

Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust
Walled Kitchen Garden Register

Name of House:	Saddington Hall			
Address:	Main Street, Saddington, Leicestershire LE8 0QH			
Ownership:	Private !!	Public	Institutional	Other
Grid reference: SP657918		Map No: OS Explorer 223 2.5 inches to the mile Ordnance Survey Map 25 inch XLV.9 1 st edition 1886 Ordnance Survey Map 25 inch XLV.9 2 nd edition 1904 Ordnance Survey Map 25 inch XLV.9 3rd edition 1929		
Official Designations	Designation: Historic England Listing	Reference: Source ID 1188146	Grade: II House and garden wall	
Date original	Early C19 (HE)			
WKG created:	The size and composition of bricks in the original WKG suggest an early 19 th century date.			
Other key dates in development: 1674 Original house built of ironstone and dated (HE) Early C19 House remodelled; rendered over brick on an ashlar plinth (HE) c.1900 Further brick building (HE) 1922 Sold and described as a 'residence or hunting box'. (SC1922) 1948 Sold as an 'attractive old-fashioned country residence'. (SC 1948)				
Size and brief description:	The early O/S maps and sale catalogues suggest that the WKG was located to the east of the hall, beyond the coach house and stables. The estimated size of the house, pleasure garden and WKG is 1 acre, 3 roods and 31 perches. (SC 1948) Within that, the WKG was approximately a quarter of an acre. The shape of the WKG is an upside down/backward L-shape. The staggered west wall forms two sides of a courtyard outside the WKG. Both the west wall and the south end of the east wall are composed of buildings. (See pictures).			

	Today the land within the WKG steeply slopes towards the SSW.
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Current Use: Since the Second World War some stables and back sheds have been converted into dwellings and a large modern house has been constructed centrally across the former WKG providing garden spaces to north and south.	
Features: further information and current condition:	
Walls, doors, gates	The Listing description states 'a brick garden wall is attached to the house and returns along the street front' (HE). As originally shown on the 1886 O/S map this wall encircled both the hall's pleasure garden and the WKG. (HE) See photograph. Along the street front and using modern brickwork two original openings have been renewed and a third opening created for the modern house currently sited within the WKG. The coping today consists of blue saddleback bricks. Surviving parts of the wall are of hand-made, clamp fired brick in Flemish Garden Wall bond. The staggered west wall was originally largely composed of buildings – see below & photographs. (O/S 1886, 1903, 1929 & SCs 1922 & 1948) A central rectangular recess within the north wall originally housed a greenhouse. The southern part of the WKG east wall was composed of the long side wall of a building. The surviving building faces the street and is attached to the original southern WKG street wall. (See photograph) Only one original access point is clearly shown on maps. It appears on the earliest O/S map in the centre of the staggered west wall opposite a stable yard pump and a glasshouse attached to an outhouse of the hall. This would enable direct access between the hall and WKG. Mention was made in 1948 of access to the street from the stable yard at the west of the WKG. (SC). This opening no longer exists.
Glasshouses	One large greenhouse to the north of the WKG is shown on early maps including the 1922 sale catalogue. It is described as a Span Greenhouse. (SCs 1922 & 1948). Attached to the house was a Conservatory or Semi-circular Span Vinery. (SCs 1922 & 1948).
Frames	N/A
Pits	N/A
Hot walls / furnaces	N/A

Heating pipes/boilers etc.	N/A
Back sheds, workrooms, stores	The location, scale and shape of buildings composing the staggered WKG west wall suggest stables and large carriage house to the north, with back sheds to the south. (O/S maps 1886, 1903, 1929; SC 1922). Amongst out-premises, the 1922 Sale Catalogue describes stabling and large coach house; a piggery and store places. Also mentioned is a fruit room, orchard house and potting shed. In 1948 'garden shedding' is mentioned. (SC1948).
Gardener's house, cottages, bothies	No mention in Sale Catalogues.
Wells, ponds, tanks, towers	Pumps are shown on the 1886 and 1903 O/S maps: one to the south of the WKG; a second to the east of the hall (which in 1903 is shown further north); and a third towards the road in the southwest of a courtyard at the western angle of the L-shaped WKG.
Planting	The early WKG is described as 'excellent' and 'very productive'. (SC1922). In 1948 it is described as a 'good' kitchen garden. (SC. Sale catalogues (1922 & 1948) mention an orchard which may have been in the courtyard outside the southwest angle of the WKG. No original WKG planting survives.
Other key features	The earliest O/S map indicates a meandering outline diagonally across the WKG from northwest to the south wall. It may indicate what today forms steeply sloping land or a bank on the northeast. Towards the centre of this 'bank' are rectangular outlines, two very small and one large; their purpose is unclear – pits, frames, water tank or other feature?
Any other information:	None
Date site visited	26 th June 2019
References:	Historic England listing description (HE) Ordnance Survey Map 25 inch XLV.9 1st edition 1886 (OS1886) Ordnance Survey Map 25 inch XLV.9 2nd edition 1904 (OS1904) Ordnance Survey Map 25 inch XLV.9 3rd edition 1929 (OS1929) Warner Sheppard and Wade, Sale Catalogue, Saddington Hall, Wednesday 21st June 1922 (SC1922) Warner Sheppard and Wade, Sale Catalogue, Saddington Hall,

	Tuesday, 15 th June 1948 (SC1948)	
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Saddington Hall Photographs



1. 1886 Ordnance Survey Map showing Saddington Hall with WKG (text in red).
(Courtesy Leicestershire Record Office)



2. Saddington Hall street boundary wall to south, running to east from the Hall & its pleasure garden to the distant WKG.



3. Contemporary building adjoining east end of south wall of WKG at Saddington Hall (see picture 2).



4. Close-up of the east end of the original street wall of Saddington Hall WKG with billet patterned brickwork beneath coping.



5. Modern house constructed within the site of the WKG, showing the new street entrance cut into the wall of the original WKG



6. The converted stables and coach house forming the west wall of Saddington Hall WKG.