Knowledge is Power: Using Research to Conserve Historic Parks and Gardens

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(National Heritage List)

28 Registered Historic Parks and Gardens

168 Scheduled Ancient Monuments

4598 Listed Buildings (81 country houses)

(Notts Historic Environment Record)

240 Historic Parks and Gardens

3983 Monuments (archaeology)

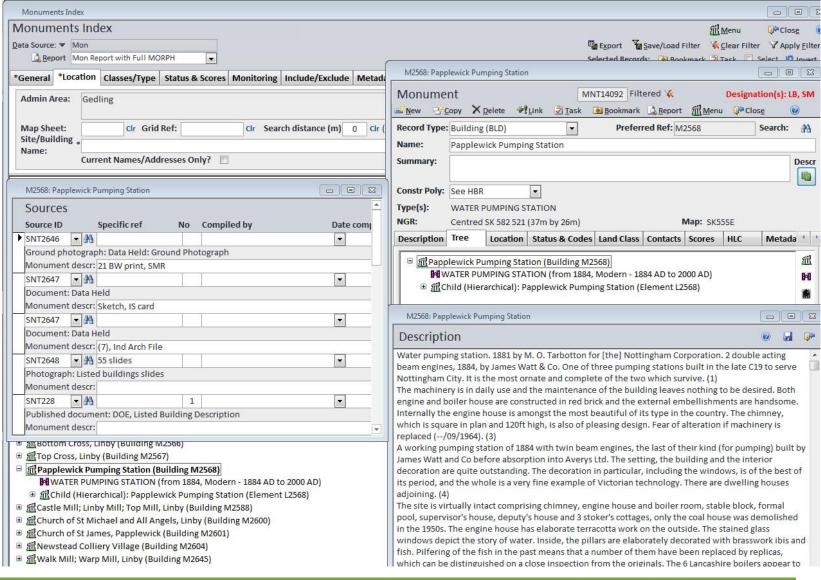
9331 historic buildings138 country houses







The HER Database







Mapinfo - Digital Mapping of HER Records









	Nottingham City	Nottinghamshire
Cemeteries	2	1
Allotments	2	(1) Workhouse
Pumping Stations		2
Public park	1	1
University	1	
Memorial	1	
Country House	2	14
Total	9	19



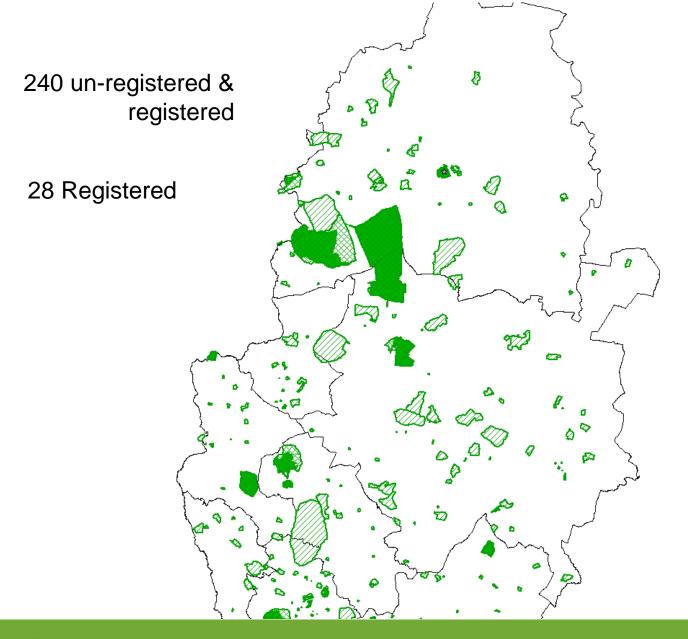






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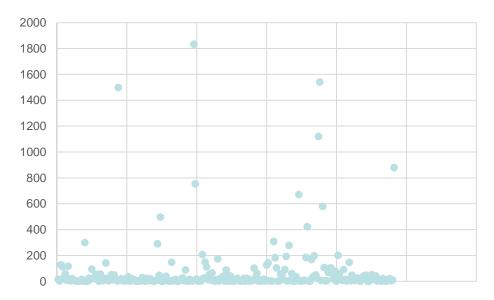








	Area (square km)	Area (hectare)
Registered	57.24	5,724
Non-designated	169.35	16,935



Registered:

Largest: Clumber Park = 1500 hectares

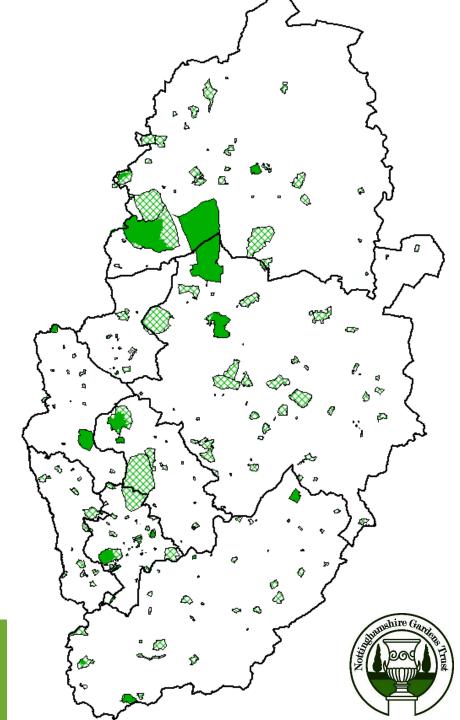
Smallest: Newark Castle = 1 hectare

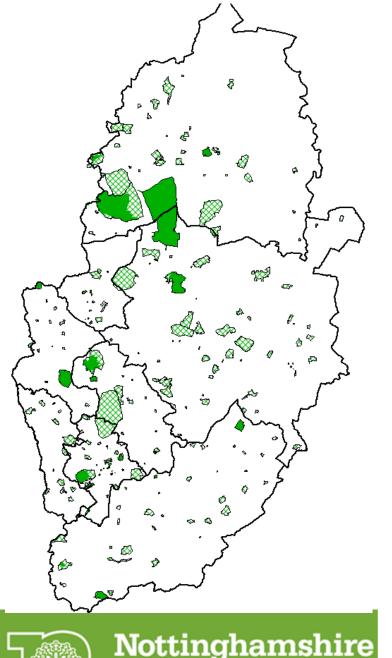
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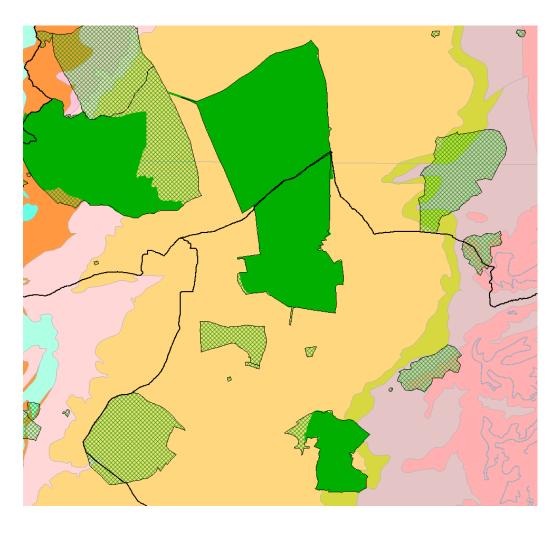
Largest: Bestwood = 1500 hectares

Majority: 90% smaller than 50 hectares

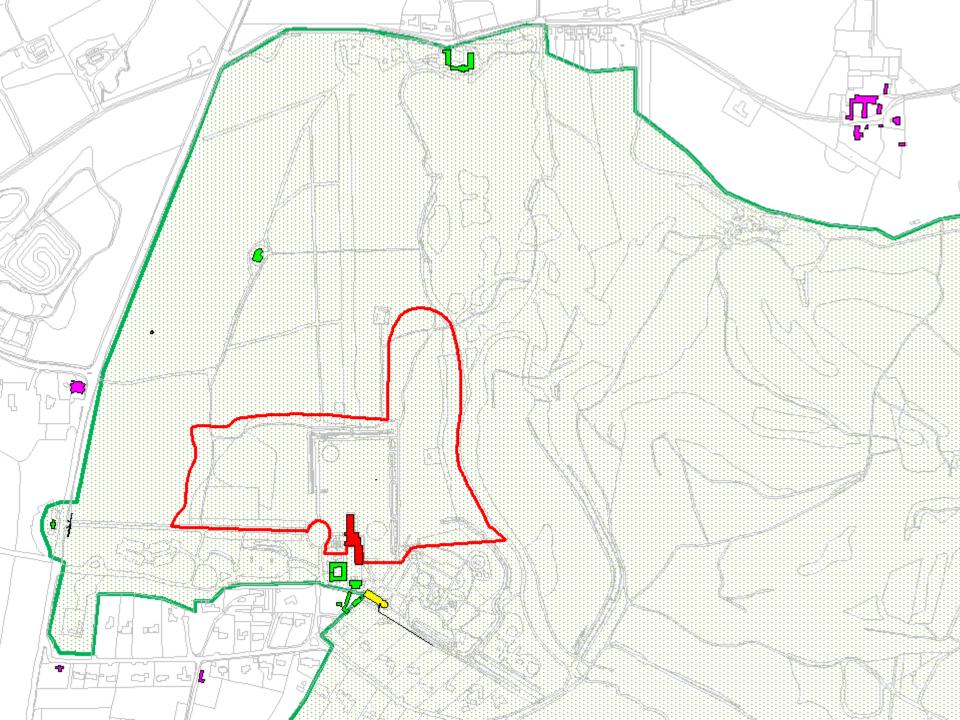








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Medieval Gardens Style at a glance

- •Gardens enclosed with wattle fences or quickthorn hedges
- •Trellis walkways and arbours providing shade and privacy
- Raised beds to prevent plants becoming waterlogged
- •Grass treated as a flowery mead planted with low growing wild flowers
- •Turf seats usually built against a wall with flowers planted in the grass
- •Physic gardens with regimented beds of medicinal herbs
- •Orchards providing apples for the kitchen and for making cider
- •Fish ponds and stew ponds (where fish were purged of muddy water before cooking) to ensure a regular supply of protein during the many fast days of the Christian calendar
- •Dovecotes to provide pigeons for the kitchen, feathers for cushions and dung for fertilizing the garden
- •Pleasances, or ornamental parks for recreation, relaxation and sport





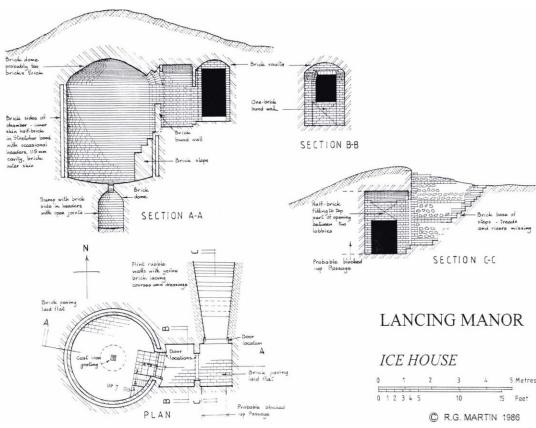






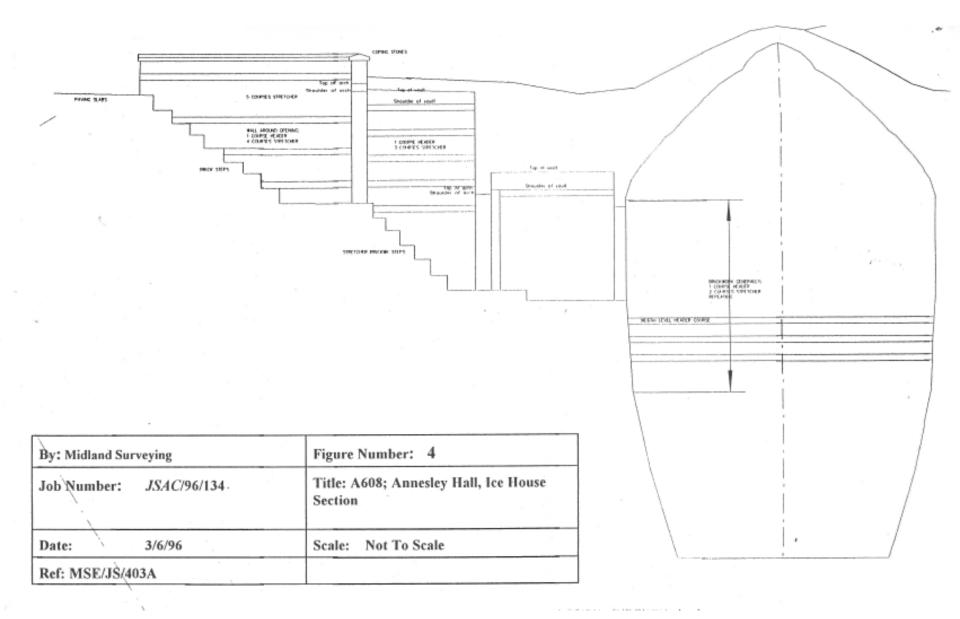
Ice Houses

41 HER 21 Listed











16 Final excavated depth



17 Detail of interior brickwork at base of ice-house structure.



The Ice-House Dome looking east



2 The Ice-House Dome at the start of excavation, looking west



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SMR Number Record Type Site Name Grounds at Hodsock Priory MNT26610 Park/Garden

Monument Types and Dates

GARDEN (late C18, Post Medieval - 1547 AD to 1779 AD)

DESIGNED LANDSCAPE Evidence

GARDEN TERRACE (c 1829, Modern - 1829 AD to 2000 AD)

Evidence STRUCTURE

ORNAMENTAL LAKE (c 1880, Modem - 1880 AD to 2000 AD)

EARTHWORK

Description and Sources

Description

The site has been occupied since the Bronze Age right up to the present. A moated manor house has existed here since at least 1250. The Grade I listed Tudor gatehouse was built in the early sixteenth century. Despite the name of the house it is interesting to note that it has, in fact, never been a religious house. However, a chapel was recorded on the site in 1455. The Horse Pasture Wood is shown on the earliest maps of the Priory dating from the 1700s. The parkland to the east is typically eighteenth century and could well have been planted by Charles Mellish (d.1798) who was known to have been a prolific tree planter.

In 1829 the house was rebuilt in the Tudor style on the cellars of an eighteenth century building for the Mellish family. It was at this time that the terrace was laid out in the Italian style with brick balustrading, cypress planting and ornamental urns. The lower lawn was laid out with "V" shaped planting beds in a fan arrangement.

Between 1873 and 1876 the north front was remodelled by George Devey together with a number of other alterations. Shortly after this, c.1880, the southern arm of the rectangular moat was converted to form the lake.

Since 1982 there has been a comprehensive replanting of both the gardens and the Horse Pasture Wood. (2) See MNT26610 for earlier Deer Park.

<1> Notts Historic Gardens Trust, 1995-1997, Notts Historic Parks and Gardens Files (Unpublished document). SNT4553.

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Sources

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Associated resources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

Centred SK 61032 86002 (493m by 702m) SK68NW Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Hodsock, Bassetlaw

District Bassetlaw

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

NCC Parks and Gardens Ref - 16 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

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Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

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Hodsock deer park

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
M5552 - MNT15783	Deer Park at Hodsock	Park/Garden

Monument Types and Dates

DEER PARK (by C13, (at some time) Medieval - 1066 AD to 1546 AD)

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE Eviden ce

Description and Sources

Description

To the N of Worksop is Hodsock, a park where Master Clifton hath a fair house (Leland). A fair park, but it has long since disappeared (Thoroton), (1)

The only deer park I have heard of is what we call "The Park", the large field to the E of the house. This is of no great extent, but it did contain deer until the last century. (2)

Perambulation ... revealed no features which could have been associated with the remains of a deer park paling (some ? old boundary banks seen). (3)

At the manor house at Hodsock, Henry III spent a certain amount of money on ditching and paling the park between 1250 and 1253, (4)

Park belonging to the Crown at Hodsock, earliest mention 1250. (5)

Grid reficentred. See M 4783 for Hodsock Priory, MN T28610 for later garden there.

- <1> Shirley EP, 1887, English Deer Parks, p 184 (Published document), SNT1265.
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- <4> Colvin HM, 1963, History of the King's Works, p 962 (Published document). SNT179.
- <5> Cantor LM, 1983, The Medieval Parks of England: A Gazetteer, pp 58-9 (Monograph), SNT1789.

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- (1)Published document: Shirley E.P. 1867. English Deer Parks. p 184
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Associated resources - None recorded

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National Grid Reference

SK 61 85 (point) SK68NW Centre/Point

Administrative Areas

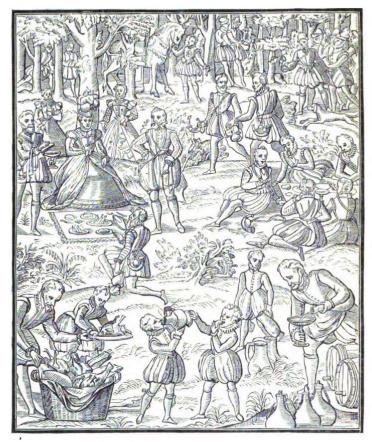
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District Bassetlaw Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References



QUEEN ELIZABETH AT A HUNTING PARTY. From Gascoigne's Book of Hunting, 1575.

SOME ACCOUNT

OF

ENGLISH DEER PARKS

WITH NOTES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF DEER

By EVELYN PHILIP SHIRLEY, Esq. M.A. F.S.A.

SOMETIME KNIGHT OF THE SHIRE FOR THE COUNTIES OF MONAGHAN AND WARWICK



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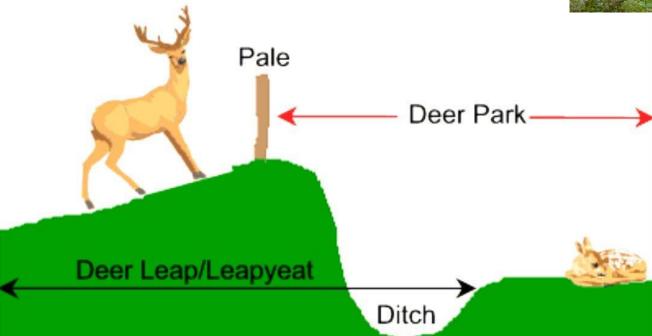






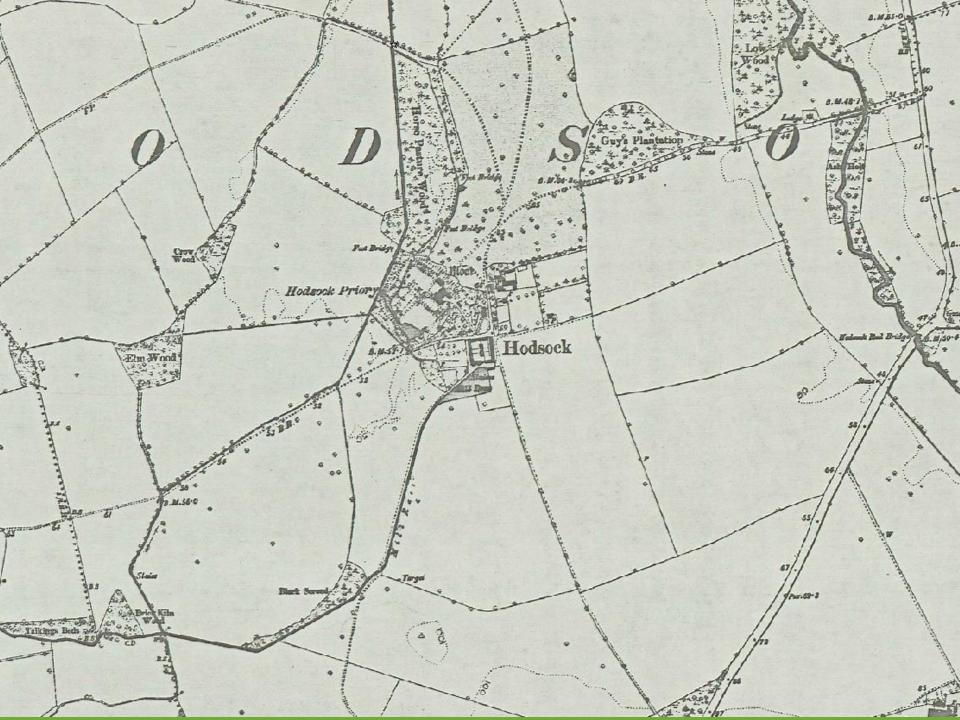












Unregistered Park & Garden: Hodsock Priory

NCC/BDC Ref: 0016

Date(s):

Medieval, C13, C16, C18, 1829-33, 1873-6

Description & historic information:

Hodsock Priory is the site of a moated house dating to the medieval period. The manor of Hodsock is

mentioned in Domesday, with a house probably being constructed in the immediate period following the Conquest. The de Cressy family owned the manor from c1200 onwards. Henry III is reported to have paid for the creation of a deer park in 1250-3, with alterations/additions also made to the pre-existing house. Large sections of the moat still exist, although the house itself (grade II listed) is primarily the result of reconstruction in 1829-1833 (designed by Ambrose Poynter) and in 1873-6 (designed by George Devey). On the west side of the house is a large gatehouse and bridge (grade I listed), the gatehouse dating to the early-16th century. Outside of the moated enclosure are various lawns, tree clumps/belts/plantations, individual specimen trees, planned driveways, a kitchen garden, water meadows, channelled watercourses, a mill pond, an ice house, farm buildings, stables and a further historic house.



1776 - Map of the Parish of Blyth (source: Trinity College Cambridge)



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1782 - Map of Part of the Parish of Blyth (Source: [Map 5p7] Manuscripts and Special Collections, University of Nottingham)

Being situated close to the main route between York and Nottingham, Hodsock was visited regularly by royalty, including by Edward I in 1280 and 1293. The manor house is described in 1324 as

"surrounded on all sides by a moat, within which there are one hall, three chambers, a pantry, a buttery, a kitchen, a Bakehouse, a granary, two barns, a chapel, two stables and a chamber over the bridge with portcullis and a drawbridge"". The estate passed to the Clifton family in 1408-9. John Leland visited the site in 1538, noting: "a park caullid Hodsak wher Master Clifton hath a fair house".



View of moat to south east of house

The Gatehouse was constructed in the early-16th century. Henry VII is recorded as visiting here in

1541. One notable owner of the 17th century was Sir Gervase Clifton, 1st Baronet, who also built a hunting lodge at Carlton (to the west, later called Carlton Hall). Sir Gervase supported the Royalist cause in the English Civil War (1642-1651) and after the Parliamentarians won, a heavy fine was imposed on the Clifton family. The house at Hodsock afterwards steadily declined to the status of a farmhouse (it is called 'The Homestead' on the 1782 map).



Hodsock was purchased by the Mellish family on 25th South west façade of Gatehouse

March 1765vi - they also purchased the Carlton Hall estate around this time and had already purchased the Blyth estate some years earlier. The house is shown on the 1776 map, complete with moat, and given the name 'Great Hodsack'. In 1829-33, Anne Chambers (sister of Colonel Henry Francis Mellish) arranged for the reconstruction of the house, designed by Ambrose Poyntervii. It was



South west façade of Hodsock Priory

at this time that the house, previously known as Hodsock Hall, became known as Hodsock Priory III (a reflection of the Gothic revival style of the new building). The stables and formal gardens to the east of the house were also added during this period.

In 1873-6, Margaret Mellish had further alterations made to the house and wider estate, including Jacobean-style additions and façades to the house (designed by George Devey"), re-

landscaping of the garden to the south west of the house and a walled kitchen garden added to the south of the moat. Changes were also made to the layout and design of the wider park, including opening up the lawns, creating new vistas and altering the road layout to the north east of the house.



1835 - Sanderson's Map (Nottinghamshire County Council,



1886 Ordnance Survey

The gardens were maintained in the early-20th century by head gardener Arthur Ford*. Much of the estate was then given over to food production during the Second World War.

Features of significance:

Hodsock Priory (grade II listed), Gatehouse and bridge (grade I listed), Priory Farm, stables, icehouse, walled kitchen garden, Hodsock Courtyard, remains of moat, landscaped gardens, lawns and vistas, wooded plantations, tree belts/clumps, specimen trees, channelled watercourses, mill pond, foot bridges and formal driveways.





Landscaped vista to north of house

1870s Kitchen garden to south of house



Aerial photograph of Hodsock Priory, taken 2007 (source: Bassetlaw District Council)

Listed Buildings:	Hodsock Priory (grade II); Gatehouse and bridge (grade I)	
Scheduled Ancient Monuments:	n/a	
Conservation Area:	n/a	
Local Interest Buildings:	Kitchen Garden Wall; Home Farm House; Priory Farm; 1 & 4 Priory Farm Cottages, The Stables	

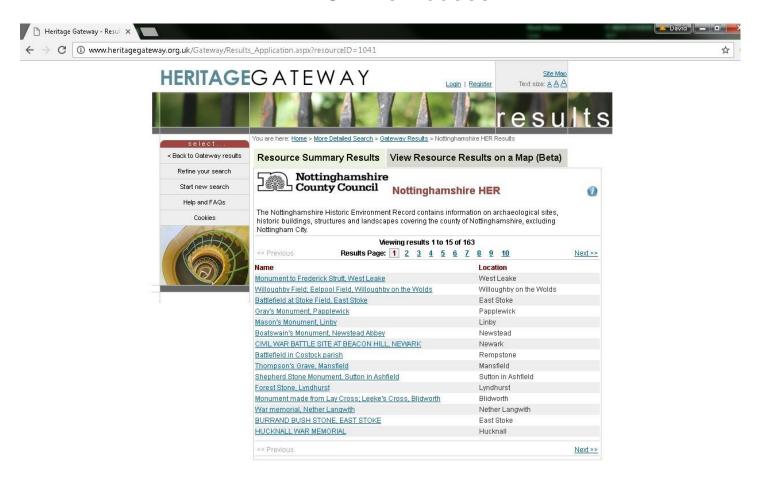


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