

## **Northern Ireland Heritage Gardens Trust**

originated as the

**NORTHERN IRELAND HERITAGE GARDENS COMMITTEE**

established in 1980 to prepare and publish an inventory of parks, gardens and demesnes of historic importance within Northern Ireland.

The NIHG Trust was formed in 2000 and comprises .... made up of individuals whose expertise and knowledge assists in bringing the NIHG Trust into contact with other organizations concerned with the management and conservation of our plant and garden heritage.

The Northern Ireland Heritage Gardens Trust  
has the following aims:

- The advancement of the education of the public by increasing their knowledge and understanding of heritage parks, gardens and demesnes in Northern Ireland**
- To ensure that the heritage gardens in Northern Ireland are preserved and maintained for future generations**
- To promote research into the history of gardens and horticulture in Northern Ireland**
- To disseminate information about gardens, past and present, of Northern Ireland, and to explain the position of gardens and gardening in Northern Ireland within the history of horticulture in Europe**
- To assist with the preservation of garden plants**
- To help in promoting greater interest in gardens and gardening in Northern Ireland.**

The Trust fulfils its aims in a number of ways especially through its  
Publications  
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Conferences



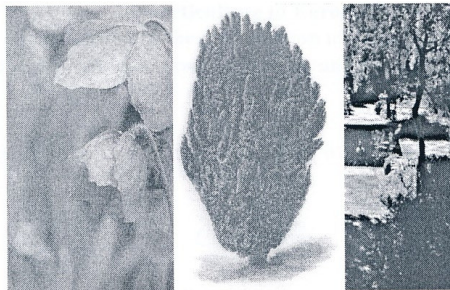
# **WELCOME to the NORTHERN IRELAND HERITAGE GARDENS TRUST**

Northern Ireland, comprising the counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone, has a rich history of gardening. From Fermanagh, for example, came the familiar Irish yew, a tree that is the quintessence of Victorian parks and gardens. Two of the world's most renowned nurseries, Daisy Hill Nursery and the Slieve Donard Nursery, were established in County Down. Daffodil breeding is still active in Northern Ireland, where also many of the world finest roses have been raised by the Dickson and McGredy families.

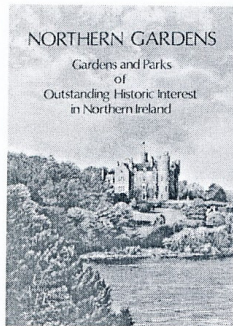
Mount Stewart, nominated as a "World Heritage Site", is one of the Province's great gardens.

Sites of historic interest include Downhill, created in the late eighteenth century for the famous Earl Bishop of Derry, Frederick Hervey.

This web-site provides information about the work of the NIHGT, about the historic gardens of Northern Ireland, and about other aspects of the Province's garden history.



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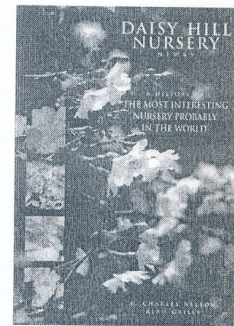
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