

Commemorative Research Projects

Brown 300 and World War 1

Organized by

Parks & Gardens UK, AGT and the Garden History Society

What and Who?

- Parks & Gardens UK is managed by the charity Parks and Gardens Data Services (PGDS).
- The development of this web resource was made possible by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and over 22,000 volunteer hours of contributions in-kind, mainly from the County Gardens Trusts.
- The searchable database now contains 7,158 site records, 2,116 person records, 299 organisation records, 1,778 references, 76 archives and 4,282 digital Images.
- On average, there are 18,000 unique visitors each month originating from 172 countries.

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Our Mission

To be the leading on-line resource for historic parks and gardens
providing freely accessible, accurate and inspiring information
on UK parks, gardens and designed landscapes
and all activities concerned
with their promotion, conservation and management



Six Strategic Objectives

- Expanding and maintaining the UK's largest, freely accessible database of information about our nation's historic landscapes and those key people who have helped to create it;
- Providing an online focus for UK garden history and conservation organizations, education, news and events;
- Facilitating accessibility to UK historic landscapes for the enjoyment and education of visitors and others interested in their conservation and care;



Six Strategic Objectives

- Working with individuals, local and national organizations to understand, record and protect UK historic parks, gardens and other designed landscapes;
- Promoting the education and training of professionals, students, children, and the general public at all levels to recognize and understand the importance of UK historic landscapes;
- Raising awareness of and support for UK designed landscapes at risk through neglect, development or misuse.



Our Priorities

To increase volunteer participation
in the database and website development
by establishing a closer working relationship with the CGTs,
other organizations and individuals.



Our Priorities

To establish a procedure for an on-going process
for grant, donation and sponsorship applications;
and to capitalize on the commercial potential
of the database and website.

WW1 Commemoration

Conservation and management of
war memorial landscapes



Fleetwood (www.placenorthwest.co.uk)



Walsall (www.flickr.com)



Nottingham (www.hrdcreme.com)

Gardening in Wartime - People, Plants and the Great War



www.iwm.org.uk



www.mybrightonandhove.org.uk



www.bbc.co.uk

Gardening in Wartime - People, Plants and the Great War

- War and Gardens will focus on the untold story of gardens and gardening during and after the First World War
- its impact on the social and physical landscape of gardening and the wider lessons to be learned today
- With our network of partner charities engaged in the conservation, research and learning activities for gardens (including the Association of Gardens Trusts, The Garden History Society and Parks & Gardens UK), we will research a major exhibition for the summer of 2014.
- It will present research on how soldiers in the trenches complemented their diet with vegetable (and grew flowers)
- how the country as a whole was encouraged to grow its food
- the little explored designs of gardens around war memorials
- gardening in PoW and Internment camps
- the effects of war on landscapes in cities and on country estates.