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Friends of the Landscape Archive at Reading

# Changing attitudes to open space and landscape preservation in the UK 1920-1930s

FOLAR presents three different perspectives on the defence of open space from the era which saw the founding of the Institute of Landscape Architects.

## The Open Spaces Society lantern slides collection and the ideal landscape in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 18.00-19.15 on Zoom

Speaker: **Dr Katrina Navickas**

The Open Spaces Society was founded in 1865, and it has campaigned ever since for the preservation of public open spaces and rights of way in Britain. This talk examines their collection of over 1000 lantern slides, held at the Museum of English Rural Life. The slides offer a view of the ideal landscapes that they sought to preserve in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. We will focus on the designed landscapes in the image collection, including the metropolitan parks and commons in an era of suburbanisation.

Booking via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/changing-attitudes-to-open-space-the-open-spaces-lantern-slide-collection-tickets-161086113903>



Image: Museum of English Rural Life, SR OSS/PH5, Open Spaces Society collection

## Rediscovering the Stream Garden at the Rookery, Streatham Common

Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 18.00-19.15 on Zoom

Speaker: **Dr Lee Heykoop**

With some wonderful volunteers we set out in 2018 to research the history of what became known as the Stream Garden at the Rookery, Streatham Common. The presentation will follow the genesis of Streatham Common and The Rookery, its social uses and the making and planting, with some original plant lists, of the Stream Garden

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## CPRE and the Preservation of Amenity

Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 18.00-19.15 on Zoom

Speaker: **Dr Francesca Church**

This talk will look at the early Preservationist movement and the creation in 1926 of the umbrella organisation CPRE. A key part of the Council's founding aims was amenity, an idea around which much of their practices, approaches, and identity were based. Drawing on ideas that were important both to the ILA and the CPRE in the first half of the twentieth century, this talk will explore two examples of such overlaps: education (in particular, CPRE exhibitions) and roadside planting

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