

Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust  
Walled Kitchen Garden Register

Name of House:	East Langton Grange			
Address:	East Langton Grange Back Lane East Langton Market Harborough LE16 7TB			
Ownership:	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Grid reference: SP	647854	Map No: Explorer map no. 223		
Date original WKG created:	The first record that we have found is a sales catalogue dated 1875 (see final illustration). This shows an extensive kitchen garden but no glasshouses.			
Other key dates in development:	<p>In 1875 the Grange was bought by John 'Paddy' Logan.          In 1886 he built Riding School Stables on the Eastern side of the walled garden site. This reduced the size of the WKG.          In 1898 the village hall was built at the southern end of the stables, bordering the SE corner of the WKG site.          By 1904 there were 3 glasshouses and 2 cold frames on what remained of the WKG site.          By 1925 a new sales catalogue tells us there were '2 Vineries, a Greenhouse, Forcing Frames, 2 Forcing Pits, Rustic Arbours and a completely fitted pigeon aviary' in the WKG.          In 1983-89 all the perimeter stables to the North and East of the garden were converted to housing. The WKG was then split up to make gardens for the surrounding houses.</p>			
Size and brief description:	<p>The WKG shown on the 1886 OS map was about 0.8 of an acre. The one shown in the sales catalogue of 1875 would have been at least twice this size.          It is situated across the road to the east of the Grange itself. The Western wall of the garden follows the road round to the southern side in a curve and meets the village hall at its Eastern end. The East and North walls belonged to stables that are now housing.          The land slopes to the South.</p>			
Official Designations for garden (e.g. EH listing)	None	Reference:	Grade:	

**DESCRIPTION: CURRENT AND PAST**

The only evidence we have of the WKG as it existed in 1875 is a sketch plan found in the sales catalogue. This shows an extensively planted garden divided into sections by paths. See later illustration.

Features: further information and current condition:

Walls, doors, gates	Most of the remaining wall is English bond brickwork capped with saddleback engineering blue bricks. The slope of the wall increases towards the Southern end of the western wall and there are 12 steps in the top of the wall. A stone plinth also appears at the bottom. The southern part of the wall is supported on the
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	<p>outside by 5 buttresses built in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century during development work.</p> <p>There is evidence of 4 doorways along the western wall, two of these are still in use, the others have been bricked in.</p>
Glasshouses	<p>There is a greenhouse listed in the 1875 sales catalogue but it is situated beside the house and not in the WKG. It is described as 25ft by 14ft, heated by a flue.</p> <p>The 1886 OS map shows this and one other glasshouse near the house but none in the WKG.</p> <p>The 1904 OS map shows 3 glasshouses at the southern end of the WKG, 2 are freestanding and one is against the South wall.</p> <p>The 1925 sales catalogue lists 2 vineries and a greenhouse in the WKG. They are shown on the plan of the estate and are situated at the southern end of the WKG. One is lean-to and the others are free-standing.</p> <p>The 1929 OS map shows only the 2 freestanding glasshouses. They do not exist now.</p>
Frames	<p>The 1925 sales catalogue lists 2 forcing frames. These are shown in the NW corner of the WKG on the estate plan.</p>
Pits	<p>The 1925 sales catalogue lists 2 forcing pits</p>
Hotwalls/furnaces	<p>Unknown</p>
Heating pipes/boilers etc.	<p>Unknown</p>
Backsheds, workrooms, stores	<p>No backsheds are shown on the maps although there were extensive stable buildings that may have included sheds used by the gardeners.</p>
Gardener's house, cottages, bothies	<p>No gardeners cottages have been identified but a number of cottages are shown on the estate map near the WKG and stable buildings.</p>
Wells, ponds, tanks, towers	<p>The 1925 sales catalogue describes an elaborate water system which provided an ample supply to the whole estate. It consisted of 2 soft water reservoirs holding 60,000 gallons connected with the whole of the roofing on the estate, and a hard water reservoir fed by Langton High dyke with a supplementary supply from the Langton Brook. The whole was connected by force pumps with soft and hard water tanks in the water tower situated across the road and slightly to the north of the WKG. A tower still standing in the grounds of the house was part of this system.</p>
Planting	<p>This is described in the 1875 sales catalogue as follows:- 'A large and productive walled in fruit and vegetable garden, sloping towards the South and well stocked with Espalier Apple Trees and Standard Plum. Apple and Pear Trees, Wall Peach, Nectarine, Apricot and Plum Trees.' We found no subsequent reference to planting.</p>
Other key features	
Any other information:	<p>We were unable to view the inside of the WKG as it is now because it is divided into individual private plots belonging to the owners of the houses that back on to it.</p>
Date site visited	<p>April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014</p>
References:	<p>OS maps 25" = 1 mile 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> editions, 1886, 1909 and 1929</p> <p>Leicestershire and Rutland Record Office:</p>

	'East Langton Grange' sales catalogue date October 1875 English Heritage: <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/national-heritage-list-for-england">www.english-heritage.org.uk/national-heritage-list-for-england</a> . East Langton Grange Estate sales catalogue 28 <sup>th</sup> July 1925		
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Outside of the Eastern wall of the WKG showing the steps in the top of the wall as it follows the slope of the lane. It also shows the gate that is currently used and another gate that has been bricked up. The wall of the garden around the house can also be seen on the other side of the lane with the water tower at the end.



The outside of the Southern wall showing the buttresses added during development work circa 1980's to provide extra support and a stone plinth that appears as the wall follows the slope of downwards. At the end of the wall is a house and the village hall built in 1898 by Paddy Logan



A section of the wall showing the English bond brickwork, alternating courses of headers and stretchers, capped with saddleback engineering blue bricks

This is a copy of the map from the East Langton Grange sales catalogue dated October 1875.

It shows the extent of the WKG before the new stable block was built in 1886. I love the way that it shows the lay out of the garden and the planting of vegetables and fruit trees. Substantial planting is also shown to the NE of the house and a large greenhouse. After 1886 the WKG included only the bottom left hand quadrant of the original garden shown here and the adjacent triangle of land as far as the road.

