



Programme* for the webinar	
“Hedges and Topiary cultivation in Historic Gardens”	
Time	7 th February 2023, 09:00 – 16:00 with a break 11:30 – 13:30
Host:	Gunnebo House and Gardens Gunnebo Slott och Trädgårdar
Information:	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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<p><i>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.</i></p>	
09:00-09:10	Welcome to the webinar, Jenny Nilsson, meadow and horticultural consultant.
09:10-09:30	The Grove in the 18 th century as described by Dézallier de Argenville, Dr. Jan Woudstra, University of Sheffield. The book “The Theory and Practice of Gardening” by Dezallier was most important for spreading the formal garden in the 18 th century throughout Europe. Dr. Jan Woudstra will focus on the garden element “The grove” in this presentation.
09.30-09.50	Pruning hooks and hedge slashers: historic management of high hedges, Joakim Seiler, Head Gardener Dr. Gunnebo House and University of Gothenburg
09.50-10:15	Q&A and Panel Discussions
10:15-10.30	Short break
10:30-10.50	Maintaining topiary and hedges in historic gardens, Chris Poole, European Boxwood and Topiary Society (EBTS UK)
10:50-11:10	Extreme Hedge Cutting at Powis Castle, Head Gardener David Swanton.
11:10-11:30	Q&A and Panel Discussions
11:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-13:50	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.
13:50-14:10	Historic box alternatives and historic management of low hedges, Joakim Seiler, Head Gardener Dr. Gunnebo House and University of Gothenburg.
14:10-14:30	Q&A and Panel Discussion
14:30-14:45	Short break
14:45-15:05	Box alternatives, Jenny Bowden, Horticultural Advisor and Lenka Cooke, RHS. The presentation will present the results from the new Box alternatives survey by RHS.
15:05-15:25	Ecosystem services of urban hedges, Dr Tijana Blanusa, Principal Horticultural Scientist, RHS.
15:25-16:00	Q&A and final Panel Discussion. Survey. Presentation of the summer workshop.