



Nantwich Walled Garden Society

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Welcome to Issue No. 4 of the *Nantwich Walled Garden Society Newsletter*. If you missed previous Issues, they're on the Society's web site here <http://nantwichwalledgarden.org.uk/newsletters/>.

Planning Application

In the Winter 2015/16 edition of this Newsletter, it was reported that a planning application had been submitted to Cheshire East by 4 Real Developments Ltd, the site owners, for repair of the Grade II listed walls and creation of vehicular and pedestrian access, the vehicular access involving destruction of part of the listed north wall. It appears that no decision concerning the application has been made yet by Cheshire East. Details are here

<http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=15%2F5353N>.

Parks and Gardens UK Database Entry

We are pleased to report that in April 2016 Parks and Gardens UK added a record in their database for Nantwich Walled Garden. Parks and Gardens UK (<http://www.parksandgardens.org/>) is "the leading on-line resource for historic parks and gardens, providing freely accessible, accurate and inspiring information on UK parks, gardens and designed landscapes and all activities concerned with their promotion, conservation and management". Information included about Nantwich Walled Garden is here

<http://www.parksandgardens.org/places-and-people/site/9558/description>.

New Display at Nantwich Museum

Earlier this year we refreshed and updated the display about Nantwich Walled Garden in Nantwich Museum, <http://nantwichmuseum.org.uk/>.

A new poster (right) is located in the Museum entrance hall, along with the folder originally developed by Beth Bartlett which contains background information about the Garden and its history. If you're at the Museum between 21 July and 17 September visit the *Nantwich Besieged* exhibition: have a look at the Battle of Nantwich model, and see if you can spot Townsend House, the grounds of which included the Walled Garden.

Forthcoming Events

Summer Barbecue

Following on from the successful and enjoyable fund-raising dinner held in December 2015, we are delighted to announce that the NWGS is organising a summer barbecue for NWGS members and friends at Nantwich Bookshop on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 6.30pm for 7pm, price £17.50 per person. For more information or to book a place, please contact Diana Hall (phone 01270 623530 / 07831 401112 or email dianamariehall@gmail.com).

Societies Spectacular

The Nantwich Walled Garden Society will have a stall at the town's Societies Spectacular event, organised by Nantwich Town Council (http://www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/?page_id=2138) in Nantwich Town



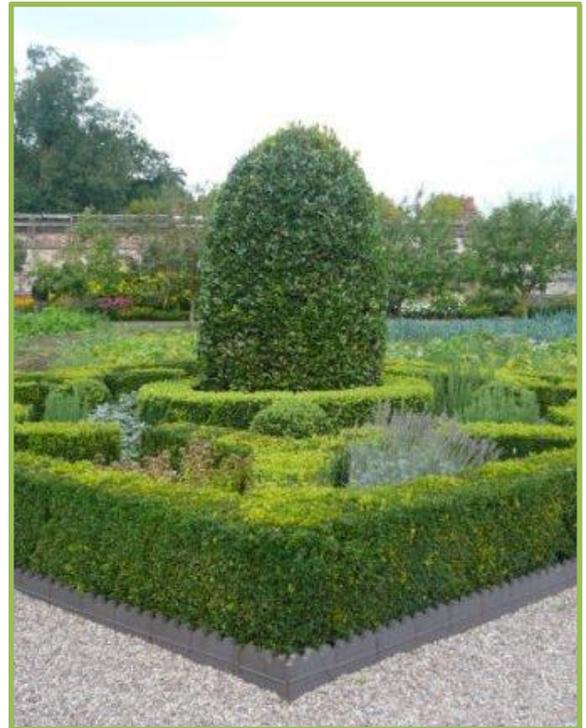
Square on Saturday 16 July 2016. Please visit us at the stall to chat with NWGS Committee members and learn more about the Garden and the NWGS.

Cheshire's Walled Gardens

Here in Nantwich we are trying to save our sadly neglected walled garden from the developers and make it into an asset for our town; in other parts of Cheshire there are some beautiful walled gardens, some of which have been nurtured for generations as part of large estates, others which have more recently been rescued and restored by local enthusiasts. Some of our most famous stately homes, such as Tatton Park, Arley Hall and Rode Hall have walled gardens; less well-known perhaps are the gardens at Abbeywood, Burton Manor and Hare Hill. There are also walled gardens at Combermere Abbey, Norton Priory and Walton Lea. Some have unique features – the world's only known fruit tree maze at Combermere Abbey, for example, or the National Collection of Quinces at Norton Priory.

Of particular relevance to us here in Nantwich is the garden at Grappenhall Heys (<http://www.ghwalledgarden.org.uk/>), south Warrington; it too was under threat of development, being included in an area designated for housing, and was only saved after a determined campaign by a group of concerned local people, with the support of their parish council and English Partnerships, funded largely by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is now a beautiful garden and a significant community resource; we hope that our walled garden here in Nantwich can be restored in the same way. This is the year of the English Garden – do go and visit some of Cheshire's walled gardens if you get the chance, and see what we could do here in Nantwich!

Note: remember opening times vary – don't forget to check websites or tourist information.



*View of Grappenhall Heys walled garden.
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Would you like to get involved? If so, please send an email to our Secretary, follow us on Twitter or Facebook, and visit our web site. We welcome input from all members of our community to help us secure the future of this important historic site in our town.

Further Information

Join the Nantwich Walled Garden Society: email secretary.nwgs@gmail.com or complete the form here <http://nantwichwalledgarden.org.uk/join-the-nwgs/>. Annual subscription: £10 (family membership).

Visit: Nantwich Museum, Pillory Street, Nantwich.

Visit our website: <http://nantwichwalledgarden.org.uk/>



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