



Programme\* for the webinar

## “Hedges and Topiary cultivation in Historic Gardens”

<b>Time</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 09:00 – 16:00 with a break 11:30 – 13:00
<b>Host:</b>	Gunnebo House and Gardens   Gunnebo Slott och Trädgårdar
<b>Information:</b>	The webinar will be in English. The webinar will be recorded and available on the project website. After the webinar we ask you to answer a survey about the webinar.

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*Hedges and topiary are important structural and decorative elements of most historic gardens. The creation, maintenance and restoration of these elements require significant skills. Today these gardens are mostly maintained with contemporary power tools, but this webinar will present the historical gardening practice as well as contemporary solutions. Furthermore, the webinar will present the function and aesthetics of hedges and topiary in historic gardens as well as their creation and reconstruction. We will also discuss questions about plant choices then and now and traditional versus modern technology for maintaining hedges and topiary. In summary, the webinar will consider hedges and topiary from the perspective of cultural heritage, sustainability and biodiversity as well as the effects of climate change.*

<b>09:00-09:10</b>	Welcome to the webinar, Jenny Nilsson, meadow and horticultural consultant.
<b>09:10-09:30</b>	What Dézallier d'Argenville, saw and what he missed: planting groves in 18th century gardens by Dr. Jan Woudstra, University of Sheffield. In his treatise <i>La théorie et la pratique du jardinage</i> (1709) Dézallier popularised the French formal garden of Le Nostre throughout Europe. He provided a typology of garden features, including those for groves, but was reluctant to include the latest development, which did not fit the architect's ideas of 'nature perfected.
<b>09.30-09.50</b>	Pruning hooks and hedge slashers: historic management of high hedges, Dr. Joakim Seiler, Head Gardener Gunnebo House and University of Gothenburg
<b>09.50-10:15</b>	Q&A and Panel Discussions
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	Short break
<b>10:30-10.50</b>	Extreme Hedge Cutting at Powis Castle, Head Gardener David Swanton.
<b>10:50-11:10</b>	Maintaining topiary and hedges in historic gardens, Chris Poole, European Boxwood and Topiary Society (EBTS UK)
<b>11:10-11:30</b>	Q&A and Panel Discussions
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	Lunch break
<b>13:00-13:30</b>	In search of a hedge, Willem Zieleman, garden advisor and former Head Gardener Het Loo Palace. A presentation about the box hedges at Het Loo.
<b>13:30-13:45</b>	Historic box alternatives and historic management of low hedges, Dr. Joakim Seiler, Head Gardener Gunnebo House and University of Gothenburg.
<b>13:45-14:05</b>	Box alternatives, Jenny Bowden, Horticultural Advisor and Lenka Cooke, RHS. The presentation will present the results from the new <i>Box alternatives survey</i> by RHS.
<b>14.05-14.25</b>	Q&A and Panel Discussion
<b>14.25-14.45</b>	Short break
<b>14.45-15.05</b>	Hedges, history of hedge laying and biodiversity value Nigel Adams
<b>15.05-15.25</b>	Humble hedges - many environmental benefits. A presentation about ecosystem services of urban hedges, Dr. Tijana Blanusa, Principal Horticultural Scientist, RHS.
<b>15.25-16.00</b>	Q&A and final Panel Discussion. Presentation of the summer workshop.