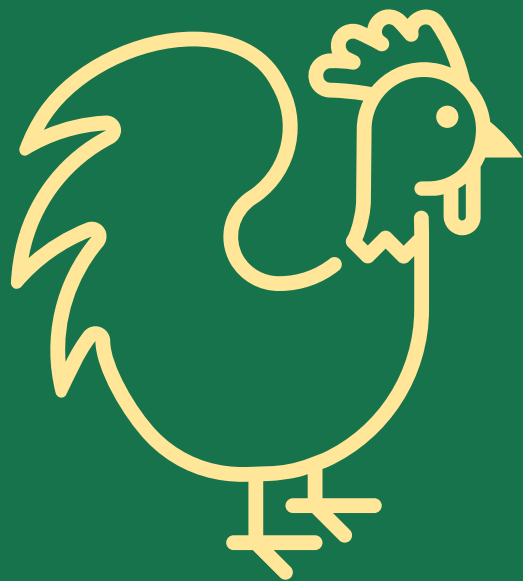


Researching a Park or Garden

Sources of information
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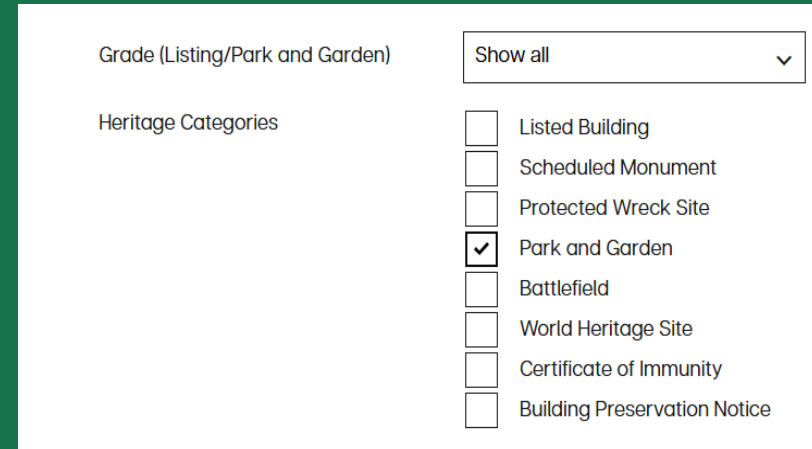
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Historic England's: National Heritage List for England (NHLE)

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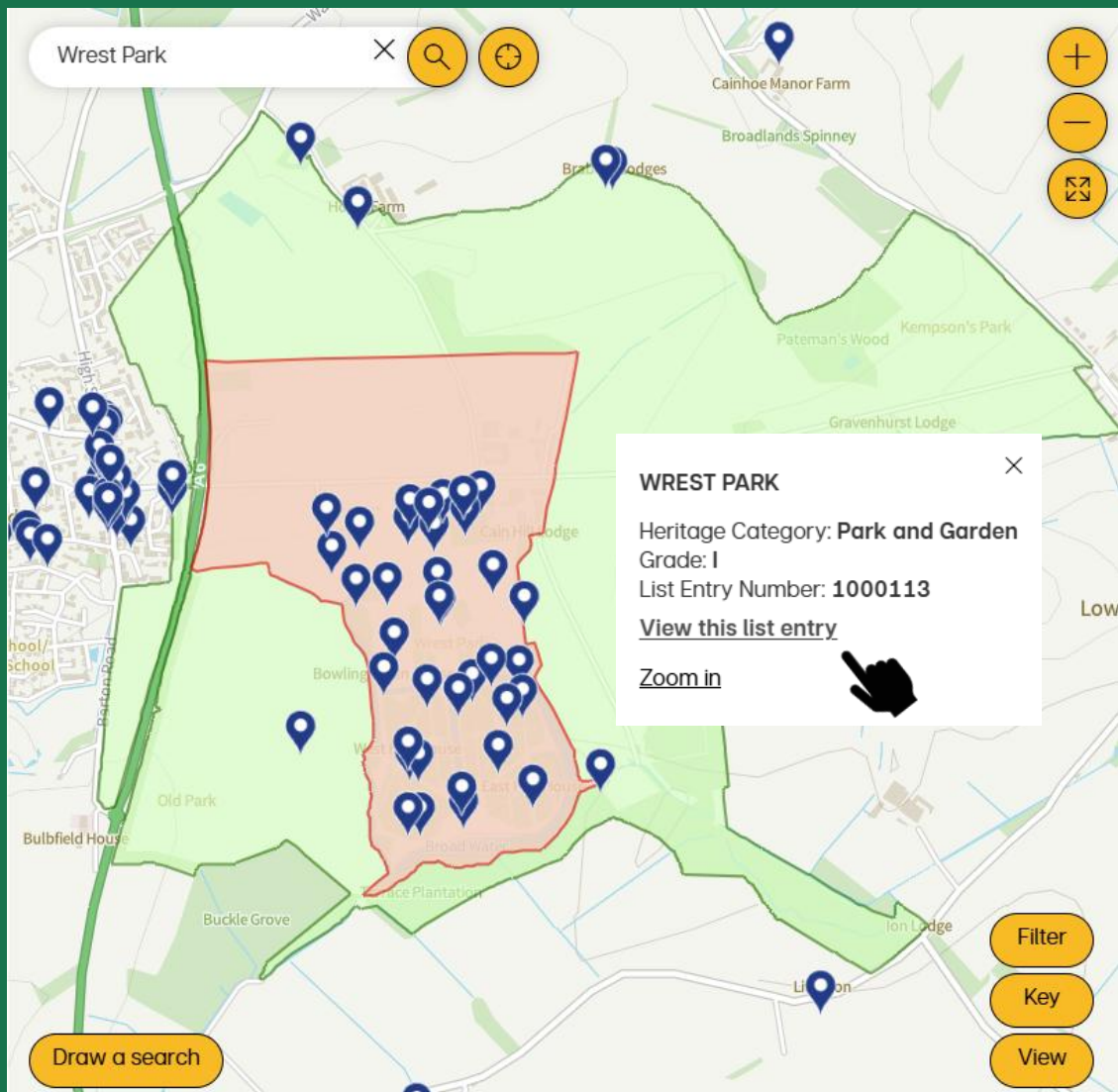
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- ☐ World Heritage Site
- ☐ Certificate of Immunity
- ☐ Building Preservation Notice

Welsh Government's Historic Environment Service: Cadw

Historic Environment Scotland: [Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes](#)

Northern Ireland Heritage Gardens Archive: [Heritage Gardens Inventory](#)



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[Parks and Gardens UK](#) 1 results   



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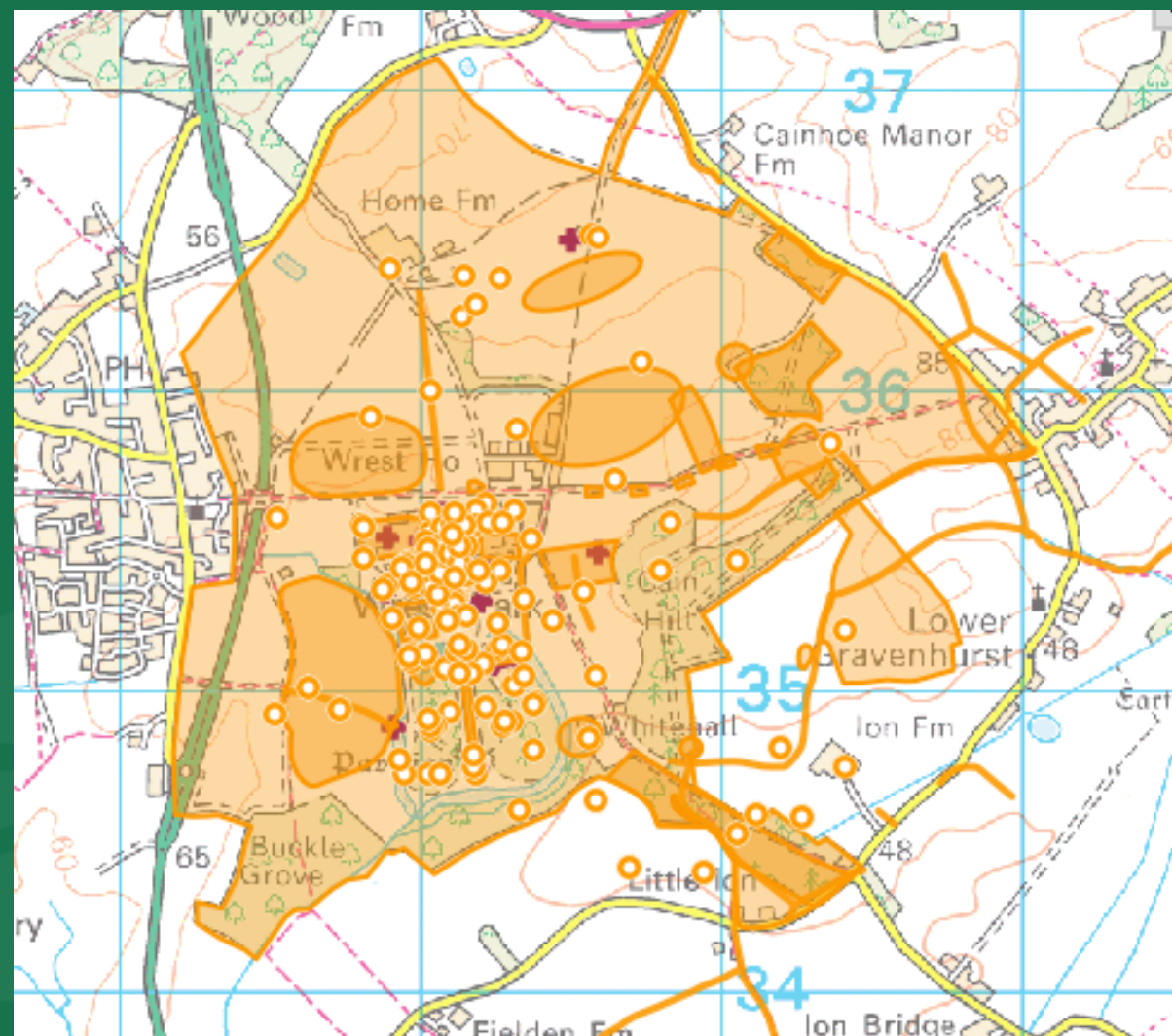
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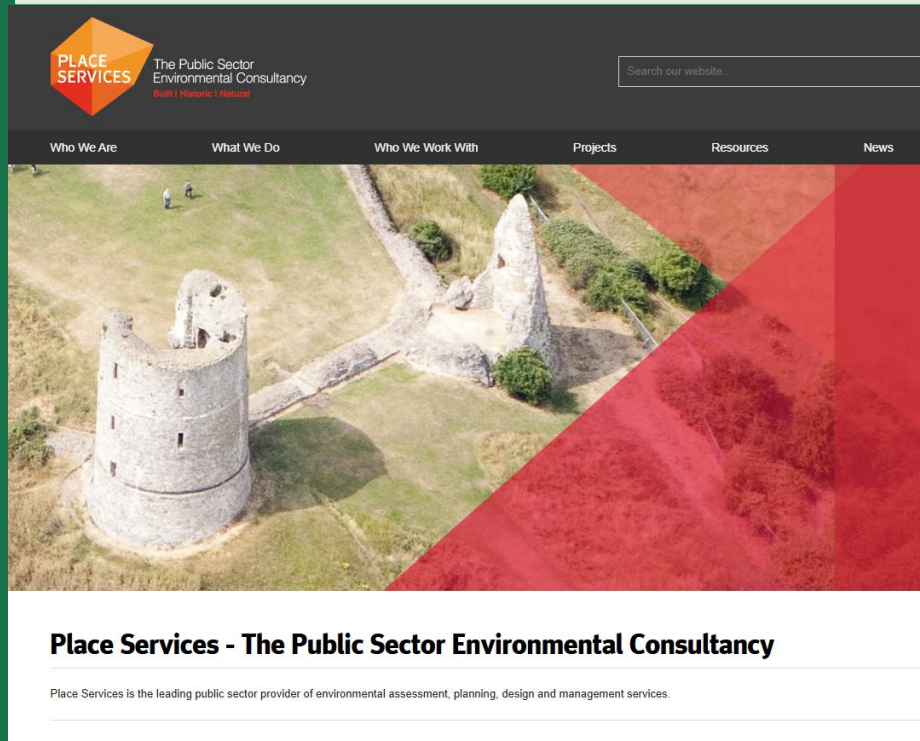
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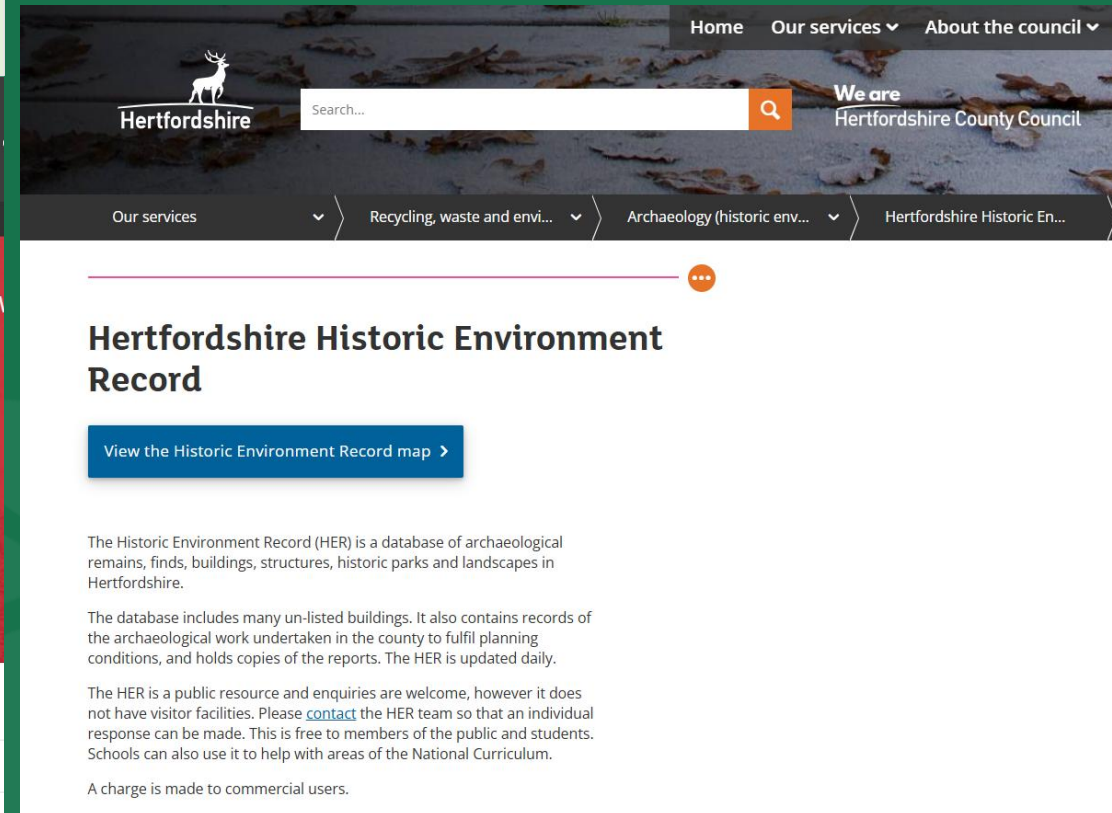
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Welcome to the Norfolk Heritage Explorer

This website offers a unique opportunity to access an abridged version of the [Norfolk Historic Environment Record](#) database online.




The Norfolk HER is the definitive database of the county's archaeological sites and historic buildings. It contains over 60,000 records describing the archaeology of Norfolk from the earliest evidence for human occupation from 750,000 BC up to the present day.

The website is updated periodically throughout the year, so add us to your favourites and [follow us on Twitter](#).

We've moved!

After almost 50 years of operating our service from the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, the Norfolk Historic Environment Record has relocated to office space at The Archive Centre in Norwich.

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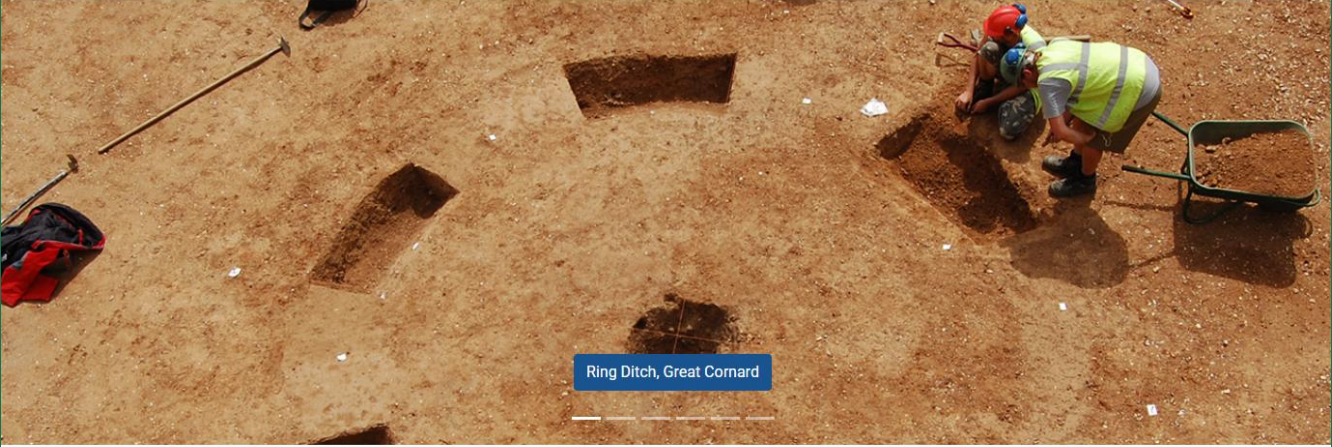


The Norfolk Heritage Explorer allows you to:

- [search our database](#) for archaeological sites, by archaeological period or by using your postcode;
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The online Historic Environment Record for Suffolk

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Other places to look for previous research

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County Gardens Trusts

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Publications: books, pamphlets, blogs



Published Research

Contents of Garden History

Download a copy of the entire *Contents of Garden History*, and its predecessor volumes (from 1969), up to and including Winter 2024, which includes details of how to read or obtain the articles below.

- [Garden History Journal Contents to Winter 2024 – PDF](#)
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We have also published a [50th anniversary celebratory volume](#) revisiting some of the seminal articles that have been published in the previous 49 volumes. Many articles originally published in **Garden History** later led onto work that became the classic books on the subject.

The Gardens Trust (formerly the Garden History Society) has been publishing academic articles on the subject since 1969, if you include our two early **Occasional Papers**. All articles remain in print and/or are available through JSTOR. See below for Supplements, appendices or gazeteers related to the Journal.

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The Georgian Group Journal, published annually, is sent to all members and subscribing libraries. It is currently edited by Dr. Geoffrey Tyack of Oxford University. Previous editors have included: Roger White, Giles Worsley and Richard Hewlings.

An **online archive of past articles** together with a **cumulative index** is available **via the button below**. NB.: at any given time the three most recent volumes will only be available in print form. Please note the titles of all articles published in *The Georgian Group Journal* are also listed in the RIBA Library catalogue, which hosts the RIBA's Architectural Periodicals Index.



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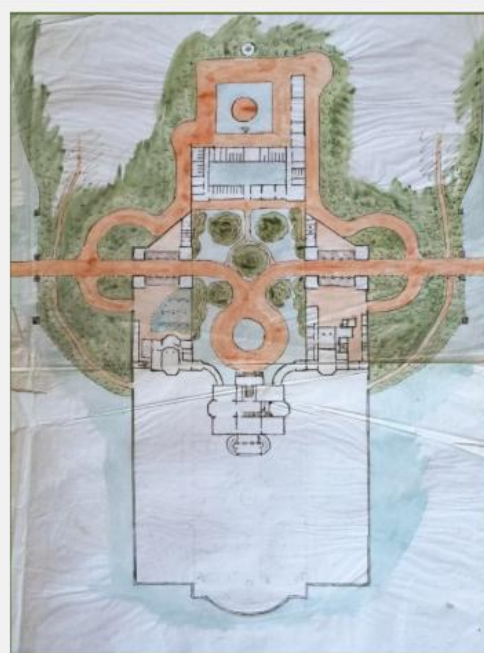
The Maharaja and his German gardener →

William Nesfield: soldier, artist & landscape designer










Posted on 22/02/2025 by The Garden History Blog

There can't be many great landscape gardeners who, as a young man, fought against Napoleon in the Peninsular War or against the Americans in the War of 1812. Yet one who did both went on to become a well-known artist and then one of the leading garden designers of the 19thc, with over 250 sites including some of the most important in the country under his belt by the time he died in 1881.

He was William Andrews Nesfield usually mainly remembered for his complicated colourful geometric parterres but who was actually a far more nuanced and sophisticated designer than he is



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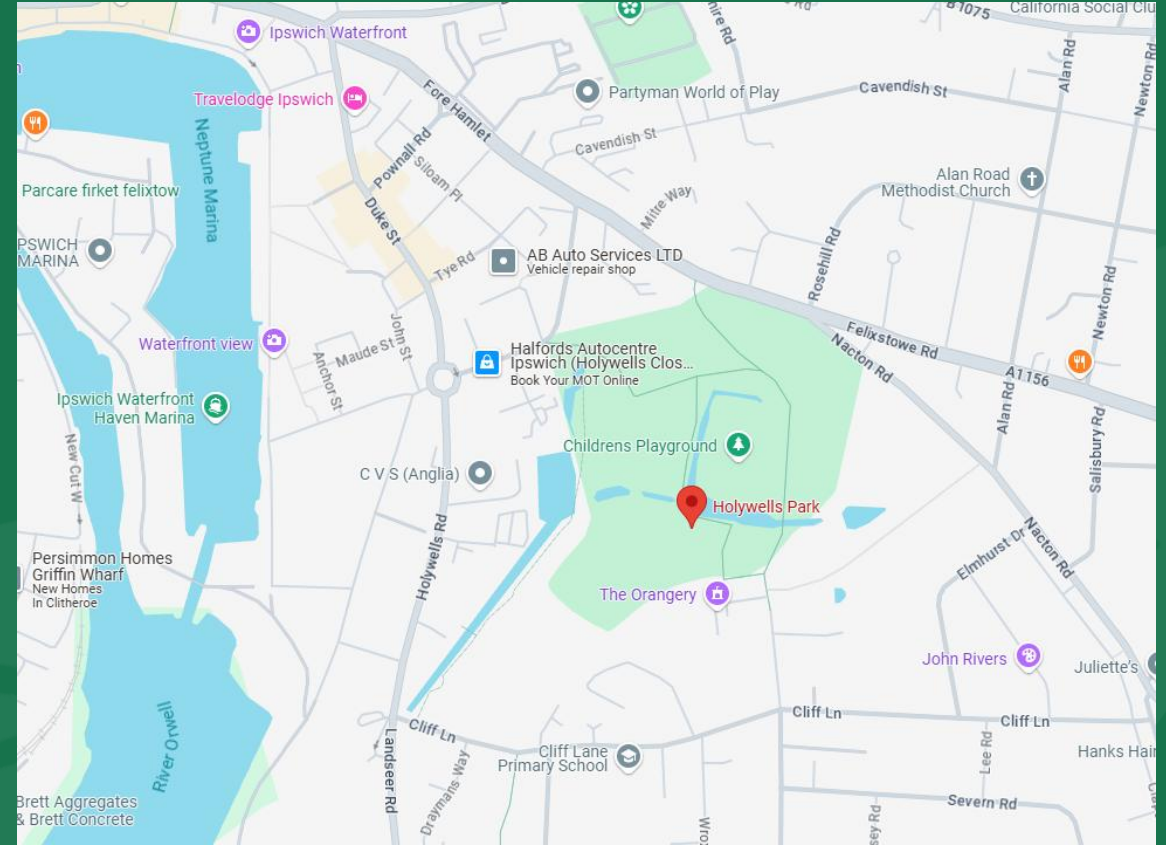
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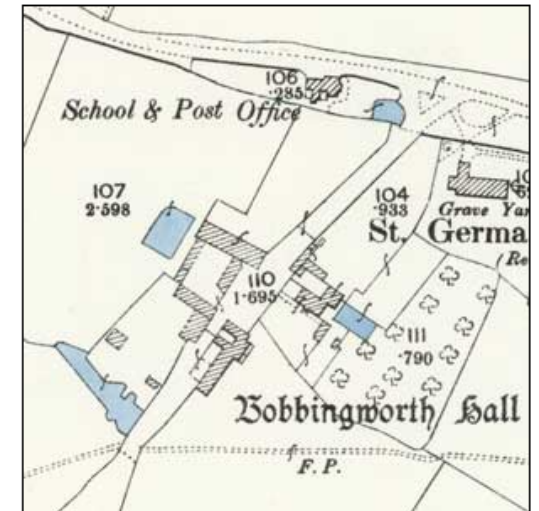
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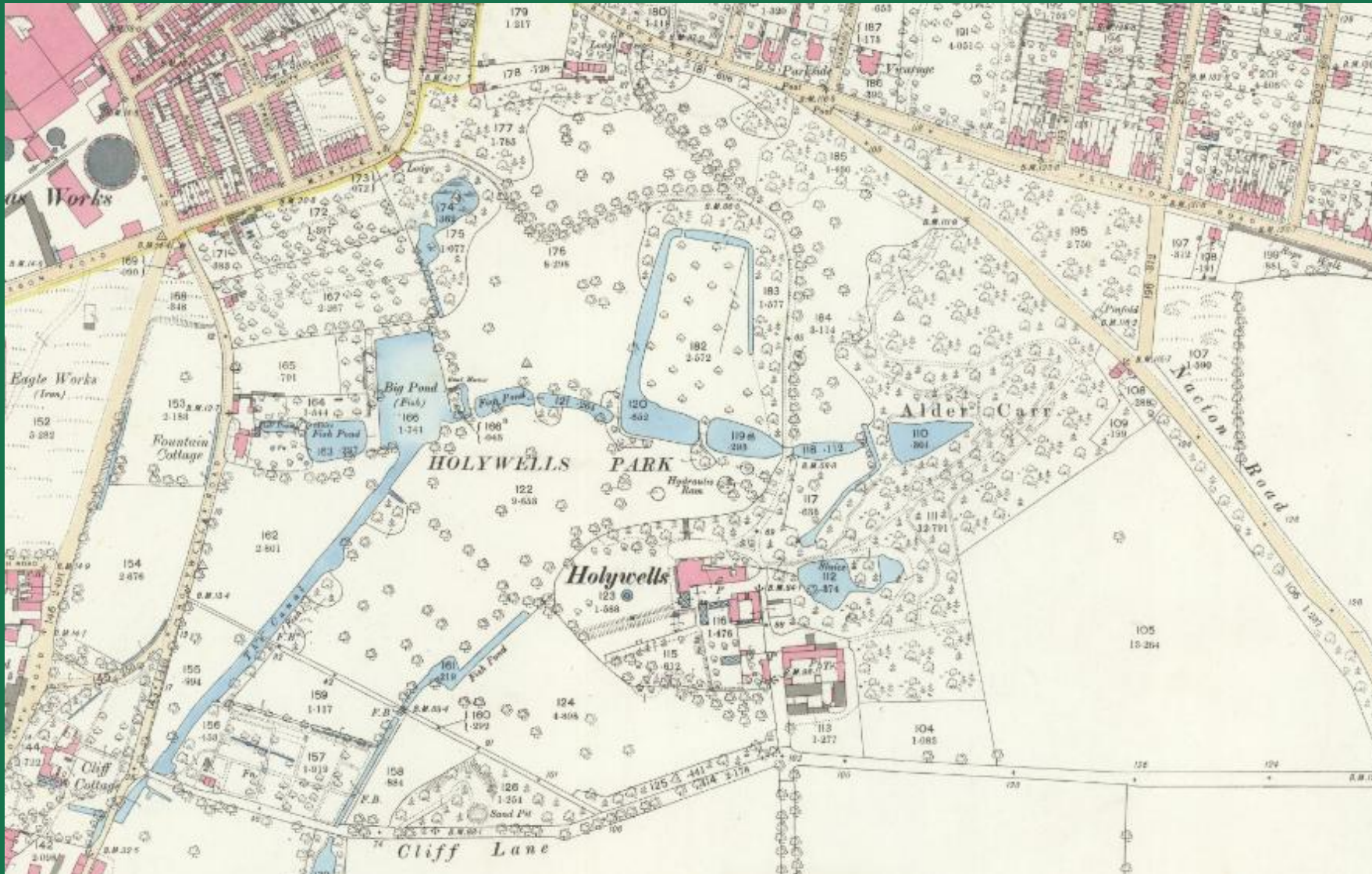
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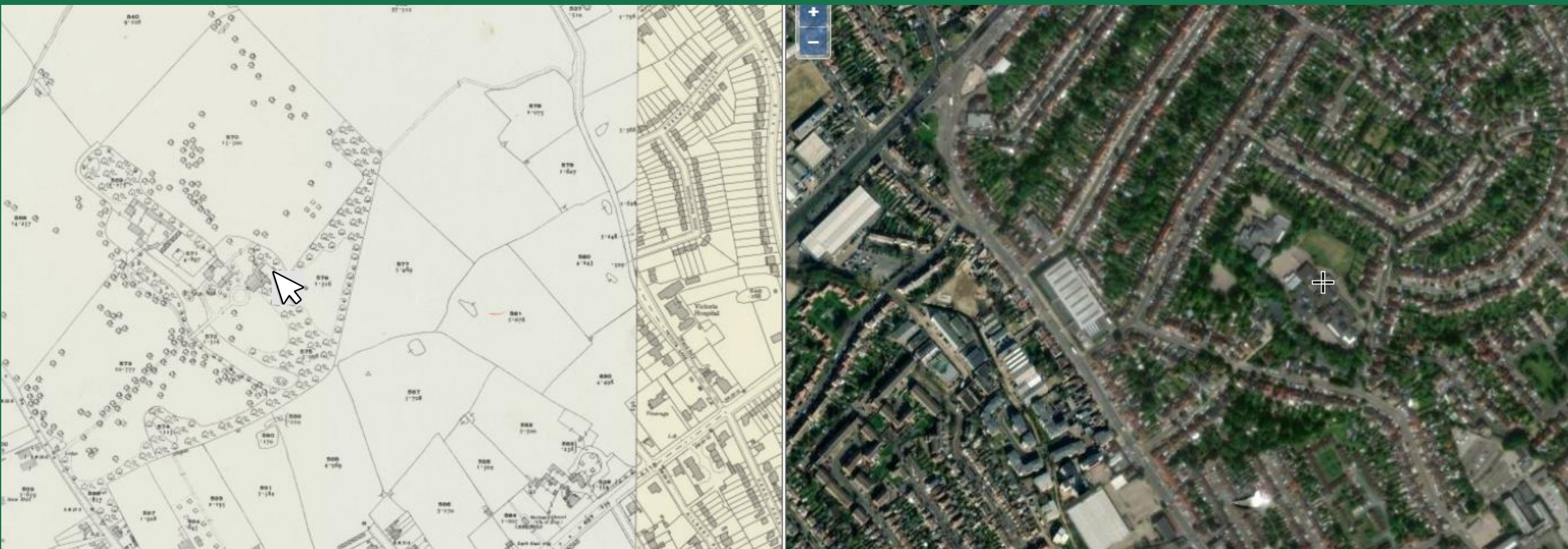
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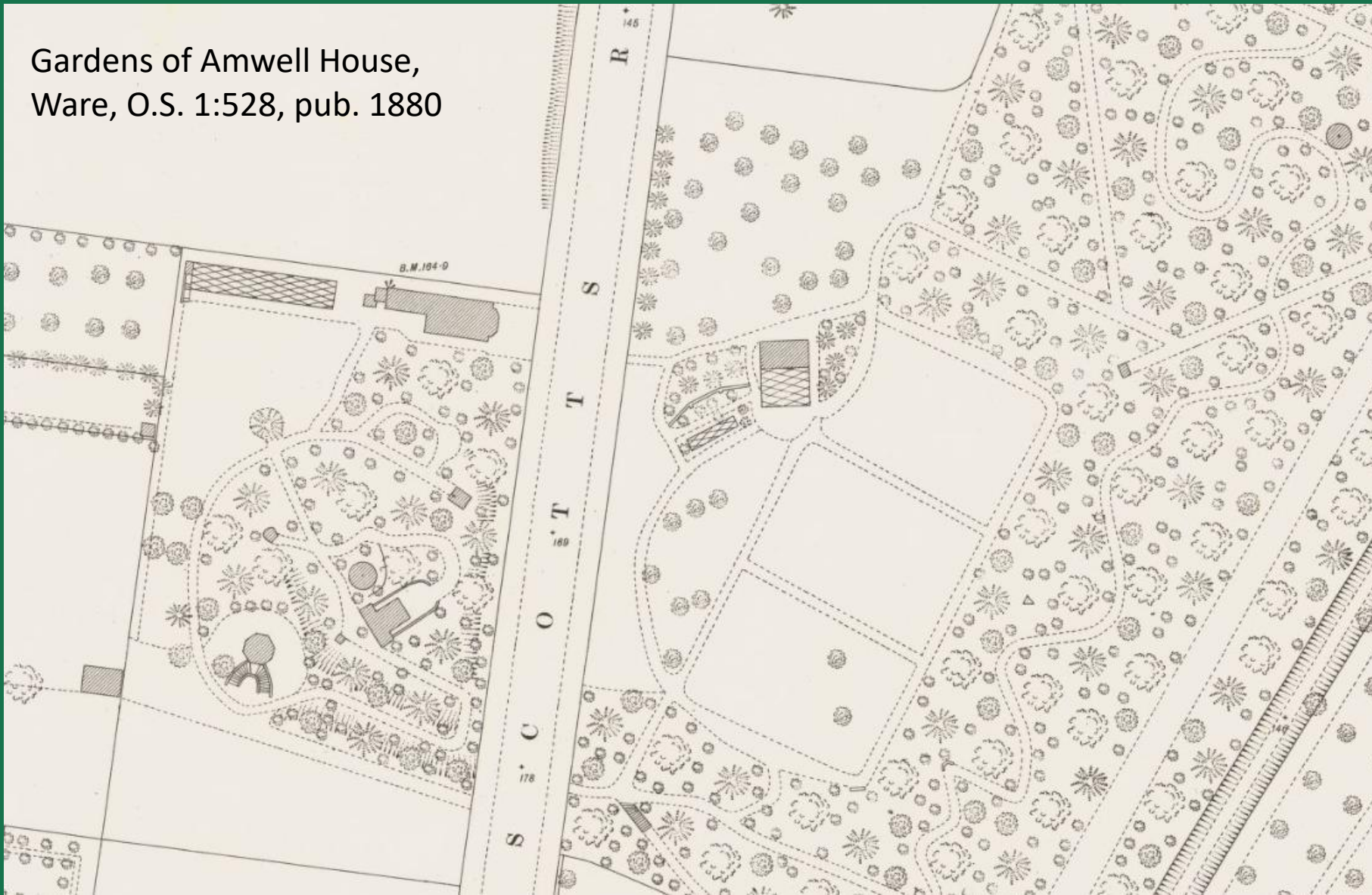
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Gardens of Amwell House,
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Tithe and Enclosure Maps



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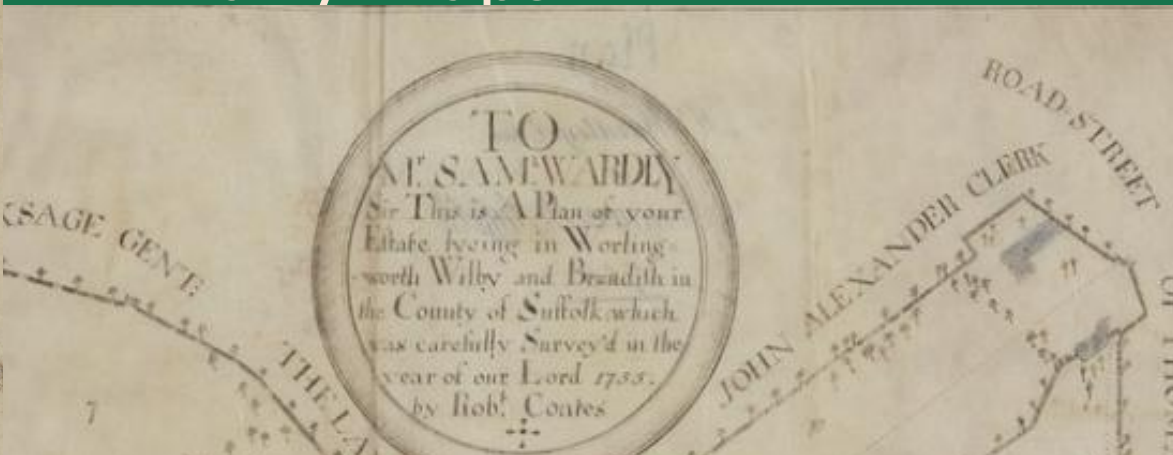
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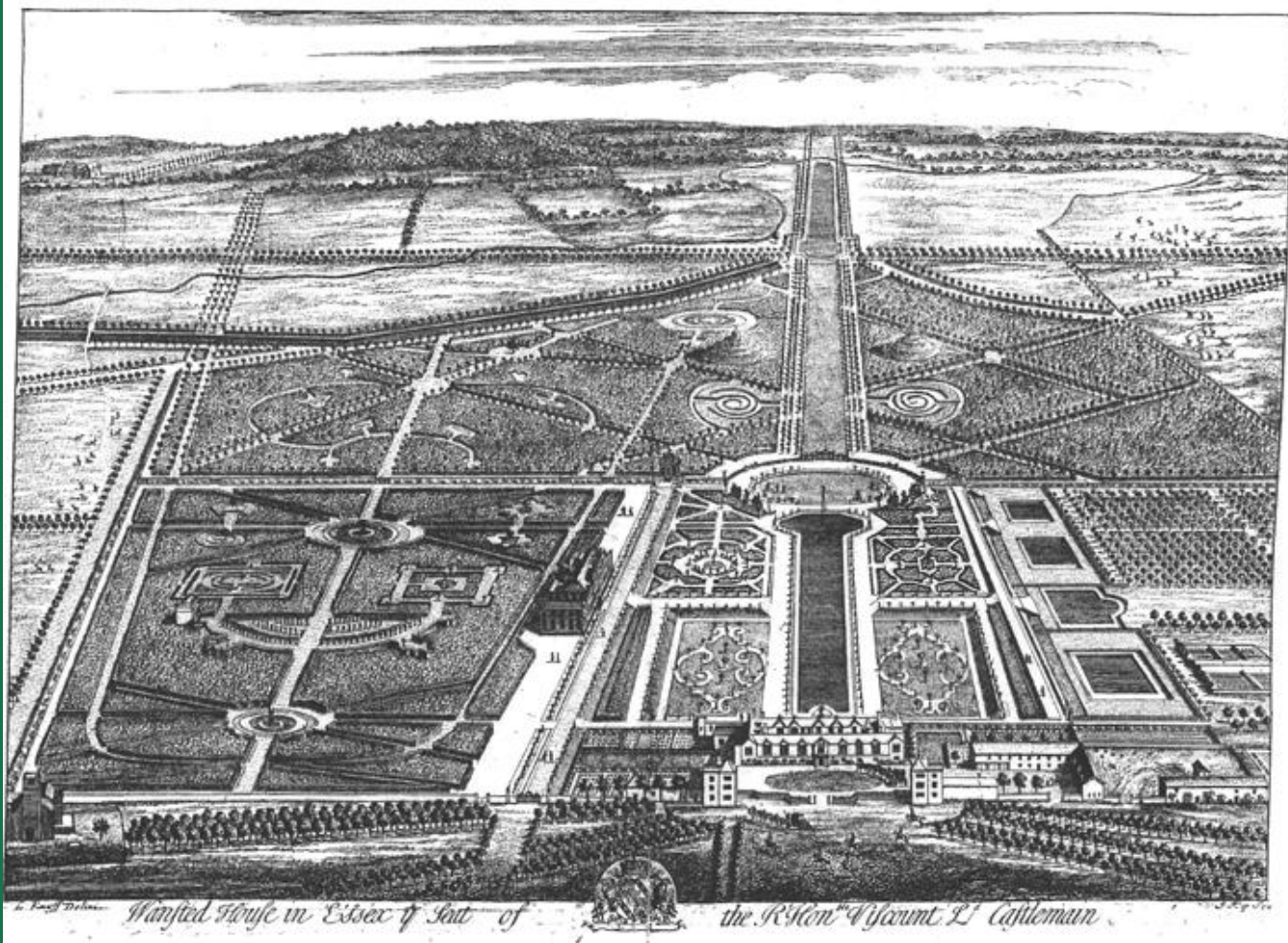
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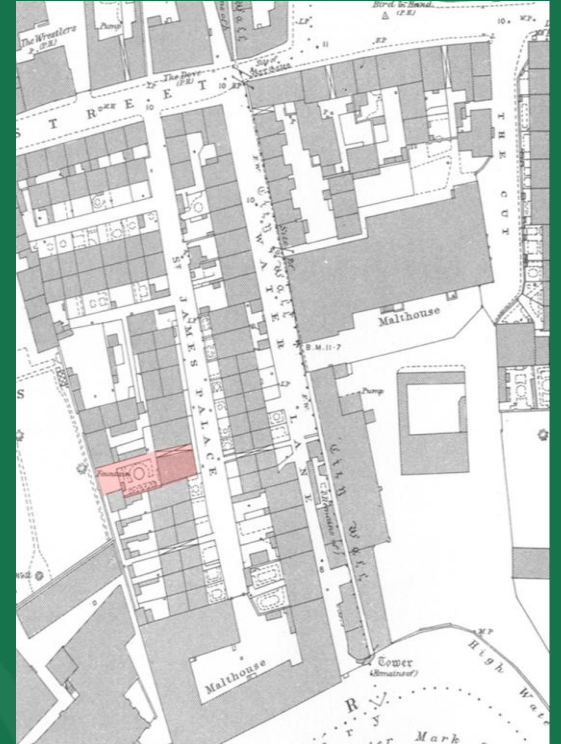
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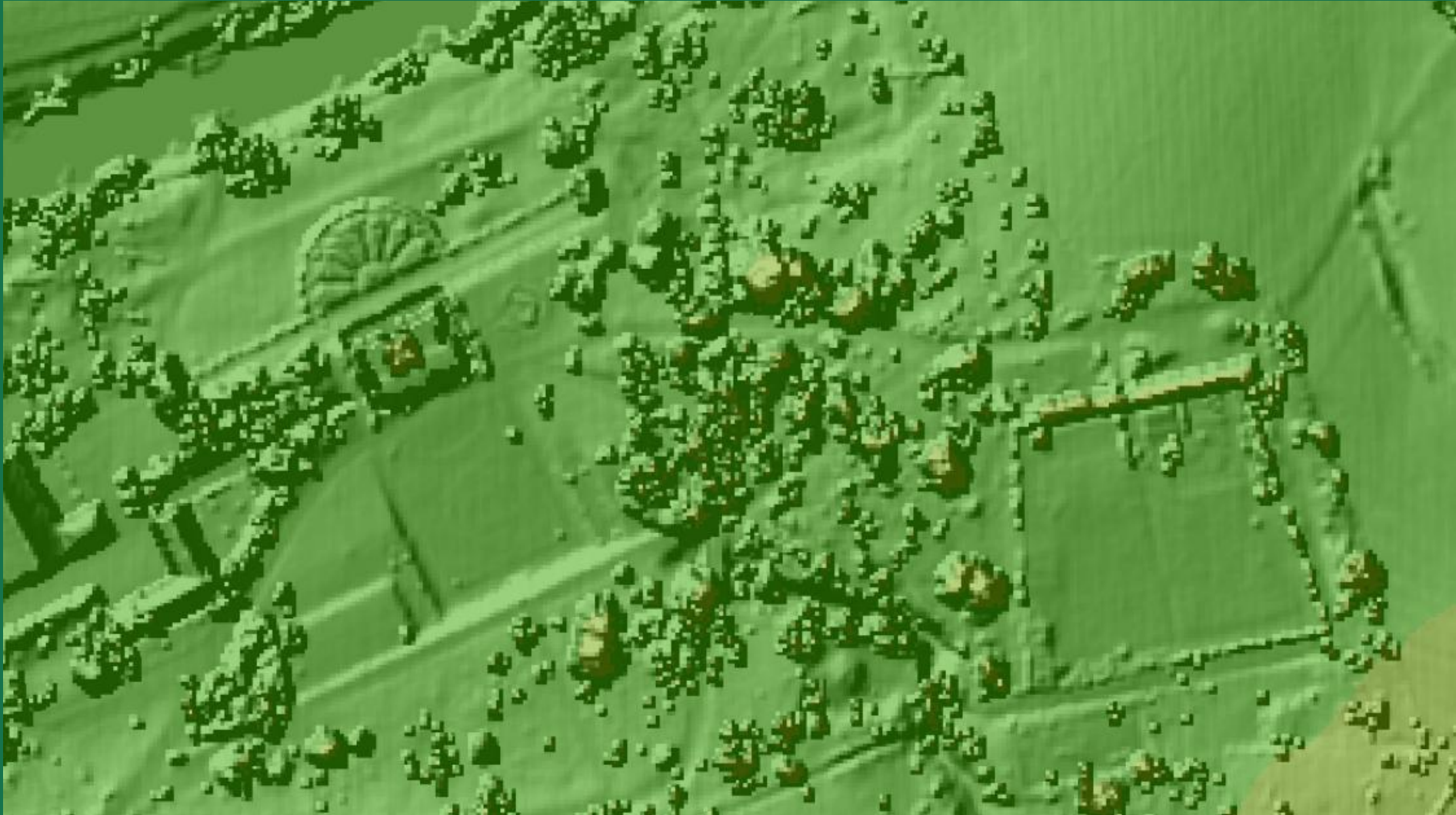


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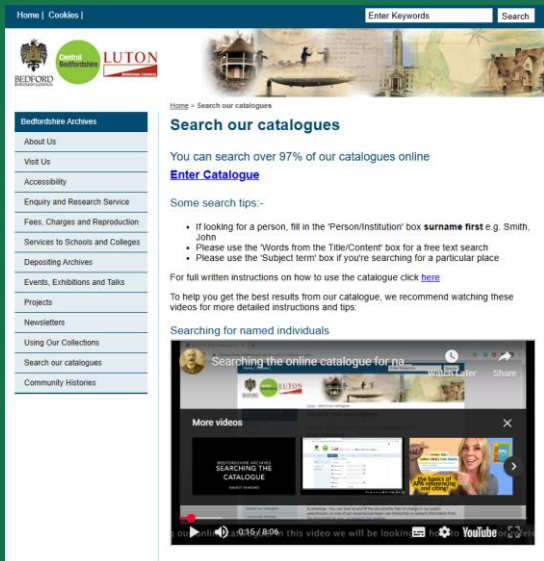
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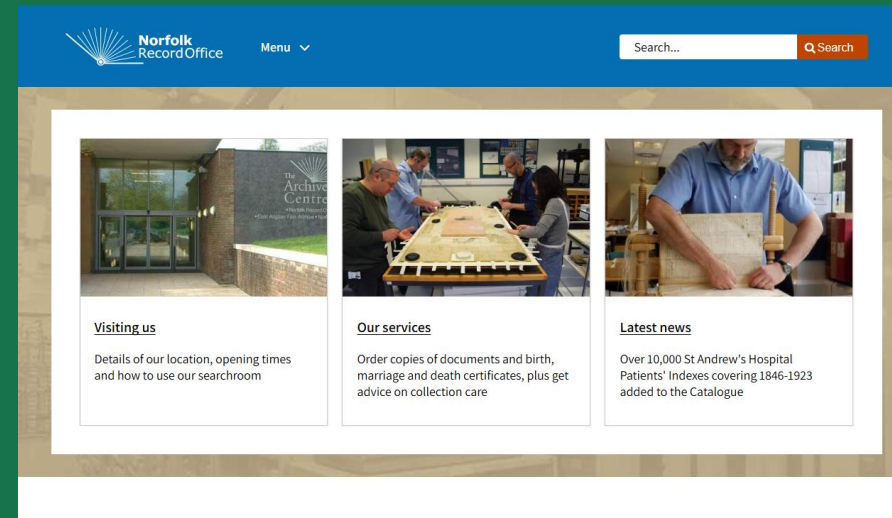
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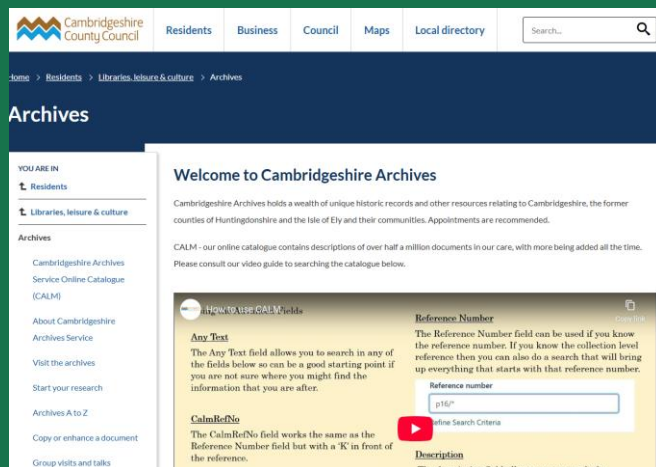
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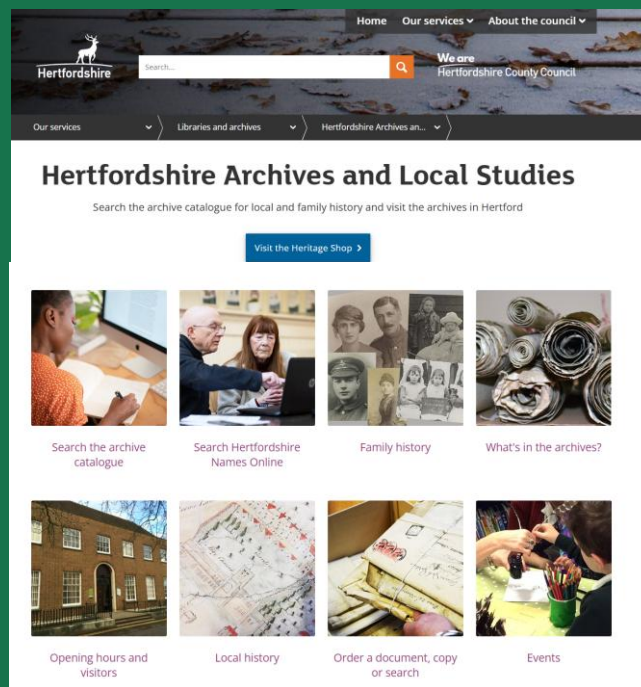
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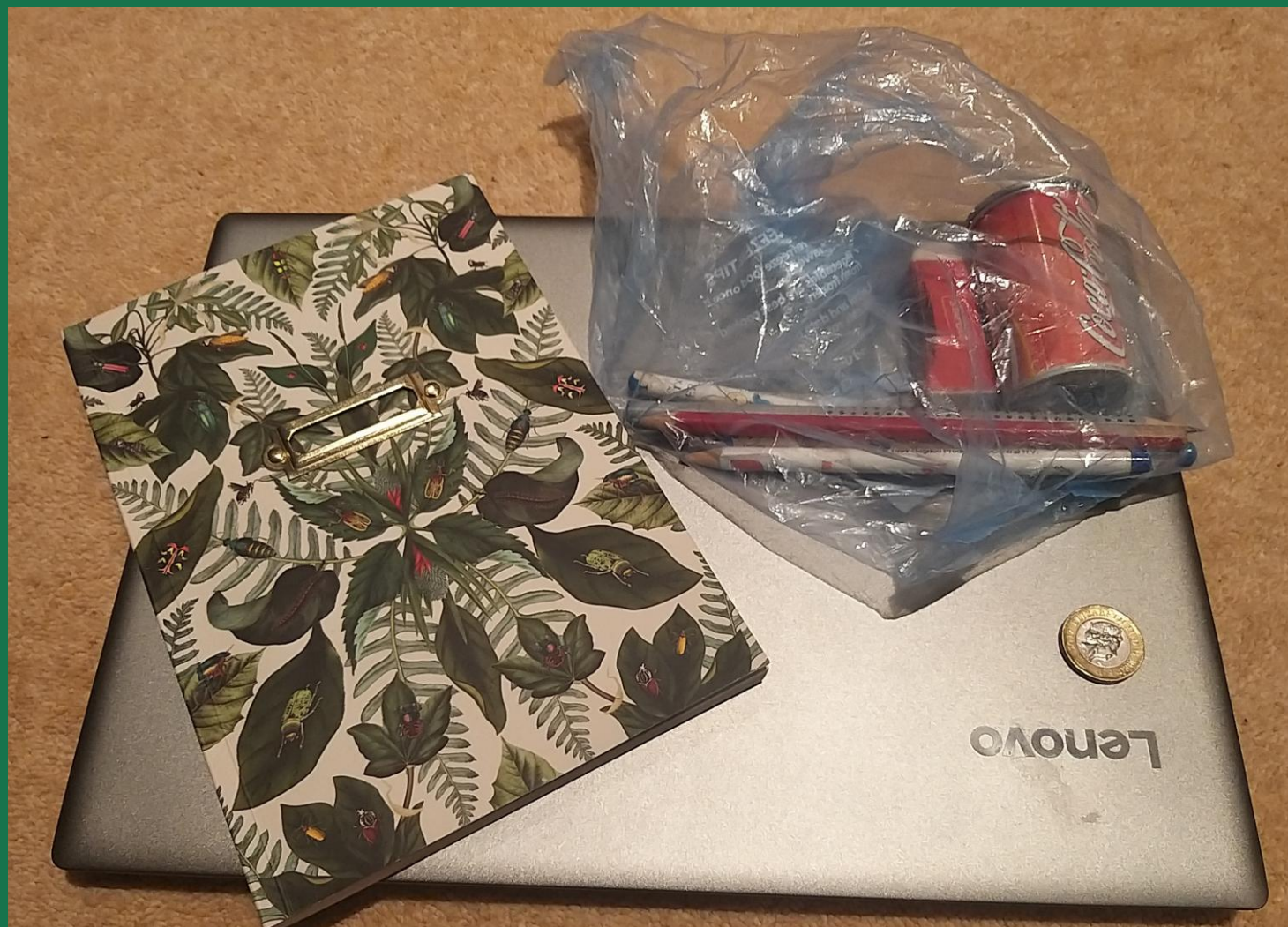


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