

## KITCHEN GARDEN: BOUNDARIES

### KG 1



#### Description:

- Southern boundary western section: brick wall with stone coping, re-built in-situ in the late 1990s with new bricks and original copings to match extant Victorian detail.
- Western wall: brick with stone coping, majority re-pointed in the late 1990s, section above vehicular gate re-built
- Northern wall: back wall common to both the glasshouses and the support buildings ('back-sheds'), majority re-pointed. Upper 20% re-built with new bricks and original copings in early 2000s.
- Eastern boundary and southern boundary eastern section: Victorian Yew (*Taxus baccata*) hedge, probably planted by 1875 (Ordnance Survey map), returned to conventional dimensions by remedial pruning in the late 1990s.

**Significance:**

- The walled garden is the remaining central feature of the Grappenhall Heys estate. Unusually it contains kitchen garden and pleasure grounds within one walled area. Considered to be of strong regional and local significance.

**Issues:**

- None, boundaries recently repaired/rebuilt with original/authentic materials; endowment covers cost of maintenance.

**Policies:**

- To develop the garden as an education and community resource
- To develop the garden as a community resource to facilitate the integration of 'old' and 'new' Grappenhall
- To develop the relationship with the Friends of Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden Group, and to support the Friends Group where necessary

## KITCHEN GARDEN: GATES AND FENCING

KG 2



### Description:

- Southern wall: one pedestrian, braced, oak gate with metal fittings, copied from extant Victorian detail in-situ, constructed in the late 1990s.
- Western wall: one pedestrian and one vehicular, braced, oak gates, both with metal fittings, as above.
- Northern wall: two pedestrian, braced, oak gates with metal fittings, as above.
- Eastern boundary: galvanised metal railing based on extant Victorian detail on the estate. Two metal and timber gates constructed in the early 2000s, one single, one double, both of contemporary design.

**Significance:**

- External boundaries have restored timber doors; considered to be of strong local significance. Internal boundary has modern metal fencing; considered to be of low local significance.

**Issues:**

- Minor; modern metal fencing redundant with current supervised opening, could be removed if proves to be compatible with evolving uses. Endowment covers cost of maintenance

**Policies:**

- To develop the garden as an education and community resource



## KITCHEN GARDEN: FOOTPATHS

KG3



### Description:

- OS maps of 1875 and 1899 the Kitchen Garden in its current location and roughly square, but show no internal divisions.
- The productive area was divided into quadrants by four cruciform paths in the refurbishment of the early 2000s. The gravel and tile edging detail are based on the materials extant in this part of the Garden.
- The path to the north of the quadrants runs along the front of glasshouses and is brick paver, (Furness Brick Weathered Red 205), laid to a herringbone pattern in the early 2000s.
- The path to the east of the quadrants is resin-bound golden gravel which replaced the unbound gravel to provide improved wheelchair/buggy access in 2005.
- The path to the south of the quadrants is golden gravel, as per the cruciform path.
- The brick path contains inset cast iron drainage grills, copied in the early 2000s from extant ones on site. Originals remain in the glasshouses.

**Significance:**

- All footpaths within the Kitchen Garden have been recently rebuilt with sympathetic but not original materials, some in approximately historic locations. There is a through route which is suitable for wheel-chairs/buggies. Considered to be of medium local significance.

**Issues:**

- None; endowment covers cost of maintenance

**Policies:**

- To develop the garden as an education and community resource

## KITCHEN GARDEN: PRODUCTIVE AREAS

### KG 4



#### Description:

- Quadrants: four large beds bisected by a cruciform footpath constructed in the early 2000s as described above.
- South west quadrant dedicated to soft fruit, other quadrants to crops of traditional varieties of vegetables and cut flowers, sown annually.
- West of quadrants: traditional varieties of Pear, trained as espaliers on the western wall, based on the extant Victorian detail in-situ and re-planted in the late 1990s.
- North, south and east of quadrants: traditional varieties of Apple, Plum and other top fruit, planted in grass in the late 1990s.

**Significance:**

- One of the two principal reasons for the creation of a garden by the Parrs, produce and amenity. The productive garden was maintained as allotments during the period of dereliction by local people who have now become the Friends Group. Considered to be of strong local significance.

**Issues:**

- Financial - endowment does not cover cost of retaining a vegetable and soft fruit producing area; volunteers therefore essential for this part of the kitchen garden
- Manpower - productive gardens are labour-intensive and a team of volunteers is required to assist the gardener in achieving a planted and maintained area

**Policies:**

- To develop the garden as an education and community facility
- Education - to develop interpretation which explains the historical use of the garden and how this differs from today, and the value of fresh fruit and vegetables
- To develop the garden as a community resource and facilitate the integration of 'old' and 'new' Grappenhall
- To develop the relationship with the Friends of Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden Group, and support them where appropriate



**KITCHEN GARDEN: OUTER  
ORNAMENTAL BORDERS**

**KG5**



**Description:**

- Borders of herbaceous perennials form the outer planting of the Kitchen Garden on 3 of its 4 sides. This arrangement is based on an historical photograph of the Garden when owned by the Parrs, showing the footpath in front of the glasshouses and the productive area surrounded by an ornamental border. Some of this appeared to be bedding plants, and herbaceous perennials were chosen as a more sustainable, lower maintenance approach
- Northern border in front of glasshouses: mixed herbaceous perennials suitable for sunny border, planted in 2002-5
- Southern border in front of Yew hedge: mixed herbaceous perennials suitable for shade and heavier soil, planted in 2002-5
- Eastern border in front of Yew hedge: mixed herbaceous perennials suitable for sun and narrow border, planted in 2002-5.

**Significance:**

- Old photograph shows flower borders around the edge of the kitchen garden. Recently re-designed and planted with sympathetic species in approximately historic locations. Considered to be of medium local significance.

**Issues:**

- None; endowment covers cost of maintenance, and maintenance is also assisted by volunteers

**Policies:**

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- To develop the relationship with the Friends of Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden Group, and support them where appropriate