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*Dear Clerk, We would be grateful if you would pass this message on to your parish councillors. Thank you very much.*

Dear Councillor,

In the light of reductions in financial support from Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council, the Rame Protection Group (a network of citizens concerned with planning and conservation issues) has organised the two talks that are described on [the attached sheet](#). We should be delighted if you would care to join us on one or both occasions. The meetings promise to be valuable for all users of this vitally important public resource. If you are interested in attending either or both talks, as a local councillor we should be pleased to reserve a seat for you if you let us know beforehand.

Yours faithfully,

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# MOUNT EDGCUMBE COUNTRY PARK IN CONTEXT

## TWO TALKS BY SPECIALISTS ON DESIGNED LANDSCAPES

Public funding for Mount Edgcumbe Country Park has been dramatically reduced in the recent past and is planned to end altogether this year. How are other similar parks funded and why is the conservation of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park so important?

**Community Hall, Kingsand** ••• Admission Free

**Saturday 23rd April 14.00** ••• Philip White MBE

### **'The Hestercombe Experience: the Rediscovery of an 18th Century Garden and Park'**

Philip White is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Hestercombe Gardens Trust, not far from Taunton in Somerset. Thirty years ago when Philip was working for the Somerset Wildlife Trust, he took a walk in a hidden valley engulfed by trees and it became clear to him that here was buried a designed 18th century landscape that had been allowed to run wild and overgrown. Some research showed that it was created by the artist and polymath Coplestone Warre Bampfylde (1720-91) whose family seat was Hestercombe House. Bampfylde was well known to the Edgcumbe family and paintings by him of

the gardens and park are among some of the best known. Hestercombe is now an acclaimed and very popular tourist destination.

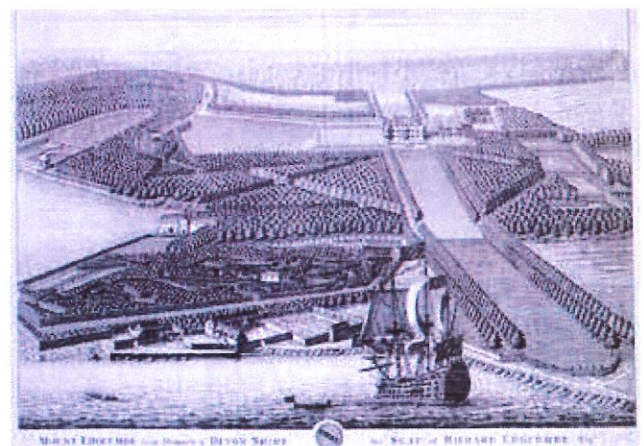


*Hestercombe gardens*

**Saturday 7th May 14.00** ••• Dr Kate Feluś

### **'The Mount Edgcumbe Country Park in its Historical Context'**

Kate Feluś is a garden historian and historic landscape consultant. She is the author of *The Secret Life of the Georgian Garden* (2016). Sir Roy Strong said of this book 'here for the first time we have a lively evocation of what the Georgians used their gardens for, a subject as valid and interesting as it is to know how the rooms in their houses functioned'. She is the lead author of the unpublished report on the parkland at Mount Edgcumbe (*Mount Edgcumbe Parkland Plan*, 3 vols, 2016).



*Plan of Mount Edgcumbe (Badeslade 1737)*

These talks have been organised by the Rame Protection Group, a network of citizens concerned with planning and conservation on the Rame Peninsula (**Contact: [ramepg@gmail.com](mailto:ramepg@gmail.com)**)