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# Landscape Advice Note: Examples of post 1945 Designed Landscapes included on the Register of Parks and Gardens



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Garden historians and students have expressed an interest in how late 20th century designed landscape is covered by the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Interest in England. Late 20th century heritage is also one of the priorities identified in English Heritage's National Heritage Protection Plan (NHPP). This Landscape Advice Note provides a list of the notable examples of designed landscapes dating from 1945 and illustrates the range of landscape types.

## THE REGISTER OF PARKS AND GARDENS

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The Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England identifies ornamental and recreational landscapes of national importance from every historic era up to 30 years ago. The Register currently includes 50 notable designs dating from 1945 to 1980. This represents three per cent of register entries. Many more registered historic parks and gardens include post 1945 design.

The older a designed landscape is, and the fewer the surviving examples of its kind, the more likely it is to have special interest. Designs dating after 1945 are carefully selected and the following criteria are used:

- Sites which were influential in the development of taste, whether through reputation or reference in literature.
- Sites which are early or representative examples of a style of layout or a type of site, or the work of a designer (amateur or professional) of national importance.
- Sites having an association with significant persons or historic events.

- Sites with a strong group value with other heritage assets.
- Sites less than 30 years old are normally registered only if they are of outstanding quality and under threat.

The Selection Guides for the Register of Parks and Gardens provide further guidance on the selection criteria, these can be found at [www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/registered-parks-and-gardens/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/registered-parks-and-gardens/)

The Register spans a wide range of designed landscape types from sites associated with houses and housing schemes; institutions like asylums, botanical gardens, cemeteries, colleges, factories, hospitals, hotels, museums, pumping stations, reservoirs; and sites designed or used for public amenity and recreation like public parks, public gardens, public walks, public resorts.

Most of the post 1945 registered sites to date are private gardens but there are also housing schemes such as the Barbican in London; a department store roof garden; higher education establishments like St Catherine's College; and several cemetery and crematorium designs reflecting the post Second World War renewed effort to create green spaces and the marked move towards more socially inclusive landscapes. Landscape design continues to evolve although many schemes, especially in the public realm, like motorway landscaping, lie beyond the Register's current scope.

The list of notable examples of later 20th century landscape design is shown below in two modes, the first list will be sorted alphabetically by designer, the second shall be listed chronologically by date.





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LIST OF NOTABLE POST 1945 DESIGNED LANDSCAPES BY DESIGNER

List Entry Number	Title	County	Grade	Designer	Approx. Date
I000456	Kiftsgate Court	Glos	II	Binney, Diany	1972
I001674	German Military Cemetery	Staffs	I	Brandi, Diez	1959
I000453	Dartington Hall	Devon	II*	Cane, Percy	1945
I001373	Hedsor House	Bucks	II	Cane, Percy	1940s
I000701	Sharpham House	Devon	II*	Cane, Percy	1945
I410977	Salisbury Crematorium	Wiltshire	II	Colvin, Brenda	1956
I001107	Sutton Courtenay Manor	Oxon	II	Colvin, Brenda	1948
I000435	Magdalen College, University of Oxford	Oxon	I	Crowe, Dame Sylvia	1953
I000268	Lexham Hall	Norfolk	II	Crowe, Dame Sylvia, Foster, William	1950s
I001393	Commonwealth Institute	London	II	Crowe, Dame Sylvia; Matthew, Robert and Johnson-Marshall and Partners	1959
I001028	Cottesbrooke Hall	Northants	II	Crowe, Dame Sylvia	Post-1945
I001299	The House, Marsh Lane	Essex	II	Gibberd, Sir Frederick	1956
I001514	Friarwood Valley Gardens	West Yorkshire	II	Grubb, R.W	1950
I001488	Barbara Hepworth Sculpture Garden	Cornwall	II	Hepworth, Dame Barbara	1949
I001367	Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum	Hants	II	Hillier, Sir Harold	1950s
I001156	Tintinhull House	Somerset	II	Hobhouse, Penelope; Reiss, Phyliss and Peto, Harold	1945
I001388	St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford	Oxon	II	Jacobsen, Arne	1960
I001425	Civic Square	Devon	II	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1962
I000323	Cliveden	Bucks	I	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1950s
I001710	Hemel Water Gardens	Herts	II	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1957
I000202	Horsted Place	East Sussex	II	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1966
I001017	Sandringham House	Norfolk	II*	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1947
I000150	St Paul's Walden Bury	Herts	I	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1975
I001554	Sutton Place	Surrey	II*	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1980
I001474	The Jellicoe Roof Garden	Surrey	II	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1956
I001423	Walsall Memorial Garden	West Midlands	II	Jellicoe, Sir Geoffrey	1947



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I000387	Saling Hall	Essex	II	Johnson, Hugh	1970
I408334	Japanese Garden at the New House	Oxon	II*	Atroshenko, V and Mr. Kasamoto	1964
I001549	Queen's Park	Wiltshire	II	Loring-Morgan, J and Williams, M.J	1949
I000763	Flaxley Abbey	Glos	II	Messel, Oliver	Late 1960s
I001483	The Vale Student Village, Edgbaston, University of Birmingham	West Midlands	II	Mitchell, Mary	1959
I001573	American Military Cemetery	Cambs	I	Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects	1952
I000184	Leeds Castle	Kent	II*	Page, Russell; Boudin, Stephané and Goffinet, Francois	1960s
I001668	The Barbican	London	II*	Chamberlin Powell and Bon with Ove Arup & Partners	1963
I000263	Chartwell	Kent	II*	Roper, Lanning	1965
I000446	Waddesdon Manor	Bucks	I	Roper, Lanning	1964
I001088	Broughton Castle	Oxon	II	Roper, Lanning	1970
I000153	Penshurst Place	Kent	I	Roper, Lanning and Codrington, John	1968
I000610	Abbots Ripton Hall	Cambs	II	Roper, Lanning and Waterfield, Humphrey	1960s
I001715	Ashton Wold	Northants	II	Rothschild, Hon Dame Miriam	1970s onwards
I000715	Cranborne Manor	Dorset	II*	Salisbury, Lady	1954
I000286	City of London Cemetery	London	I	Sudell, Richard	1950s
I000878	Croft Castle	Herefordshire	II*	Thomas, Graham Stuart	1957
I000768	Hidcote Manor	Glos	I	Thomas, Graham Stuart	Mid-1950s
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I000773	Nether Lypiatt Manor	Glos	II	Verey, Rosemary	Late 1970s
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## OTHER DESIGNATIONS

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Registration is just one of several designation approaches. Designed landscapes such as the Kennedy Memorial at Runnymede (1964-5) by Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe and the Polish War Memorial at Hillingdon (1948) by Mieczyslaw Lubelski are listed rather than registered. The evolution of design post 1945 is evoked in the list entry for the Kennedy Memorial which describes the memorial as 'demonstrating the perfect integration of architecture with landscape that makes this the consummation of Jellicoe's development as an architect turned landscape architect'. Other late 20th century designed landscapes are included in conservation areas.

## FURTHER INFORMATION ON DESIGNATIONS

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The Register of Parks and Gardens and other designations are available online; the web site also explains how to submit nominations for designation, the National Heritage List for England can be found online at [list.english-heritage.org.uk/](http://list.english-heritage.org.uk/)

## THE NATIONAL HERITAGE PROTECTION PLAN AND LATE 20TH CENTURY HERITAGE

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The National Heritage Protection Plan (NHPP) sets out how English Heritage, with help from partners in the sector, will prioritise and deliver heritage protection from 2011-2015. It is intended to make best use of our resources so that England's vulnerable historic environment is safeguarded in the most cost-effective way at a time of massive social, environmental, economic and technological change.

Late 20th century heritage is identified as a priority activity under the Measure related to assessment of significance in the NHPP Action Plan. Further details on the NHPP and the Action Plan are available online at [www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/national-heritage-protection-plan/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/national-heritage-protection-plan/)

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