

# Investigate a local park or garden



Describe one park or garden near where you live which you consider 'old'.

Name of Garden or Park:

Name of Town, Village and/or Parish:

Write down the address, map co-ordinates and/or postal code:

Describe the setting: (Is it near the church? Does it belong to the manor or rectory? Is it in a Conservation Area? Is it set apart and outside the curtilage of the village?)

Describe the boundary: (Road, stone wall, brick wall, fence, iron-railings, hedge, tree belt, plantations etc. Estimate the approximate size or area of the garden. Are there any mature or veteran trees?)

Are there any entrance gates and an approach drive to the house?

Which directions does the drive come from?

Is there, instead, a garden path to the front door?

Is there a walled garden? If so, is it still used for produce?

Can you guess how old the garden or park is? What century it dates from?

What is the architecture of the main house where the garden is situated?  
(Eg. Elizabethan, Gothic, Regency, Victorian, Edwardian, 20C)

Is it open to the public or private?

If private, does it open sometimes to the public for charity?

Is it a big, open park setting with woodland, or small and intimate?

Is it formal with straight walks and trees in lines OR Is it informal landscape garden with curving drive and winding serpentine paths through pleasure grounds?

Have you noticed distinct changes in levels? Steps or no steps?

Describe any water feature such as a lake, pond, stream, canal, moat or formal stone-edged pool:

Are there fruit trees?

Note down any mature or veteran trees whether conifer or deciduous or unusual non-native trees:

Is there a garden building? If so, please describe its distinct architecture, style, purpose and materials used?

Is it rustic or ornamental?

List any man-made or significant features that you consider of interest, age or individuality:

### Where can you find out more?

Search your local library, Lincoln Central Library and Lincolnshire Archives for local books, old newspaper cuttings and magazine articles.

### Local History Books:

Lost Lincolnshire Country Houses: Volumes 1 – 4	T.R. Leach and R.Pacey
Lincolnshire Country Houses & Families: Part 1 & 2	Terence R Leach
The Buildings of England: Lincolnshire (Penguin 1989)	N. Pevsner & J. Harris

Look to see if your chosen park or garden is featured. Note any recorded details and if so, whether they are dated.

### Online:

If your choice of park or garden is listed on the National Parks & Gardens register, you will find more information here:

[www.historicengland.org.uk](http://www.historicengland.org.uk)

[www.parksandgardensuk.org](http://www.parksandgardensuk.org)

[www.imagesofengland.co.uk](http://www.imagesofengland.co.uk)

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