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Dear Mr McGlasson,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th. The repair of the landscape of Withington Hall sounds an inspiring project of great benefit to the hospital and its patients, and indeed to the local community. As far as I can tell, it would be a good candidate for the New Opportunities Fund; this is still setting up partner organisations to process applications and distribute grants but I believe it is expected to be up and running in the Autumn: you obviously have the details.

Further historical research would add to the richness of the project: there will be large-scale Ordnance Survey maps of the area which should record the rockwork, paths and garden layout; and a survey of the plants on site will be invaluable; again you should find trees and shrubs surviving from the C19. Withington Hall, Old Withington, Cheshire, is included in Desmond's *Bibliography of British Gardens*, with a reference to G Ormerod, *History of County Palatine and City of Chester* v.3, 1882, p.718.

If you have any specific queries on research, give me a ring.

Yours sincerely,



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