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Project Example Cedars Park



Client

Broxbourne Borough Council

Our Contribution

- Conservation Management Plan
- Secured Heritage Lottery Fund round 1 and round 2 awards
- Green Flag Award management plan
- Signage and interpretation design
- Lead consultant
- Contract administration to completion

As well as a popular local park, Cedars Park has, until now, concealed a remarkable history as the site of Theobalds, the Royal Palace of James I, childhood home of Charles I and spectacular creation of Sir William Cecil, chief minister to Elizabeth I.

With grant aid from the Heritage Lottery Fund, we have produced Conservation Management, Audience Development and Management and Maintenance Plans for the park, half of which is a Scheduled Monument, with the aim of removing the site from English Heritage's At Risk register. Having secured planning and scheduled monument consents and a round 2 grant, we have now completed a major project revealing and interpreting the special history of a much-loved public park.



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Project Example Drake's Place, Plymouth



Client

Plymouth University

Our Contribution

- Conservation Management Plan
- Management and Maintenance Plan
- Landscape scheme design

Drake's Place Gardens and Reservoir are once again a popular public open space in central Plymouth, and one of the city's heritage assets.

Drake's Leat, built in 1592, brought fresh water seventeen miles from Dartmoor to Plymouth, and provided the city's main water supply for several centuries. In the 1800s, the reservoir was expanded and adapted to provide a public promenade and gardens, planted by the famous nurserymen, Treseder of Truro.

In 2007, after a period of neglect, Drake's Place was transferred to Plymouth University. We prepared a Conservation Management Plan to research its history, restore the gardens and reinstate public access to the reservoir promenade. This formed part of the University's application for a Parks for People Award from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery. The £1.2 million restoration project was completed in June 2014 and has converted a 'no-go' area into a welcoming hub between the University and local communities (www1.plymouth.ac.uk/drakesplace).

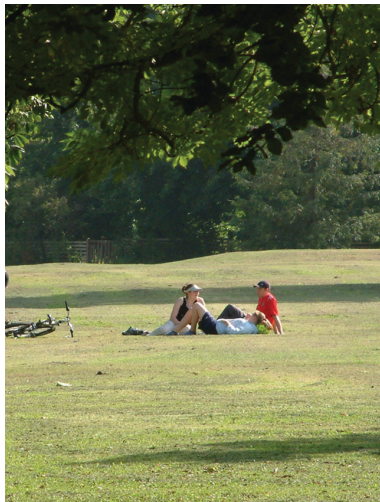


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Project Example

Lydiard Park, Swindon



Client

Swindon Borough Council

Our contributions

- Restoration and Development Plan as a national pilot for the Countryside Agency's renaissance of Country Parks
- Grant aid secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund, DEFRA, Forestry Commission, Rural Renaissance, English Heritage and others
- Lead consultant for the design development and implementation stages
- Signage and interpretation design
- Preparation of Management Plan, Training Plan, Access Plan, Veteran Tree Survey and other supporting documents
- Works completed on time, on budget. Lake restored May 2006. Walled garden opened May 2007.
- Higher Level Stewardship management plans for woodland and repair projects.

The restoration of Lydiard Park has been a long held ambition of Swindon Borough Council and the people of Swindon. With its Palladian house, medieval park, lost lake, unique castellated dam wall and fabulous walled flower garden, Lydiard is the Borough's greatest heritage park. However, restoration of the park has regenerated more than a historic landscape.

The project has attracted significant business partners including RWE npower, BMW, MAN ERF and Intel. Business and community volunteers have generated over two thousand days of active involvement. And the park now boasts a great new play area and several miles of parkland walks and avenues. We are proud that, with our project team specialists, we have helped to restore the beauty, life and reputation of this exemplary park.



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Project Example Stoke Park, Gloucestershire



Client

Bristol City Council

Our Contribution

- Conservation Management Plan

Stoke Park is a grade II registered historic park, most of which has been owned by Bristol City Council since 2012, and is currently on Historic England's *Heritage at Risk Register*. It remains, however, a striking and dramatic landscape with panoramic views celebrated by visitors, writers and artists since the 1700s.

The park is a nationally important, well-documented and rare surviving example of a mid-eighteenth century landscape and house designed by Thomas Wright, *the Wizard of Durham*. It is also a highly valued public open space in north Bristol, appreciated as a place for quiet recreation, and the home of *Purdown Percy*, a scheduled second world war anti aircraft battery.

Our Conservation Management Plan sets out the history, significance and condition of Stoke Park, and advises on its future management and the conservation measures needed to remove the park from the at risk register, and to improve the welcome for visitors and the local communities.



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Project Example Penllergare Valley Woods



Client

The Penllergare Trust

Our Contribution

- Conservation Management Plan
- Secured Heritage Lottery Fund round 1 and round 2 awards
- Lead consultant, works completed on budget.

Penllergare Valley Woods are the remains of an extensive Victorian landscape, laid out by one of the pioneers of photography, John Dilwyn Llewelyn. Despite decades of neglect during the twentieth century, and demolition of the old mansion, Penllergare remained in the hearts of the local community.

The Penllergare Trust has now taken on the responsibility of restoring this great landscape as a public open space on the edge of Swansea. We prepared a Conservation Management Plan for Penllergare, assisted with a successful Parks for People Heritage Lottery Fund application, and were the Trust's lead consultant for implementation of restoration project, which included a new car park, kiosk, desilting of the Upper Lake, installation of an Archimedes screw microhydropower turbine, and restoration of the picturesque landscape by a growing and committed band of volunteers.

