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Badminton Park
Dodington House
Dyrham Park (National Trust)
Stoke Park (Partly in Bristol)
Thornbury Castle
Tortworth Court
Warmley House

*Register of Parks and Gardens
of special historic interest –*

A Summary

January 2001

INTRODUCTION

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REGISTERED SITES ARE **NOT** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS ADVERTISED ELSEWHERE AS BEING SO.

The first edition of the *Register* was published in the mid-1980s, with accompanying historic site boundary maps being drawn up in the early 1990s. In 1996 the Register Upgrade Programme was begun, with the intention of producing a second edition of entirely revised and thoroughly checked texts and boundary maps. This programme is continuing, and it is hoped to complete the revision work for the whole country by late 2002. A limited amount of research has been carried out for each site, together with, where possible, a site visit and the rewriting of site descriptions and revision of boundary map. English Heritage is most grateful to all those owners who kindly allowed staff to visit their property during this exercise.

GRADES

To give added guidance on their significance sites are divided into three grade bands:

- The majority of sites (60% or so) are identified as being of a sufficiently high level of interest to merit a national designation. These are designated at grade II.
- Around 30% are of exceptional historic interest and are designated at grade II*.
- A further 10% are of international importance and are designated at grade I.

PROTECTION OF REGISTERED SITES

The *Register* is intended to draw attention to important historic parks and gardens as an essential part of the nation's heritage, and is intended to be useful to planners, developers, statutory bodies and to all those concerned to protect the heritage. Registration brings no additional statutory controls, although local authorities are required by central government to make provision for the protection of the historic environment in their policies and allocation of resources. Registration is a material consideration in planning terms (*Planning Policy Guidance Note 15*, 2.24, September 1994).

Following an application for development which affects a registered site, local planning authorities must, when determining whether or not to grant permission, take into account the historic interest of the site. To ensure that local planning authorities have the appropriate professional advice when considering such applications, they are required to consult English Heritage where applications affect grade I or II* sites, and the Garden History Society on all applications affecting registered sites, regardless of the grade.

SITE ENTRIES

It should be noted that at present, whilst the Register Upgrade Programme is ongoing, there are two types of site description in use (although each site only ever has one description; once the second edition has been issued the first edition is withdrawn).

FIRST EDITION

The first edition descriptions are generally brief and arranged in note form.

Core data covers locational and administrative details, including site name, county (or unitary authority), district, parish, national grid reference, grade.

The core data is followed by notes which are arranged largely as follows:

Type of site; area, dates and designers of key surviving elements; surviving landscape features; other interesting aspects, e.g. historic associations; main published references.

SECOND EDITION

Individual entries in the *Register* for sites which have been completed as part of the *Register* Upgrade Programme are more lengthy and detailed and are made up as follows:

CORE DATA

This covers locational and administrative details, including site name, county (or unitary authority), district, parish, national grid reference, grade, site number.

HISTORIC INTEREST

A sentence or brief paragraph encapsulating the main historic interest of the site.

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT

This provides a chronological outline of the principal developments in the history of the site. It incorporates, where appropriate, some material relating to the development of the landscape which may be expanded within the following description.

DESCRIPTION

This is an objective description of what survives of historic interest at the time of writing. It is a report on existing fabric, character and design, rather than an assessment of historic interest, but the more important features are, where possible, explained in terms of the historic development of the site. The text is intended to help a reader who has not visited the site to visualise it with the aid of the site boundary map. To assist this aim each description where possible follows the following format, describing in turn, as appropriate:

- Location, area, boundaries, landform, setting
- Entrances and approaches
- Main functional divisions of the site:
 - . Principal building
 - . Ornamental gardens and pleasure grounds
 - . Park
 - . Kitchen garden and other productive garden areas
 - . Other land included within the boundary of the site

REFERENCES

The main references are divided into type and cited as follows (where available):

- Published works and unpublished reports
- Maps
- Illustrations
- Archival items

For a small number of sites of outstanding historic interest where good descriptions are readily available elsewhere, the text aims to provide a concise summary of the historic development of the site and if its historic interest, providing key references and alternative sources. The summary format is identified at the start of these *Register* entries.

SITE BOUNDARY MAPS

The site boundary maps indicate the extent of the current historic designed landscape for each site. Based on the Ordnance Survey, most are at 1:10,000 scale, but occasionally, for very small sites, they may be at 1:2,500 scale. Some particularly large sites may have more than one map. In such cases sheets are numbered from west to east beginning with the northernmost section of the overall plan and working southwards.

English Heritage wishes to thank all those who have given help and advice in compiling the second edition of the *Register*. We are particularly grateful to all those owners and occupiers who so generously allowed access to our staff, and also to local authorities and representatives of the national and local amenity societies (in particular the Garden History Society, the National Trust and the County Gardens Trusts).

Further copies of *Register* entries are available from
The National Monuments Records Centre, NMR Services, Great Western Village,
Kemble Drive, Swindon SN2 2GZ tel: 01793 414600, fax: 01793 414606
E-mail: info@rchme.co.uk

An administrative charge for supplying *Register* entries may apply, depending upon the amount of information required.

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INFORMATION FOR NEW INTEGRA SYSTEM USERS

You have been set up to access the Integra system, also known as FIS (Financial Information System) Live and Train environments. Your logins are as shown on the e-mail to which this document is attached. Please note that, where appropriate, the second character of the live username and the fourth character of the training username is the number 1, not the letter I.

You will need to check that you have the FIS icon on your PC Program Manager. If not, you should ensure the Service Control Team (SCT) has been informed of your need to have the icon.

Any queries relating to PCS, networks etc. should be addressed to the ATOS help Desk.

When logging in, the username and password must always be entered in lowercase.

When you first log in to FIS, you will be prompted to enter a password. This must be more than 6 characters long and contain a non-alpha character in the first 8. We advise that you use a number rather than a symbol or punctuation mark as there have been problems with symbols such as _.

You will be prompted to change your password after 30 days. If you wish to change it at anytime, you can use the password change program in the Utilities option from the main Integra menu.

It is important to log out of Integra correctly, to do this press the Esc key until you get back to the Main Menu (which lists all the modules i.e. General Ledger, Purchase Ordering etc.) then press Esc once more and you will get the following message "Really Exit (Y/N)?" Type Y and press the return key. You will then get a message saying "<Your 'TELNET' connection has terminated>", you are no longer logged into Integra and can close the window.

It is a disciplinary offence to disclose your password to anyone. You should also take precautions to ensure your PC is not left unattended while logged into the Integra system. You should log out of the system if you are in meetings, on breaks or do not require access for any length of time. This is for security reasons and to ensure we do not exceed our authorised number of licences to use the system.

The system is normally available, Monday to Friday, from first thing in the morning until 20:00 hours at night. It is recommended that you log out by 19:50 to avoid having your session terminated by the start of the overnight backup procedures.

The Purchase Ledger will not be available until about 10:00 on Monday (the exact time may vary) because of the weekly payments run. Also, the first Wednesday (this may also vary) of the month, the Purchase Order and Purchase Ledger modules will be unavailable for the period end update routines. We will inform you by e-mail when access has been restored to the modules.

Occasionally, the system will be unavailable at other times due to the release of new software etc. Where possible, FDT will give plenty of advance notice.

Should you have any problems accessing the system or need clarification of these instructions please contact any member of the Financial Developments Team (FDT). We are located at Savile Row and are responsible for all matters relating to the Integra system. The FDT staff are:

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