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Project Example Cardiff Castle and Bute Park



Client

The City and County of Cardiff

Our Contribution

- Landscape planning and historic landscape appraisal for the new interpretation centre
- Landscape masterplan for the Castle Green
- Access proposals to parts of the Castle requiring scheduled monument and planning consent
- Advice in support of Bute Park Parks for People HLF award
- Swiss Bridge options appraisal

With two thousand years of history, securing public access to Burges's extravaganza of neo-gothic architecture and decoration was not going to be easy. Nevertheless, it was essential that the civic heart of Wales' capital city was much more accessible, and Niall Phillips's new interpretation centre has achieved this.

Built into the twentieth century 'Roman' embankment, the new building provides access-for-all to the Victorian Castle, the original Roman Fort walls, the military museums, the neo-Roman recreation, the eighteenth century house, and the Norman Castle that, together, make up Cardiff Castle.

Working closely with client staff and project team members, we have helped the City achieve its vision of a Castle Green linked to Bute Park.



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Project Example Cirencester Park, Gloucestershire



Client

The Bathurst Estate

Our Contributions

- Landscape Conservation Statement for Cirencester Park
- Heritage, Design and Access Statement for proposed new car park
- Heritage Statement for proposed restoration of broad ride avenue

Cirencester Park is Registered grade I. It is an internationally important eighteenth century landscape, summarised by *Historic England* as an extensive wooded park, divided by avenues, planted by Allen, first Earl Bathurst, from 1714 to 1775, with the help of Alexander Pope and much influenced by Bathurst's association with Stephen Switzer.

Owing to the extent of the site, our report seeks to provide an overall picture of the landscape and its current condition, which will then lead to more detailed studies of specific areas as part of a phased series of projects to conserve key elements and landscape character.

The site survey's aim was to: inspect, record and assess key designed views and circulation routes; to review the external condition of key, surviving historic structures and to assess the condition and survival of the key design phases. The report identifies key issues/vulnerabilities for the designed landscape, but also opportunities for enhanced future conservation.



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Project Example

The Bishop's Palace Wells



Client

The Palace Trustees

Our contributions

- Historic Landscape Appraisal of the Gardens and Grounds
- Contributions towards the Conservation Management Plan and Vision for the Palace
- Development of a project cost plan towards a series of viable projects
- Successful grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund
- Detail landscape design and implementation of landscape works

Working with the Bishop, Church Commissioners, Palace Trustees, staff and other project team members, we have helped the Trustees develop a striking new vision for the palace and its grounds.

The proposals remove the barriers to this most beautiful and historic property, with its medieval buildings, fine Victorian gardens and St. Andrew's Wells which gave the city its name and identity. Informed by extensive research, the project will bring free public access into parts of the Palace grounds, and extend its welcome to a much wider audience through education, interpretation, community involvement, training, events and the arts. We helped the Trustees secure a major Heritage Lottery Funded grant and have recently completed restoration of visitor access circuits and other enhancements.

