



Historic Designed Landscapes Project

Working with volunteers

TGT Workshop
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Historic Designed Landscapes Project

- Overall aim to research and record all of Yorkshire's important historic designed landscapes
- To understand the development of historic parks and gardens across Yorkshire
- To identify what is significant at a regional level
- This will aid conservation and planning especially for unregistered sites

Report

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

East Riding Historic Designed Landscapes

SALTMARSHE HALL

Report by David and Susan Neave May 2013



Saltmarshe Hall, east front (Saltmarshe Hall website: saltmarshehall.co.uk)

1. CORE DATA

1.1 Name of site: Saltmarshe Hall

1.2 Grid reference: SE 782239

1.3 Administrative area: Laxton Civil Parish, East Riding of Yorkshire Unitary Authority

Site Record Form

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE HISTORIC DESIGNED LANDSCAPES PROJECT SITE RECORD FORM

Site Name	Date of Visit(s)	Recorder(s)
Saltmarshe Hall park and garden	29.04.15 & 07.07.15	Louise Wickham & Helena Anderson



FEATURE TYPE	LATEST EVIDENCE	SUMMARY	Photos
Entrances and Approaches			
Drive	Earthwork	Visited on the ground. Main approach to the house, constructed 1819-20. Northern end marked by an avenue of yew trees.	SAL015 SAL019
Buildings and Structures			
House	Extant Building	Visited on the ground. Saltmarshe Hall, Listed Grade II*	
Stable Block	Extant Building	Visited on the ground. Parts still in use for garden equipment and accommodation.	SAL001
Icehouse	Extant Building	Visited on the ground. Viewed from exterior only. Encased in brickwork, integral with back wall of stables, access via interior first floor now blocked.	SAL001 SAL002

Statement of Significance



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Saltmarshe Hall park and garden

Statement of Significance

This statement of significance for Saltmarshe Hall park and garden has been created by the Yorkshire Gardens Trust, and is derived from research carried out as part of the East Riding Historic Designed Landscapes project.

HER
Parks and Gardens UK
YGT Website

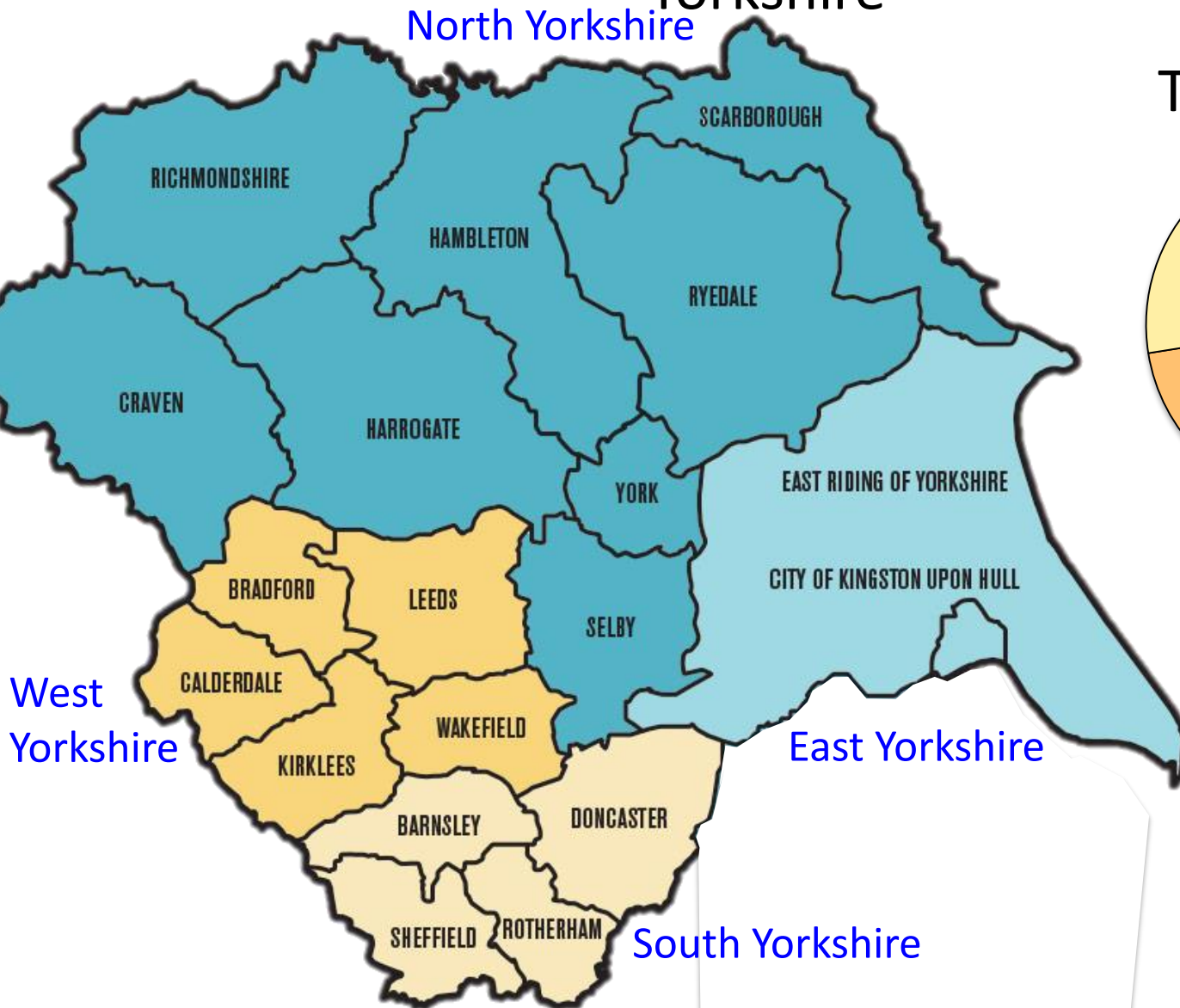
Products

- Need to be of a good standard and in a useful format
 - Report structure fits with PGUK data fields
 - Site Record of survival features uses national standards and terminology for entry into NRHE & HER databases
 - SoS follows EH model (needs to be succinct as the most important product)
- Important to maintain standards and do some quality assurance on volunteers work

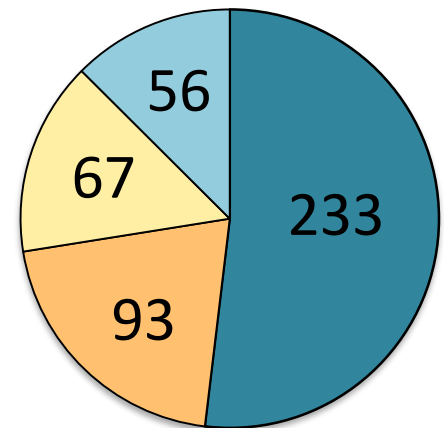
Issues faced

- Complexity and size of 'Yorkshire region'
- Seen as too large a project to undertake
- Previous R&R concentrated on small areas such as the Yorkshire Dales National Park
- Perceived lack of volunteer expertise
- Finally started in 2012 with test area of East Riding
- Now working in Selby and Hambleton districts of North Yorkshire

Current estimate of historic parks and gardens in Yorkshire



Total = 449



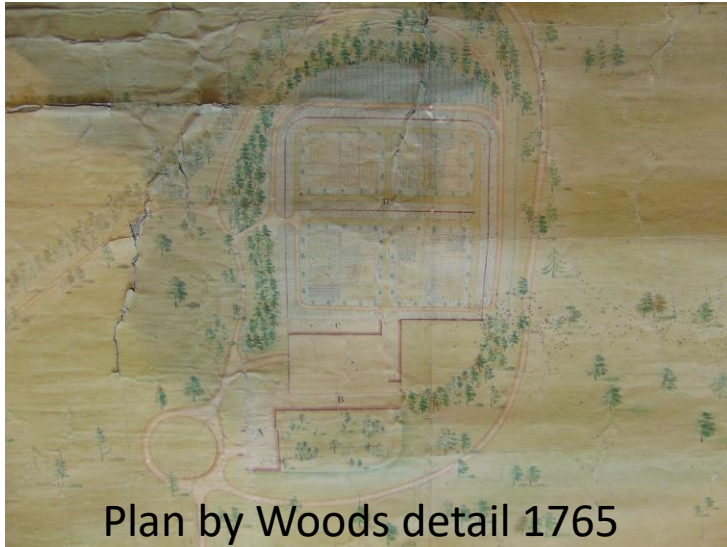
Current situation

- 449 sites identified so far
- 121 on HE Register
- 281 on P&G UK database (though some are brief entries i.e. no detailed history or description)
- 52 on 'Research' list in various stages of completion (excluding CB300 research)
- 22 volunteers across 3 areas

What does this have in common with...



With this...



c1600

Carlton new ground and out house

1	The Orchard	1 : 1
2	High Parke	17 : 3
3	The Inge	37 : 0
4	Greene gated	31 : 0
5	Lowc Wotehill	15 : 1
6	High Wotehill	20 : 2
7	Horse slope	7 : 2
8	Longe slope	7 : 0
9	Broughamed	27 : 0
10	The close about the house	16 : 0

And this...

Garden Accounts for y^r year 1771
Wm Smith

	<i>L.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
July 27 given Mr. Clark to pay wages -	4	4	0
Aug. 9 given D. to pay for 12 Scythes -	1	10	0
Sept 21 given Mr. Clark to pay wages -	5	12	5
Oct 2 given Mr. Clark to pay for 31 g ^{ts} -			
8 th of Bark bringing from Selby	12	-	-
Tom Rogers to Cart 3 Times to			
to the Ferry for it at 8 ^d	2	-	-
23 p. to Mr. Champney for			
glazing in the garden }	2	9	10
Nov. 19 given Mr. Clark to pay wages -	7	12	0
15 I gave him to pay for 20 g ^{ts} of Bark			
bringing from Selby to Carlton Ferry -	6	0	-
they use ab. a Cart a week	12	10	-
1772 Jan: 9 Paid Mr. Mr. Clark Gardener a			
years wages due y. 12 of May last 22 -			
	56	10	11

PONTEFRAC T NURSERY
YORK-SHIRE. Jan'y 26th 1854

Thos. H. Little Seed Breeder
Bought of John Scholey
Nursery & Seedsman
Shop, Market Place,

24 9/6 Windsor Beans	2	0	0
2 9/6 Ashwood's Railway Peas	2	0	0
2 9/6 Cabbages (Sorts)	2	0	0
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1 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2	6	0	0
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Settled 27 July 1854
John Scholey

And this...



CARLTON HALL.—There is at present a violet Hative nectarine tree, in the garden of Miles Stapleton, Esq., planted in the year 1824, against a ten feet wall, consisting of forty principal branches, trained upon the system of Mr. Seymour, the gardener, and extending thirty-eight feet in length; the thinning in the month of May exceeded one thousands fruits, four hundred and ninety being left to ripen, and which are now in maturity, measuring on an average seven inches in circumference, and presenting a rich and beautiful appearance. This is the same tree that has figured in the Gardener's Record, published by Mr. Harrison, 1833, and is a striking proof of the superiority of Mr. Seymour's new method of training, over the old system. From the same garden, a melon, of the nettled sort, was cut on the 23d of August, measuring thirty-one and a half inches in circumference, and weighing fifteen pounds, and in beauty exciting the admiration of all who saw it.

Leeds Times 14 Sep 1839

Researching a designed landscape

- Jigsaw puzzle with not only some pieces missing but mini-jigsaws inside
- Need to be a 'landscape detective'
- How do you give guidance to volunteers?
- Point to sources e.g. estate archives, photos, paintings, books, journals & magazines
- Where to start?
- How to structure the research?

YGT experience

- Getting volunteers in first place hard
- Despite membership of over 350, few volunteers for ER or Selby
- Why?
 - Not many members live there, issue of distance
 - Don't feel want to put in the time
 - Don't feel able to do work
- Slightly better for Hambleton as more members live in that part of North Yorkshire!
- Keen to come to workshops but not use knowledge gained

Recruitment of volunteers

- Contacted local history groups:
 - ‘Monk Fryston Time Team’ for MF Hall and Lodge
 - Tadcaster Historical Society for Grimston Park
 - Nidderdale Historic Parks and Gardens Group for Hambleton sites
- Contacted other interested groups e.g. Civic Society for individual volunteers
- For all new members, work with a member of our team to mentor them
- Supplement with selected workshops/meetings

Experience so far...

- About half of the initial recruits have dropped out
- Some have struggled with doing the research/writing reports
- Others have left due to time constraints/other commitments
- Hard to keep them motivated
- A lot of time is spent by core group of three in managing the volunteers and their output!

Feedback from one new recruit

- Enjoyed searching the archives / internet sources
- the detective work
- Difficult to focus on task/not get sidetracked with other interesting bits of history!
- Less confident about putting all the details together - getting head round the changes and the historical context
- Issue with assessing the value of different sources
- Online garden history course helped to contextualise the research

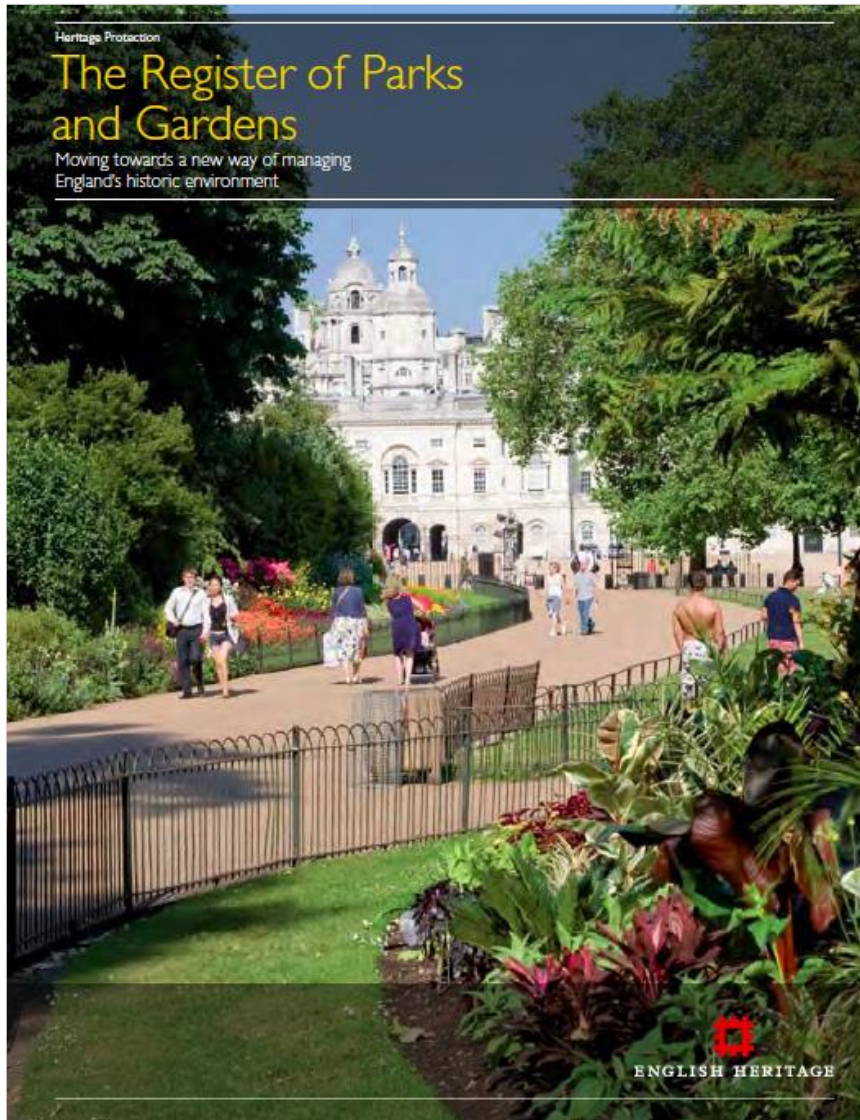
Learnings

- Need to help new volunteers with structure & the point of the exercise
- Brief chronology of estate including owners useful starting point
- Identify key points in time when changes occur – transfer of ownership, changing fashions
- Concentrate research on these time points and individuals involved
- Encourage to think laterally when gaps in information

1394	1 st Stapleton has a house there
1614	Carlton Hall started
1672	'Great Garden' built
1765-1780?	New kitchen garden, park & lake created, extension of hall. Plans by Woods & White
1808	Enclosure of Carlton
1840s	Remodelling of hall, extension of park, updating of kitchen garden, new garden and shrubberies around hall
1870s	Gothic alterations to Pugin plan of hall, now Carlton Towers. Plan by Craigie-Halkett-Inglis to extend park
1880s	Parterre garden on west side
1893	Estate put up for sale – hall and immediate park bought back by family
1950s	Kitchen garden run as commercial operation, further planting in park
1970s?	Glasshouses removed from walled garden

Conclusions

- Can you teach someone to do landscape research?
- Yes and no
- Can provide the tools and structures...
- But need a level of basic knowledge of gardens and their history
- Be able to spot 'clues' and fill in gaps – work with uncertainty
- Work however is vital...



Update P&G Register



Moreby Park
Selby District



Inform Planning



Cave Castle
East Riding of Yorkshire

Enrich Local Lists & HER



Hambleton District



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Aldwark Manor



Encourage Conservation



Carlton Towers
Selby District

