



GORDON SQUARE GARDENS

- 1. The Boundary**
Chain link mesh fence and gates are set behind a low brick retaining wall. The overgrown shrub border obscures views into and out of the gardens. Mature Plane trees line all four sides.
- 2. The Eastern Path**
A remnant of the original formal garden layout with a Lime tree colonnade and a drystone wall supporting the shrub border.
- 3. The Central Lawns**
Well maintained lawns with occasional trees and numerous rose beds.
- 4. The Wild Area**
Undulating ground with more natural planting style and drifts of flowering spring bulbs.

5. The Raised Rose Garden

Circa 1970 built garden is out of keeping with the design of the square and the stone paving is in poor condition. Heavy shade reduces flowering of the roses.

6. The Gardener's Building

Late Victorian brick building with gabled pitched roof and attractive detailing has been poorly extended on the more visible western side.

WOBURN SQUARE GARDENS

7. The Boundary

Chain link mesh fences have also been erected around Woburn Square, behind the brick retaining wall. Mature Plane trees and a 3m wide border of tall shrubs enclose the space.

8. The Lawns

As the lawns are heavily shaded by the Plane trees and shrubs, grass quality is poor.

9. The Play Equipment

A timber climbing frame is set within a raised timber edging and woodchip surfacing. All are in poor condition.

10. The Shrub Beds

Originally these beds were the formal planting display for visitors to view at the central entrance of the long garden. Now they contain overgrown shrubs.

11. The Summerhouse

Late Victorian timber structure with built in seating is an attractive feature of the gardens. A shed and enclosed yard are attached at the rear, northern side.



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