

THE QUEEN'S MEMORIAL GARDENS, SEDBERGH

PART II:

ANALYSIS & UNDERSTANDING

LANDSCAPE & STRUCTURES: GAZETTEER OF STATUS, DEVELOPMENT & CHARACTER, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

This Section comprises analysis of the surviving fabric and current condition of the Queen's Gardens, Sedbergh. The historic character and surviving / current features of the landscape and structures have been analysed during walk-over and photographic surveys, carried out by Hilary Taylor and Peter Vickers on:

- 2nd July 2013 - Initial visit made prior to report being commissioned in Autumn 2016;
- 21st October 2016;
- 13th November 2016;
- 30th November 2016;
- 7th March 2017.

In addition, a detailed GIS topographical survey of the Gardens was commissioned by Sedbergh Parish Council and undertaken by Christians Measured Solutions¹. Hilary Taylor and Peter Vickers had meetings with the surveyors from Christians at the Gardens on the 21st October and the 13th November.

An indication of 'Significances' for each feature in the Gardens is given. Our assessment of the Significances is a personal one, informed by our study of the history and development of the Gardens and our grasp of the wider context. It may be that, in the future, new research will alter the understanding of the Significances - but any changes should be well-argued. As advised by Historic England, the various levels of significance provide an extremely useful tool to help establish priorities for future conservation, restoration, management and interpretation. We have outlined, below, what each level of significance can be taken to mean.

¹ Christians Measured Solutions is a land, building and engineering survey practice with offices at Tebay, Nr. Penrith, Cumbria and Blackburn in Lancashire.

Level of Significances

Exceptional – ranked as 1

Important at national to international levels, and normally, but not exclusively, reflected in the statutory designations of Scheduled Monuments, Grade I and II* Listed Buildings, Registered Parks and Gardens and equivalent nationally graded sites including those of ecological and nature conservation value.

Considerable – ranked as 2

Important at regional level or sometimes higher, for example Grade II Listed Buildings or Registered Park or Garden.

Some – ranked as 3

Of local to regional significance, often for group value, and including examples of vernacular buildings or features.

Little – ranked as 4

Of little heritage, cultural, ecological or other value.

Negative or Intrusive Features – ranked as 5

Features which actually detracts from the value of a site and which undermine any potential for enhanced significance.