

Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust
Walled Kitchen Garden Register

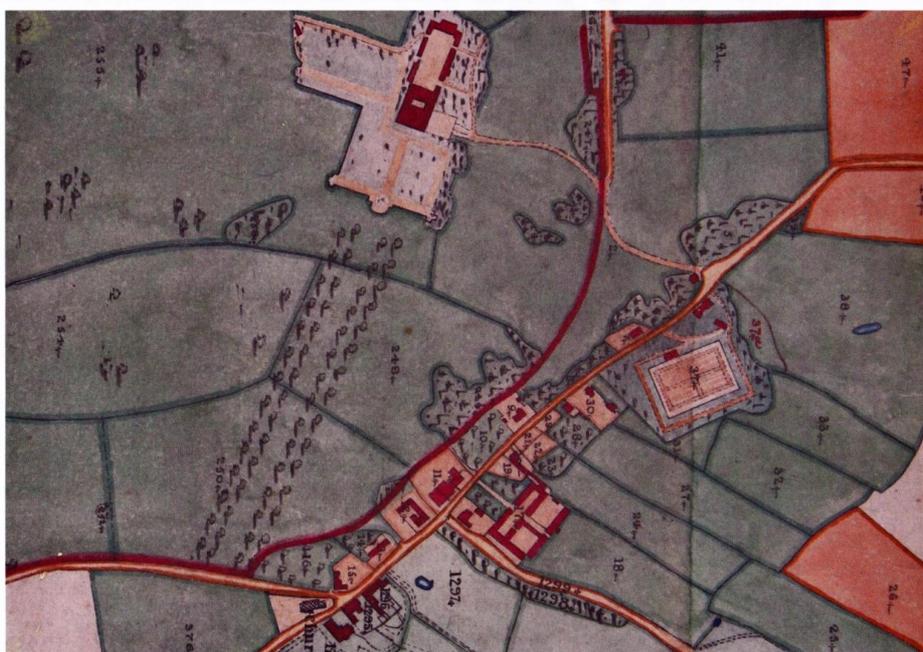
Name of House:	Beaumanor Hall Estate			
Address:	Beaumanor Drive, Woodhouse, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 8TX			
Ownership:	Private	Public	Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grid reference: SK542156	Landranger Map No: 129			
Date original WKG created:	1846-1847			
Other key dates in development:	<p>1595 The Herrick family first lived at Beaumanor.</p> <p>1842 to 1848 The present Hall, the third on the same site, was built by architect William Railton for the Herrick family.</p> <p>1846-1847 Wages Book lists payments to workmen for various tasks associated with building the walled kitchen garden.</p> <p>1846 A journal entry by Miss Nicholls about her visit to the new walled kitchen garden, describing how the green houses & hot houses had not yet been completed.</p> <p>1879 An article appeared in <i>The Gardeners Chronicle</i> describing the walled kitchen garden in great detail.</p> <p>1899 According to entries in the Gardeners Wages Book, the walled kitchen garden was still in full use by Beaumanor Estate,.</p> <p>1946 Beaumanor Estate was put up for sale and the walled kitchen garden sold as a separate lot. At the time the walled kitchen garden was leased out; this lease ended six months later.</p> <p>1947 The walled kitchen garden was purchased by Loughborough Town Council.</p> <p>1947-1950 The walled kitchen garden would appear to have been run as a Nursery. Loughborough Corporation wages book refers to wages paid to staff employed at "Beaumanor Nurseries".</p> <p>1970 All evidence of the walled kitchen garden and associated buildings is lost, except the gardener's cottage, and the land used for housing development.</p>			
Size and brief description:	The walled kitchen garden lay about half a mile south east of Beaumanor Hall on the opposite side of the public road. It covered two acres and was enclosed by a brick wall varying in height from 12 to 18 feet.			

	There were slips of land 50' wide on the South and East sides, bounded by a ha-ha which was surmounted by a holly hedge 10' high.		
Official Designations for garden (e.g. EH listing)	Designation: None	Reference:	Grade:
Survival/current use:	The walled kitchen garden no longer exists. The land has been used for a modern housing development.		
DESCRIPTION: CURRENT AND PAST			
The original kitchen garden no longer exists. The land has been used for modern housing.			
Walls, doors, gates	<p>None exist.</p> <p>Written evidence indicates that the kitchen garden was enclosed on four sides by a brick built wall. This wall is now entirely lost.</p> <p>However the same boundary is still clearly visible on Google Earth.</p>		
Glasshouses	<p>All lost.</p> <p>There is written evidence of a principal range of glasshouses, 100' long and 16' wide, 18' high at the rear and 4' at the front with three divisions.</p> <p>Written evidence records peach houses, a vinery and a late house carrying later varieties of grapes.</p> <p>Written evidence that there was also a Fig House, 40' long by 12' wide and an unheated peach house 85' long, 10' wide and 16' high.</p> <p>There were lean-to plant houses for greenhouse and stove plants, built on the back of the fruit houses. These faced due north.</p> <p>There was also a cucumber house.</p>		
Frames			
Pits	Lost. Descriptions of pine pits 90' long by 12' wide and melon & cucumber pits		
Hotwalls/furnaces			
Heating pipes/boilers etc.			
Backsheds,			

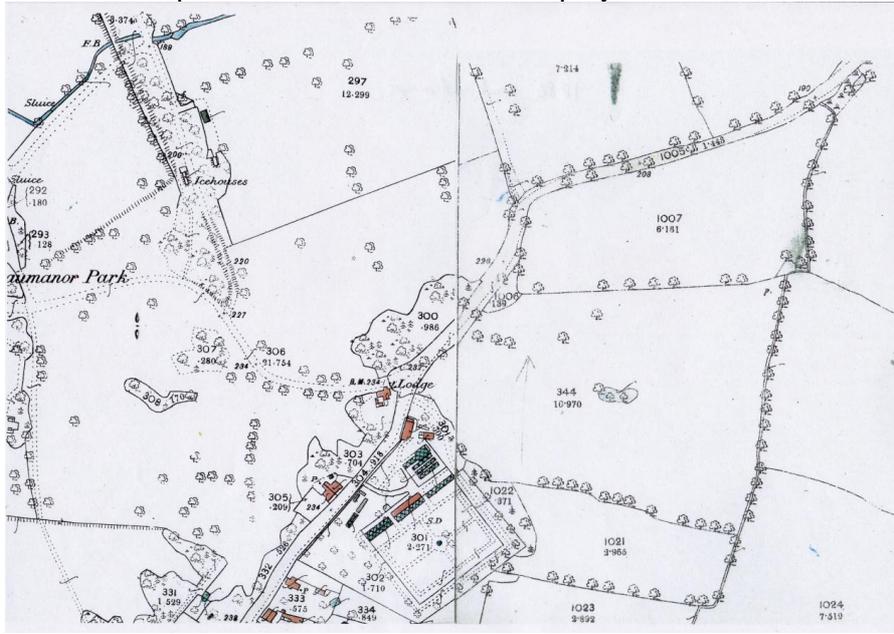
workrooms, stores	
Gardener's house, cottages, bothies	The original gardener's cottage still exists as a private residence. There was a bothy in which the foreman and journeymen gardeners lived (1911 census)
Wells, ponds, tanks, towers	Underneath the glasshouse structures, large brick and cement cisterns had been built to collect rain water for irrigating the walled kitchen garden.
Planting	Original planting is all lost. All that remains are written descriptions of vegetables and flowers grown, trained trees against the walls, using a stud system, and some pyramidal apple and pear trees. Written evidence records peaches and nectarines growing in the first division; a vinery in the second, chiefly growing Black Hamburgh; and the third division was a late house carrying later varieties of grapes. The East slip was used for growing bedding plants and for early crops of vegetables.
Other key features	Unknown
Any other information:	
References:	Leicestershire and Rutland Records Office (LRRO): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG9/Ma/362/11 - map 1621 • DG9/Ma/362/8 - map 1815 • DG9/Ma/362/9 - map 1864 • OS 25" maps XVIII.13 & XVII.16 (Woodhouse)1884 • DG9: Beaumanor Building Records 2142, c1840 re architect • DG9/2149: Account of Payment to workmen in Beaumanor Gardens, 1846-1847 • DE4449/16: Garden Wages Book Beaumanor Estate 1885-1899 • DE4449/17: Garden Wages Book Beaumanor Estate 1915-1925 • DE8328-53 1-3, Beaumanor Estate illustrated sales catalogue annotated with some sales prices, 22-24 April, 1946 (illustrations missing) • Loughborough Monitor 14th August 1947 on microfiche • DE4449/13, Wages Book, Beaumanor Nurseries 1947-1950 (Loughborough Town Council)

	<p>Also: The Gardeners' Chronicle vol 12 1 November 1879 Beaumanor Park pp. 552-554. Can be found online. OS 1" map 63 Leicester & North Leicestershire 1921 OS Landranger map 129 Nottingham & Loughborough 2009 ISBN: 978-0-319-23162-3</p>		
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Woodhouse, Beaumanor Estate map 1864 LRRO DG9/Ma/362/9



OS 25" maps XVIII.16 & XVII.16 Woodhouse 1884
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Loughborough Monitor 14th August 1947 on microfiche at LRRO

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TOWN'S BEAUMANOR DEAL

Greenhouses And Nursery Bought For £3,500

A CORNER OF THE BEAUMANOR NURSERIES, SHOWING THE OLD-WORLD THATCHED COTTAGE INCLUDED IN THE DEAL AND WHICH WILL BE THE HOME OF A FORTUNATE CORPORATION WORKMAN.

PRIVATE MEETING HALTS COUNCILLORS' HOLIDAY

LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HAVE THIS WEEK PURCHASED THE EXTENSIVE NURSERIES AT BEAUMANOR AT A COST OF £3,500.

Over five acres in extent, they are surrounded by a high wall, and include over three-quarters of an acre of glass, in which are cultivated sub-tropical fruits by the assistance of three elaborate heating systems.

Also included in the purchase price is a thatched bungalow, valued at £1,500.

THEIR decision to purchase was made at a private meeting of the Loughborough Town Council last week. Members were summoned by a notice which did not mention the business, and they were not acquainted with it until the meeting was in session.

This was in order to ensure secrecy so that the Council could purchase at what is considered a bargain price.

In taking over this additional commitment the Town Council had in mind the long term plan, and their idea is to provide the horticultural needs of an ever-growing Borough.

It is intended that the new satellite town at Thorpe Acre shall be planned with much open space, and it is not expected to build more than five houses to the acre.

There will be large parks planned as well as other open spaces.

Discussing the new purchase with Loughborough Mayor, the Mayor (Councillor W. B. Baines) said: "The new housing estate at Shelthorpe, when completed will require not less than 12,000 plants for the school, nurseries, and those of the present town and in each year when only one year old. The purchase price will be raised by loan for a period of approximately 20 years, which means that the charge on the rates will not exceed one farthing in the £, without taking into account the sale of surplus plants or produce.

The only additional labour required will be one labourer at 2s. an hour, and two land girls at 1s. 3s. an hour.

"We hope that this new service will enable the Council to beautify the town, and that when planned traffic roundabouts are constructed in such places as Bedford-square they will be flower beds instead of concrete construction.

The Estates Committee also had in mind that they are now called on to maintain All Saints, Emmanuel and Habersham churches, in addition to two cemeteries."