

The Strawberry Hill Collection Trust

The Strawberry Hill Collection Trust (SHCT) works closely with the Strawberry Hill Trust (SHT). The SHT is a Building Preservation Trust, has a lease of [Strawberry Hill House](#) and has restored the exterior and interior of Walpole's Villa to its 18th Century character.

The SHCT owns many of the objects that are in the house. By the SHCT having ownership of the works art and heritage objects the future of these can be safeguarded. The objects are loaned to the SHT for display, care and conservation. Strawberry Hill is an Accredited Museum.

Horace Walpole's famous collection at Strawberry Hill is well documented, but it was dispersed at the "Great Sale" of 1842. However, the location of many of the objects is known and the SHCT and SHT are seeking to return to the house objects sold in the "Great Sale" through acquisition or taking them on loan. The SHCT also collects other objects related to Strawberry Hill and its owners.

There is an active programme to acquire further objects, or obtain loans of objects to be displayed in the house. Donations are welcome. Many of Walpole's objects have recently returned to the house, notably under the Arts Council's Acceptance-in-Lieu Scheme, which enables taxpayers to transfer important works of art and heritage objects into public ownership while paying Inheritance Tax. Another avenue is the Cultural Gifts Scheme, under which taxpayers can donate important works of art and other heritage objects, to be held for the benefit of the public or the nation. Donors receive a tax reduction based on the value of the item they donate.

Specific appeals are run to purchase objects along with applications to funders so that when objects become available they can be acquired.

The SHT organises special exhibitions which offer opportunities to display objects not permanently on display. The SHCT also arranges the loan of its objects to suitable organisations for public display.

The Board of the SHCT has trustees with wide-ranging museum and related experience and specialist knowledge of the conservation, display, acquisition and lending of historic objects. They advise SHT on the display, care, and conservation of objects.

Contact details

If you are considering donating an object or funds to the SHCT, or are a private individual who is considering selling an object that may be of interest or if you are a dealer and wish to contact the Trust please email rogerhackettuk@yahoo.com.

Governance

The Strawberry Hill Collection Trust is a Company Limited by guarantee (Company Number 06851597). The Trust's main operating location is Strawberry Hill House, 268 Waldegrave Road, Twickenham TW1 4ST, Tel 020 8744 1241.

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