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Asset: Linton Gardens

Date : 1899

Architect: N/A

Type: Ex-subscription gardens

Original use: Social/communal/leisure



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Sussex Gardens Trust

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Statement of Significance

Private subscription gardens, built in 1899 as the centrepiece to Cornwallis estate and later, in 1937, purchased by Hastings Corporation and opened as public gardens. The gardens, roughly oblong shaped and narrowing at its northernmost point occupies 2.4 ha within a narrow, steep-sided natural valley oriented north-south. The gardens comprise open lawns and varied collection of trees overlooked by the residential properties on the higher ground which form the setting for the gardens. The landform made up of terraced lawns on the west side and grass bank on east side of the main path, provided the site of the two auditoria for the open-air theatre (in use from the late 1940s into the 1950s) and is unaltered from that period. The original landform and landscape have remained in recognisable form, whilst the active public use of the gardens has continued.