael & Beverley Lear:

Restoration by Chain Saw: Sense and sentiment

General Discussion

1.00pm Site Visit:



The cost of the conference is £100 stirling including coffees, teas, lunches & dinner Send booking to:

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