

# INVESTIGATING HISTORIC PARKLANDS IN GREENSAND COUNTRY

## Bedfordshire: Secondary Research Sources

### Websites

**[www.bedsarchivescat.bedford.gov.uk/](http://www.bedsarchivescat.bedford.gov.uk/)**

Bedfordshire Archive and Research Service – online catalogue

**[www.google.com/maps/](http://www.google.com/maps/)**

Google maps and Google Earth – great for comparison with older maps and plans

**[www.britainfromabove.org.uk](http://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

**<http://gallery.bl.uk/viewall/default.aspx?e=Ordnance%20Survey%20Drawings>**

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](http://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](http://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.



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**[www.bridgemanimages.com/en-GB/](http://www.bridgemanimages.com/en-GB/)**

Paintings and images reflecting history and culture generally.

**<http://britishart.yale.edu>**

Paintings

**[www.biodiversitylibrary.org](http://www.biodiversitylibrary.org)**

Texts from 18th century onwards including botanical works, gardening newspapers

**[www.francisfrith.com/uk](http://www.francisfrith.com/uk)**

Not just photos! Concentrates on England in 1850-1950

**[www.gettyimages.co.uk](http://www.gettyimages.co.uk)**

Surprising range of English wartime images as well as paintings and pictures.

**[www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/](http://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](http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk)**

Immense database that aspires to draw together all the logged bits of research.

**[www.ebay.co.uk](http://www.ebay.co.uk)**

Brilliant source of historic postcards and other images.

**[www.jstor.org](http://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](http://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](http://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**



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## 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)

Pevsner, Nikolaus and O'Brien, Charles *The Buildings of England: Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough*, (2002)

*Kelly's Directory: Bedfordshire*, (1896) (1936).

Britton, John and Brayley, Edward Wedlake, *The Beauties of England and Wales: Vol 1. Bedfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire*, (1801)

Bedford Historical Record, *Society Inventories of Bedfordshire Country Houses, 1714–1830* (1995)

### More general garden history books

Fearnley Whittingstall, Jane, *The Garden: An English Love Affair* (2002)

Symes, Michael, *A Glossary of Garden History*, (2006)

Dorothy Stroud, *Capability Brown*, (1975)

Phibbs, John, *Place-making – The Art of Capability Brown*, (2017)

Daniels, Stephen, *Humphry Repton: Landscape Gardening and the Geography of Georgian England*, (1999)

Dixon Hunt, John, *The Picturesque Garden in Europe*, (2003)

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)

Brown, Jane, *The Pursuit of Paradise – A Social History of Gardens and Gardening*, (1999)

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.



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## Local Guidebooks and Publications

### Amphill Great Park

Amphill Town Council, *Amphill Park – an Illustrated Guide*, (2016) written to celebrate the Capability Brown Tercentenary.

Graham, Thomas, *Guidebook of Amphill Great Park & Park House*, (2016)

Dackombe, Barry, *Amphill Castle - standing stately on a hill*, (2001)

Dackombe, Barry, *Amphill Park, Castle, House and its Environs*, (2001)

Church, Ian, *Walking in Tommy's Footsteps*, (2008) contains plan of Amphill WW1 camp.

### Flitwick Manor Park

Gardener's Magazine: Vol 3 (1827) pp. 245-6 and p 258, Vol 4 (1828) p. 303, Vol 5 (1829) pp. 559-60, Vol 19 (1843) p. 641.

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

Mid Beds District Council, *Old Warden & Old Warden Park Conservation Area*, (2006)

Bedfordshire County Council, *Swiss Garden Guidebook*, (1996)

Debois Landscape Survey, *The Swiss Garden: A Survey of the Landscape*, (1992)

Country Life, Old Warden Park, Vol 161 (17th Feb 1977) pp364-6

### Stockgrove

Oswald, A, *Country Homes: Gardens Old and New. Stockgrove Park, Leighton Buzzard*, in Country Life, Vol 86 (30th Sept 1939), 334-338

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

Beds Central Council, *Rushmere Park, Oak Wood & Stockgrove Country Park Archaeological Survey*.

### Chicksands

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

J Collett-White (ed), *Inventories of Bedfordshire Country Houses, 1714-1830*, (Bedfordshire Historical Record Society 1995), pp 23-27



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