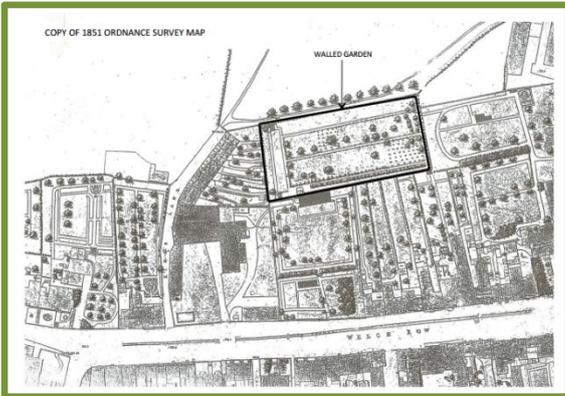




# Nantwich Walled Garden Society



Most Nantwich residents don't know that there is a historic "secret garden" close to the town centre, within the Welsh Row Conservation Area. The ½ acre garden is surrounded by a 16th Century wall, listed Grade II by English Heritage.

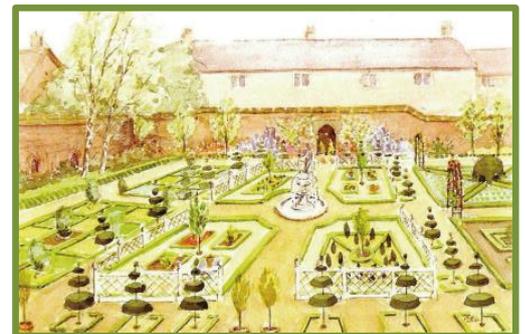
The garden can't be visited at present, as it's overgrown and



neglected, owned by a developer (anyone entering the garden would be trespassing), and a safety hazard as the walls are fragile in places and there's at least one old well within the site hidden by undergrowth.

The garden was part of the site of Townsend House, which, along with the walls, was built in the 1580s by the Wilbraham family. Once the family moved out, the house gradually fell into disrepair, and the site had many uses. The walled garden is currently owned by property developers, but so far no building has started.

The **Nantwich Walled Garden Society (NWGS)** is a group of volunteers who care about Nantwich's heritage, but are also excited about the opportunities restoration of the garden could provide to the town. We aim to save the garden from development and restore it as a tribute to John Gerard (born in Nantwich in 1545), the celebrated herbalist and author of *The Herball or Generall Historie of Plantes*, which was the authoritative book on the subject for 200-300 years.



**Would you like to get involved?** Please support us in our campaign by completing the form below and sending it to Mr P. Harrington, 12 Fairfax Drive, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5UL, along with a cheque payable to the Nantwich Walled Garden Society for £10 (family membership).

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