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Fulham Palace Trust welcomes three new trustees

Fulham Palace Trust (FPT) is an independent charity, established in 2011 to restore the house and garden and to provide public access to this ancient site on the banks of the River Thames.

After a recruitment process before Christmas, we are delighted to announce the appointment of three new trustees, Craig Coben, Fenella Goodhart and Matthew Pottage, who attended their first board meeting on 30 January 2023.

Chair of trustees, Paul Gray, said 'I am delighted to welcome such a talented group of trustees who will bring such a fantastic range of skills and experiences to the board. We received a significant number of excellent applications to the board, which shows how the Trust's reputation has grown over the last 11 years'

Craig Coben has been a Fulham resident for over 25 years. He was an investment banker at Bank of America / Merrill Lynch from 2005 to 2022, holding several senior positions in London and Hong Kong. Prior to that, he worked eight years at Deutsche Bank in its Equity Capital Markets division. He was previously a securities lawyer at Sullivan & Cromwell in London and New York and a law clerk to Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg of the US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. Craig has previously served on the Board of Governors for Tower Hamlets College and the Presence Theatre. He is a recognised commentator on the financial industry, with numerous recent columns published in the Financial Times and guest appearances on CNBC and Bloomberg TV. A long time season ticket holder at Fulham Football Club, Craig co-hosts the fan podcast Cottage Talk. He holds a BA from Yale University and a JD from Harvard Law School.



Fenella Goodhart is head of learning at London Transport Museum. She oversees programming for schools, families and under-5's, employability programming for young people, ticketed events for all audiences and community programming. She also manages major projects on behalf of the museum ranging across different fields including participatory practice, interpretation and new gallery developments and public programming around sustainability. She began her career in the museums and heritage sector at the Group for

Education in Museums (GEM) where she worked on the introduction of the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge and advocated for the role of museum education across education, health and social care. She has also worked in

learning and interpretation at the National Trust and in various roles across family, schools and community programming at Historic Royal Palaces. Fenella enjoys running, reading, theatre and coffee.

Matthew Pottage is curator and member of the management team at the Royal Horticultural Society's flagship garden, Wisley, which receives over 1.4 m visitors per annum. He is youngest ever curator of Wisley in the history of the RHS. Matthew is author of 'How to garden when you rent: make it your own', the first book of its kind, aimed to inspire those without home ownership to get into gardening. Matthew is an experienced broadcaster: he is a regular panellist for BBC Radio 4's Gardeners Question Time and a contributor to Radio 2's breakfast show as a gardening guest. Matthew is qualified to RHS master of horticulture level. He lives in Fulham.



FPT thanks two outgoing trustees, Alison Lightbown and Fiona Beatty for their dedicated service as trustees, and in Alison's case as deputy chair of trustees.

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Editor's notes:

Fulham Palace Trust is an independent charity (Registered charity no. 1140088). The 13 acre site is open daily and free to visit.

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About Fulham Palace:

Fulham Palace is the historic home of the Bishops of London. Purchased in AD 704, for centuries the Palace and surrounding estate served as a country retreat for the Bishops and their families, later becoming the Bishop's permanent residence in the early 20th century until the last Bishop moved out in 1973. The Palace and 13-acre botanic garden are now managed by Fulham Palace Trust, an independent charity dedicated to the ongoing preservation, restoration and interpretation of this historically important site.

Current opening hours:

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| Botanic garden | weekdays: dawn to dusk weekends, bank holidays and school holidays: dawn to 18.30 |
| Walled garden | 10.15 – 15.45 |
| Café | 9.30 – 16.00 |
| Shop | 10.30 - 16.00 |
| Museum & historic rooms | 10.30 - 16.00 |