



DOMINIC GASCOIGNE
GARDEN DESIGN

FOX HOUSE BOWLING BANK WREXHAM LL13 9RP

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NOTES TO ACCOMPANY ERBISTOCK HALL GARDEN SURVEY PLAN

TO CORRESPOND WITH THE NUMBERED LEGEND:

1. THE VIEW FROM THE HOUSE MAKE THE TWO MISSING TOPIARY SCULPTURES OBVIOUS
2. THIS SECTION OF THE HEDGING IS QUITE POOR AND SEVERAL DEAD YEW PLANTS NEED REMOVAL WITH THE OLD STUMPS NEEDING TO BE DUG OUT
3. SEE No.2
4. THIS IS AN ANCIENT MULBERRY TREE (MORUS ALBA) AND IS OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED OR PRUNED
5. THE ORIGINAL BOX HEDGING THROUGHOUT THIS AREA OF THE GARDEN AND IS BEING WELL MAINTAINED. SOME NEW BOX PLANTING TO FILL THE GAPS WOULD BE PRUDENT
6. THIS MANHOLE IS PART OF THE ORIGINAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF THE HOUSE AND GARDEN AND DOES NOT WANT TO BE DISTURBED
7. A MATURE AND WELL PROPORTIONED FRUIT TREE AND IS WELL POSITIONED IN THIS AREA OF THE GARDEN
8. MORE BOX HEDGING LEADING TO THE FIELD GATE FORMING PART OF THE ORIGINAL GARDEN LAYOUT
9. 3x SILVER PEARS (PYRUS SALICIFOLIA PENDULA). A FURTHER TREE IS MISSING. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT IN THE ORIGINAL PLANTING THAT A BOX HEDGE RAN ALONG THE TOP OF THE BANK BELOW THE SILVER PEARS. REINSTATEMENT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL
10. AN ORIGINAL YEW TOPIARY SENTINAL
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12. THE STUMPS OF MISSING TOPIARY SENTINALS. THIS IS ONE OF TWO THAT HAVE PERISHED AND COULD BE REPLACED TO BRING THE GARDEN BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE
13. MATURE LIME TREE FORMING PART OF THE GARDENS STRUCTURE
14. MATURE APPLE BUT IT IS A VERY POOR SPECIMEN
- 14A ORIGINAL YEW AND BOX HEDGING. ALTHOUGH THE BOX HEDGING HAS BEEN KEPT TO ITS ORIGINAL SIZE AND SHAPE, THE YEW HEDGING HAS GROWN AND NEEDS CONSIDERABLE PRUNING AND TRIMMING TO REGAIN THE ORIGINAL DIMENSIONS. THERE IS MUCH DIE BACK THAT NEEDS ATTENTION TO REFORM THE PATHS BETWEEN THE YEW HEDGES
15. A LARGE MULTISTEMMED DAMSON THAT SEEMS TO BE A 'BLOW IN' FROM THE NATIVE FIELD HEDGEROWS



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16. ONE OF THE ORIGINAL PEAR TREES IN THE ORCHARD THAT IS WORTHY OF MAINTAINING

- 17. AN IVY INFESTED NATIVE CHERRY TREE (PRUNUS AVIUM) THAT DOES NOT WARRANT KEEPING
- 18. NATIVE CHERRY TREES (PRUNUS AVIUM). PROBABLY A LATER ADDITION TO THE OLD ORCHARD
- 19. A JAPANESE FLOWERING CHERRY (CULTIVAR UNKNOWN) PROBABLY A LATER ADDITION TO THE OLD ORCHARD
- 20. A MULTISTEMMED TREE. MOST PROBABLY A 'BLOW IN' AND UPSETS THE SYMMETRY OF THE ORIGINAL GARDEN LAYOUT
- 21. AN ORNAMENTAL CHERRY TREE AND THE START OF THE HAZELNUT WALK. THIS IS PART OF THE ORIGINAL GARDEN LAYOUT AND WITH GOOD COPPICING CAN BE RETURNED TO ITS FULL PRODUCTIVITY
- 22. AN ORIGINAL BOUNDARY HEDGE WITH A FINE SPECIMEN NATIVE OAK (QUERCUS ROBUR) IN THE HEDGEROW IN THE BACKGROUND
- 23. AN OUTGROWN BEECH HEDGE AROUND THE SITE OF AN OLD TENNIS COURT
- 24. A CHERRY TREE WITH ROT IN THE STEM THAT IS IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL ORCHARD
- 25. POORLY SHAPED FRUIT TREES THAT REQUIRE ATTENTION TO BRING THEM BACK TO BETTER SPECIMENS
- 26. SEE No.14A
- 27. THE ORIGINAL YEW HEDGE AT THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE GARDEN. NOW TALL TREES. ALL ARE IN GOOD HEALTH
- 28. THE HAZELNUT WALK IS AN ORIGINAL ELEMENT OF THE GARDEN. WITH GOOD MANAGEMENT AND COPPICING THE WALK COULD RETURN TO BE A PRODUCTIVE PART OF THE ORCHARD
- 29. ORIGINAL TOPIARY SENTINALS AND HEDGING. THE SENTINALS COULD BE CUT BACK TO EMPHASIS AND OPEN UP THE VISTA FROM THE HOUSE
- 30. ORIGINAL NATIVE BOUNDARY HEDGE KEPT IN GOOD ORDER. A DEAD TREE AT THE END OF THE HEDGE REQUIRES REMOVAL
- 31. THE ORIGINAL ACCESS INTO THE GARDEN AND THE PROBABLY SUNDAY WALK TO THE CHURCH IN ERBISTOCK
- 32. MULTISTEMMED TREE
- 33. A COLLECTION OF FRUIT TREES NEAR THE BOUNDARY HEDGE. THEY NEED SOME PRUNING TO BRING THEM BACK IN ORDER



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GENERAL NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS:

1. WITH JUDICIAL PRUNING AND PLANTING THE ORIGINAL AND EXISTING VISTAS CAN BE REPLACED QUITE EASILY
2. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ORIGINAL ORCHARD TREES HAVE SUCCUMBED TO OLD AGE OR DISEASE
3. SEVERAL OF THE REMAINING TREES IN THE OLD ORCHARD NEED TO BE REMOVED DUE TO POOR SHAPE, DISEASE AND ROT.
4. A NEWLY PLANTED ORCHARD WITH TRADITIONAL VARIETIES COULD BE EMPLOYED TO REINSTATE THIS SECTION OF THE OLD GARDEN
5. THERE ARE MANY 'WIND BLOW' TREES AND SHRUBS THAT SHOULD BE REMOVED TO MAINTAIN THE INTERGRITY OF THE GARDEN
6. THE SLOPING NATURE OF THE GARDEN HAS INFLUENCED THE ORIGINAL LAYOUT WITH SLOPING LAWNS AND BANKS PREVALENT IN THE GARDEN. INTRODUCING A LEVEL AREA FOR A SWIMMING POOL WOULD CAUSE MANY ISSUES TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GARDEN

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