

**Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust
Walled Kitchen Garden Register**

Name of House:	Noseley Hall			
Address:	Noseley, Leicestershire LE7 9EH			
Ownership:	Private ✓	Public	Institutional	Other
Grid reference: 736985	Map No: OS Explorer map 233			
Official Designations	Designation: English Heritage Listing	Reference: 1360651	Grade: II*	
Date original WKG created:	The first record that we have of the WKG is the 1743 estate plan which marks the site of the current kitchen garden. This plan “shows the ambitious landscaping scheme for the gardens which paralleled the developments in the house”. “ Earthwork evidence still visible suggests that much of this scheme was actually implemented”. (Hartley)			
<p>Other key dates in development:</p> <p>13th C Family chapel built on site</p> <p>Manor House known to have existed since 1419 when it became the seat of the Hazlerigg family (Wikipedia)</p> <p>Circa 1721-1725 a country house was built on the same site as a possible Elizabethan house (English Heritage)</p> <p>1743 estate plan shows the site of the kitchen garden. It is divided into 2 rectangles aligned East and West. The boundaries on three sides appear to be hedges while there is no detectable boundary to the South.</p> <p>By 1797 the house was unoccupied and was visited by John Nichols and John Tailby who made a detailed list of the contents room by room (Hartley)</p> <p>1st edition OS map shows a WKG comprising 2 sections aligned North and South. The northern section appears to relate to the one shown on 1743 estate plan. The Southern section is an addition and appears to be an orchard.</p> <p>1891-1893 Alterations were made to Noseley Hall</p> <p>2nd Edition 1904 OS map no orchard is shown although the boundaries remain.</p> <p>Circa 2000 the WKG was laid out with an extensive parterre with box edging.</p> <p>2012 The property changed hands.</p>				
Size and brief description:	As shown on the 1 st and 2 nd edition OS maps the WKG is 1.976 acres. This includes the outbuildings and yard to the North. It is rectangular with the SW corner cut off.			

	The present WKG is roughly a square and is an acre in size.
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Current Use: Combined kitchen and pleasure garden.

Features: further information and current condition:

Walls, doors, gates	<p>Evidence from the original brick walls suggests that the West, North and East walls and the foundation of the South wall pre-date 1784 when the brick tax was imposed.</p> <p>Some of the upper parts of the West, North and East walls have been repaired. The South wall was demolished as far as the lower courses and then rebuilt to a lower height circa 1950's to enable the occupants of a dwelling on the North wall to enjoy the view.</p> <p>The West wall has a short, lower southern extension, reason unknown.</p> <p>There are 3 wooden boarded gates set into the walls, 2 to the west, opening into sheds and one to the east opening to the outside</p> <p>The south wall has 2 modern gates: a central pedestrian gate and, to the west, a vehicular gate.</p> <p>The 1st edition maps shows the garden quartered by 2 paths. The east/west path is to the south of the current south wall and, outside the WKG it continues as far as the house.</p>
Glasshouses	<p>On 1st edition OS map there is a small greenhouse against the central east/west wall adjacent to the north/south central path. Wigston Record Office has correspondence between the owners and Messenger and Co. commissioning an extension to the original in August 1895.</p> <p>The 2nd edition OS map shows the greenhouse trebled in size (see Google Earth c. 1935) and another greenhouse in the northwest corner.</p> <p>In 2011 there was a c. 38ft by 15 ft twin partition $\frac{3}{4}$ span greenhouse still against the south wall. It is no longer extant.</p> <p>There is evidence, from the owner and from whitewash on the wall, that there was a lean-to peach house against the northern wall.</p>
Frames	<p>1st edition OS map shows 2 frames in the northwest corner and one to the rear of the glasshouse.</p> <p>On 2nd edition OS map the frame to the rear of the glasshouse is still there and there appears to be a greenhouse attached to a frame in the northwest corner.</p> <p>There is no evidence of frames today.</p>
Pits	No evidence

Hotwalls/furnaces	
Heating pipes/boilers etc.	<p>There is evidence in correspondence between the owner and Messenger and Co. that at least part of the main greenhouse was heated i.e. a boiler was replaced in the main greenhouse in April 1913 and the entire low-pressure heating system, it is said, consisted of a new No. 54 boiler, 60 yards of 4-inch and 28 yards of 2-inch pipe (Jeff Guy – notes on repairs carried out by Messenger and Co.).</p>
Backsheds, workrooms, stores	<p>On the 1st and 2nd edition OS maps there is a series of buildings along the outside of the north wall and 2 more lean-to buildings, one at either end of the outside of the west wall.</p> <p>We only have evidence about the central building on the north wall. This consisted of 2 potting sheds with a vaulted passage in between. The north/south path carries on through this passage into the yard beyond. This building has since been converted into a 2-storey dwelling.</p> <p>The brick built shed to the south of the west wall is lean-to and has a diamond shaped section of open brickwork for ventilation.</p> <p>There is an inscription on the side of the slate roof 'JAMES W GRINLING1988 NEW ROOF'.</p> <p>Both the lean-to west wall sheds have doors into the WKG as well as doors on the far side.</p> <p>There is evidence that the northern lean-to had an extension.</p> <p>On the outside of the northeast end of the north wall there is a 2-storey brick built apple store with fish-scale roof tiles and a blue brick damp course. This does not appear on the 1st or 2nd edition OS maps and it is possible that it was built early in the 20C. It retains the storage racks on both floors but today only the lower floor is used for storing pots.</p> <p>Next to the apple store is a long open lean-to shed facing north.</p>
Gardener's house, cottages, bothies	<p>We have found no evidence of how the other buildings were used. Today the 2 story building on the west of the north wall is a residence and between this and the central dwelling windows have been punched through the north wall suggesting a single storey extension of the accommodation.</p>
Wells, ponds, tanks, towers	<p>The 1st edition OS map shows a pump a short distance outside the northwest corner of the WKG.</p> <p>In addition the 2nd edition OS map shows a well between the frame and the north wall.</p> <p>Today there is a pump by the pedestrian gate on the inside wall – date unknown.</p>
Planting	<p>The 1st edition OS map shows trees in both the north and south sections of the garden. These are not shown in the 2nd edition.</p> <p>The garden is now laid out as a parterre with four H-shaped sections planted with flowers, shrubs and kitchen garden</p>

	produce. The east and west walls each have an espalier fruit tree.	
Other key features		
Any other information:		
Date site visited	19 th August and 21 st September 2015	
References:	OS Explorer map 233 1743 Estate plan 1 st Edition OS map circa 1885/6 2 nd Edition OS map 1904 Information provided by the estate manager, Lord Hazelrigg Wigston Record Office Jeff Guy N. Pevsner The Buildings of England: Leicestershire Google Earth The Sale of the contents of Noseley Hall Robert F Hartley (web) Wikipedia – Noseley Hall Historic England	
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Former South wall external greenhouse





The WKG as it is today taken from the South East corner showing the parterre and espalier fruit trees on the West wall



The 2-storey apple store taken from outside the WKG, showing the fish-scale tiles on the roof and the open barn area beside it



Interior of the upper floor of the apple store showing the well-preserved storage racks



Lean-to shed taken from the outside of the WKG, situated against the southern end of the west wall. On the near wall is the diamond shaped section of brickwork for ventilation. The wall at the far end of the shed projects beyond the South wall of the WKG as it is now