

## **Action Plan in progress: Announcement of the maintenance seminar in Westphalian parks**



*Haus Stapel, Prost/2021*

The LWL, the Regional Association of Westphalia-Lippe, has announced a maintenance seminar in public parks at House Stapel manor, in Havixbeck in February 2022. On June 13th the LWL had invited all interested people to House Stapel, and had offered a guided tour through the garden, musical accompaniment and informative lectures about the building's history.

The LWL, counterpart to the LVR, the Regional Association for Rhineland, in North-Rhine Westphalia (NRW), more precisely the department for preservation of monuments, landscape and Baukultur in Westphalia, is one of the stakeholders in "UrbanLinks 2 Landscape" which will be sponsored by the European Union until May 2022. As a part of this project the park maintenance seminar represents a measure for the development of green spaces.

An effort is being made to recruit volunteers to participate in park maintenance work in historic gardens. A team of landscape architects, archaeologists and garden monument conservators has investigated historical structures in the garden and worked with the manor's owner to determine which of these structures should be restored during the seminar. In addition to the horticultural work, the seminar conveys methods of garden monument preservation as well as a basic understanding of gardens as valuable habitats and the challenges of climate change.