Landscape Advice Note: 
Garden Archaeology Reports

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This Landscape Advice Note lists English Heritage and the Royal Commission of Historic Monuments in England (RCHME) garden archaeology investigation and other related reports. The aim of the leaflet is to highlight the range of garden archaeology studies.

INTRODUCTION

The study of gardens through archaeology has allowed us to better understand the designed landscapes of bygone historical periods. Details revealed through garden archaeology can inform garden conservation and aid restoration.

Garden archaeology spans a range of disciplines from field walking, aerial photography, geophysical survey and remote sensing technology such as lidar (see page 7) to excavation and study of environmental archaeological evidence.

Garden archaeology continues to advance. As well as the English Heritage investigations, garden archaeology programmes and projects are also run by universities, historical and archaeological societies, and individual historic properties. Universities also offer courses covering garden archaeology.

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COVER IMAGE:
The late 16th to early 17th century garden at Kirby Hall (Northamptonshire) was re-excavated in the late 1980s. © English Heritage
A garden or garden area may have many layers of design developments. The early 19C Gilpin parterre at Audley End (Essex) was restored following archaeological investigation in the late 1980s. © English Heritage Photo Library.
USEFUL WEBSITES

research.english-heritage.org.uk/
A searchable database of English Heritage's research reports, covering all aspects of archaeological survey, excavation or scientific work undertaken.

www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/research/archaeology/
Briefing on English Heritage's archaeological research work, aerial survey, projects and archives. English Heritage also publishes an e-magazine on applied research undertaken as part of the National Heritage Protection Plan (see below).

www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/research/heritage-science
Information on English Heritage's heritage science research including environmental archaeology, dating and geophysics.

www.english-heritage.org.uk/national-heritage-protection-plan
The National Heritage Protection Plan maps out priorities for protection and research.

www.englishheritagearchives.org.uk/
English Heritage's archive of photographs, plans and drawings.

sdb2.eng-h.gov.uk/replist.html
A searchable list of geophysical reports from 1986 onwards carried out by the Ancient Monuments Laboratory. Full reports and synopses are provided.

oasis.ac.uk
University of York's Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations (OASIS) searchable database of archaeological investigations undertaken in both England and Scotland.

archaeologydataservice.ac.uk
Archaeology Data Service (ADS) website includes a searchable database of archaeological records in England.

www.gardenhistorysociety.org
The Garden History Society promotes the study of the history of gardening, landscape gardening and horticulture in all its aspects. It publishes the ‘Garden History journal’ and maintains a bibliographical and research database.

www.parksandgardens.org
An online resource for historic parks and gardens information.

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The East Paterre at Witley Court (Worcestershire) was restored in 2011. Archaeological investigation helped determine the detail of the Nesfield design. © English Heritage Photo Library


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IMAGE 05:
The lidar image of Wrest Park (Bedfordshire) shows surviving features such as the long water and also details like lost paths. © English Heritage

Airborne lidar (light detection and ranging) provides highly detailed and accurate models of the land surface. English Heritage’s Light Fantastic publication provides advice on using lidar for archaeological survey.
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