

## Conservation, preservation and demonstration: what, why and how of National Plant Collections

Upton House and Gardens, Warwickshire  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019

This event, a collaboration between Plant Heritage and PlantNetwork, will provide a toolkit for anyone thinking of starting a National Plant Collection, or anyone involved in managing and maintaining a National Plant Collection.

### Programme

<b>Plant Collections Management</b>		
From 09:30	Registration opens	Coffee/tea
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome and outline for day	PlantNetwork & Plant Heritage
<b>Session: Plant Collections Toolkit</b>		
10:10 - 10:40	Plant Heritage and the National Plant Collection Scheme	Vicki Cooke and Lucy Pitman, Plant Heritage
10:40 – 11:10	The art of correct recording	Rupert Wilson, Principle Data Manager, Royal Horticultural Society
11:10 – 11:40	Curation of plant collections	Barry Clarke, Botanist/ Plant Records Officer, Student Coordinator, The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
11:40 - 12:15	Lightning Talks & Round-table Discussion	Participants are invited to present and/or discuss the issues they have
12:15 – 13:00	LUNCH & networking	
<b>Session: Practical Implications using Case Studies</b>		
13:00 – 14:00	Tour of collection (Case study 1) & practical issues	Tour of <i>Aster</i> & <i>Symphyotrichum</i> collection at Upton House
14:00 – 14:30	Case study 2: practical issues and implications of a NPC	Speaker TBC
14:30 – 15:00	Tea/coffee & individual surgery sessions	Informal discussions over refreshments
15:00 – 15:30	Why bother with a plant collection?	Stephen Herrington, Programme Lead, London & South East Gardens Programme, National Trust
15:30 – 16:00	From policy to process – practical management	Will Ritchie, Curator, National Botanic Garden of Wales
16:00 – 16:30	International perspective/ABS and Nagoya/The future of plant collections	John David, Head of Horticultural Taxonomy, Royal Horticultural Society
16:30	Close	