

SYMPOSIUM Saturday 22nd June 2019 at 10am

**THE DESIGNED LANDSCAPES OF
BEDFORDSHIRE**

Hosted by Bedfordshire Gardens Trust at: Poplars Garden Centre,
(Education Learning Zone), Toddington, LU5 6HE



Incorporating Bedfordshire Local History Association - Annual General Meeting at 9:30am

This year's symposium will be held on Saturday 22nd June 2019. It will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting of the BLHA, starting at 9:30am prompt, details of which will be circulated separately by the Secretary of the BLHA.

The programme of talks and presentations will include contributions from:

Professor Tom Williamson - a landscape historian and archaeologist with wide-ranging interests. His recent research projects have included a GIS-aided study of Agriculture and the Landscape in Midland England, funded by the AHRC; and investigations of the history of tree populations and tree disease in England since 1600, funded by the AHRC, DEFRA, and the Woodland Trust. He currently leads an HLF-funded project studying the history and ecology of orchards in eastern England ('Orchards East'). ; He also researches designed landscapes, especially parks and gardens of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

John Little - Chairman of Poplars Garden Centre. He is well-known locally for his talks and enthusiasm in all things Toddington, and his passion for the Agas map which will be on display and the centre of his talk at the symposium.

Stephen Coleman - Historic Environment Information Officer for Central Bedfordshire. He is well-known locally for his enthusiastic talks and presentations on the landscape of Bedfordshire and his field trips to show first-hand the highlights that Bedfordshire can sometimes keep hidden from view.

See the various booking forms for further details, either to book your place at the Symposium or if requiring a stand or display table, the separate booking form to allow display of your society's materials on the day. Note that space will be limited and will be first-come, first served.