INVESTIGATING HISTORIC PARKLANDS IN GREENSAND COUNTRY

Bedfordshire: Secondary Research Sources

Websites

www.bedsarchivescat.bedford.gov.uk/
Bedfordshire Archive and Research Service – online catalogue

www.google.com/maps/
Google maps and Google Earth – great for comparison with older maps and plans

www.britainfromabove.org.uk
Aerial photographs

http://maps.nls.uk/os/
For Ordnance Survey Historic Maps

https://www.oldmapsonline.org/
Useful for looking for all maps and links can take you to Library of Scotland OS Maps

British Library holds OS drawings made in the early C19 long before the First Edition OS Maps.

https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/
Historic England’s Heritage List has useful descriptions of places that are of national importance, so long as they have survived reasonably intact.

www.parksandgardens.org
Now based at Hestercombe, more information being added constantly. The text for some sites is the same as the Registered Listing but others have additional information.

http://www.capabilitybrown.org
Information and interactive maps to find out about Capability Brown landscapes, set up in 2016.

www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk
Entirely user supported.

https://www.british-history.ac.uk/search/series/vch--beds
Victoria County Histories: Bedfordshire (other counties are available)

http://www.countrylifeimages.co.uk/Image
Country Life Image Archive.

https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/photographs/
Historic England Photograph Archive.

http://www.nationaltrustimages.org.uk/ National Trust Images. Try family searches because paintings, plans and documents can end up at other properties.
www.bridgemanimages.com/en-GB/
Paintings and images reflecting history and culture generally.

http://britishart.yale.edu
Paintings

www.biodiversitylibrary.org
Texts from 18th century onwards including botanical works, gardening newspapers

www.francisfrith.com/uk
Not just photos! Concentrates on England in 1850-1950

www.gettyimages.co.uk
Surprising range of English wartime images as well as paintings and pictures.

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/
Old newspapers online, including surprising mentions of gardens and especially parks.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/008607042
Many volumes of the Gardener’s Magazine between 1827 and 1843

www.heritagegateway.org.uk
Immense database that aspires to draw together all the logged bits of research.

www.ebay.co.uk
Brilliant source of historic postcards and other images.

www.jstor.org
Digital source of academic journals and articles. Including Garden History Journal (journal of the Gardens Trust).

http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk
National Archives

www.maryevans.com
Older material including from old books and periodicals.

**RHS Lindley Library**
Holds a big collection of modern as well as historic books. www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/visit-the-libraries/lindley-library-london

**And remember … you can’t beat an optimistic Google Search**
Books and publications

Bedfordshire

*Victoria County History of Bedfordshire:* Three volumes completed between 1904 and 1912
Also available online:
https://www.british-history.ac.uk/search/series/vch--beds

Thomas Fisher *Collections Historical, Genealogical and Topographical for Bedfordshire,* (1836)


**More general garden history books**


Dorothy Stroud, *Capability Brown,* (1975)


Shire Garden History Series, *The Renaissance Garden in Britain,* (John Anthony, 1991)
  *The English Rococo Garden,* (Michael Symes,2005)
  *Regency Gardens,* (Mavis Batey, 1995)
  *The English Landscape Garden,* (Miles Hadfield, 1977)
  *Restoring Period Gardens* (John Harvey,1988)
  *Public Parks,* (Hazel Conway, 1996)


Felus, Kate, *The Secret Life of the Georgian Garden,* 2016

*The Gardeners Chronicle,* started in 1841 and ran for nearly 150 years, issued weekly it contained articles and adverts. These can be researched online but may need to buy a readers’ subscription.
Local Guidebooks and Publications

**Ampthill Great Park**


**Flitwick Manor Park**


Loudon, J. C. *Arboretum et Fruticetum Britannicum* 4 (1838) p. 2672

Burke, J. B. A visitation of the seats and arms of the noblemen v.1. (1852) pp 8&9

**Old Warden Park**


**Stockgrove**


Stockgrove Park House & Adjacent Properties, website: http://www.shindles.co.uk/stockgrove/index.htm


**Chicksands**

W C Grayson, *Chicksands, a Millennium History* (1992), (copy at Bedfordshire Record Office)