

Parks and Gardens

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Alexandra Park	See Stamshaw Recreation Ground	
Arundel Gardens		
Baffins		
1911	Proposed swimming pond 250feet long 130feet wide	95
1920	Recommended that work commence using unemployed	95
1921	Recommended not to proceed	95
Baffins		
8 May 1912	New park opened	89
Bransbury Park		
1911	Proposed to purchase 24A from executors of the late J Goldsmith along with land at Milton for £28,000	95
1911	Remains of Bransbury Farm and old creek converted into park Used as allotments during Second World War	89
1912	Land at Eastney purchased for £8,550	95
1915	Bowling Green to be constructed	95
1923	To be laid out as part of unemployment scheme	95
1931	Dressing rooms built by R.J Winnicott, £1556 10s	95
1961	New pavilion to be erected	9
2014		
Britannia Gardens		
18 Jul 1984	In Britannia Road, opened by Councillor T.R.Gregory	
2007		
Brunswick Gardens		
	Hyde Park Road, St Pauls Square, King Street, Commercial Road	
1833	Sold by Government	51,59
	Melbourne Street, Landsdowne Street, St Vincent Street, Colpoy Street, Wiltshire Street, Sackville Street and Park Street laid out on site	?
Clarence Gardens		
	North End	
1863	Opened by Mr Brown, attached to Clarence Tavern	?
	Contained boating lake, fountains, statues, bowling greens - usable by 10,000 people	?
1865	North End Pleasure Gardens, William Brown	75
1867	Closed by 1867	9
	Built on	9
Clarendon Gardens		
1895	400,000 storm water reservoir built	95
15 May 1902	Opened	95
College Park		
1905	Exchange of land with Winchester College to allow pumping station to be built in Copnor Road	95
	Copnor Road, Kensington Road, Kirby Road, Mayfield Road	
	Formerly part of a field owned by Winchester College	87
1908	Compensation paid to Mr W.G Dimmick for land rented from College of Winchester given up for pumping station	95
1910	Allotments	42
1913	Winchester College propose to gift about 5A of land for use as public	

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	recreation ground, part of Stubbington Estate, near pumping station	95
1915	Given to City by Winchester College (4.5 acres)	89
	Sewage pumping station at Copnor Road frontage	
1923	To be laid out as part of unemployment scheme	95
1929	Still in use as allotments	95
1929	To be laid out with gardens, childrens playing area, bowling green & tennis courts. Desirable for public conveniences adjacent to pumping station	95
1930	Bowling green laid out by M Hart Maxwell, £301 7s in Lancashire Turf	95
7 May 1932	Bowling Green opened by Lord Mayor	89
2014		

Copnor Road

1912	Land adjacent to Copnor Bridge to be opened as public ornamental gardens, not to be used as Children's Playground and children not to be admitted without an adult	95
	Converted to bowling green	
2005	Bowls club moved to new ground in Tangier road, site used for storage for construction of new bridge Houses built on site	

Crystal Palace Gardens

Dundas Meadow

1948-1951	[2266] Sports Pavilion for Portsmouth City Council	95
1951	[3931] Sports hut for City of Portsmouth Corporation	95
1953	Sports pavilion to be built cost £1825	95
1953	Tender from Upton & Winder for £1,908 accepted	95

East Hants Cricket Ground

1842	Established	89
1885	Sold by auction for building	89

Governors Green

1850-2005	From Penny Street	1
2010	MOD put onto market with restriction that it remains open space	9

Great Salterns

1921	Proposed 18 hole golf course	95
1923	Construction of golf course as part of unemployment scheme	95
1930	Name to be changed from Great Salterns Golf Course to Portsmouth City Golf Course	95
1945	9 holes to be re-opened and football & cricket pitches laid out west of Dundas Lane	95
20 Apr 1946	Re-opened by Lord Mayor A.E Allaway	95

Hard, Children's Swimming Pool

1933	Wooden dam on seaward and dockyard sides, stone slope on east, maximum depth 5 feet, cost £900	95
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Hilsea Allotments

1910	23A 1R 12p to be rented, at £2 10s per acre, from War Dept for renting as allotments or small holdings	95
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Hilsea Lido

	Designed by City Architect, Adrien Sharp	9
	Designed by City Engineer, Joseph Parkin	217

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1931	Series of steps to be cut into banks	95
1933	Proposed swimming pool, 330' by 90', cost £16,500 plus £6,000 for filtration plant	95
1933	Site for pool changed from western end of moat to area between creek and moat	95
Sep 1934	Lowest tender for construction of swimming baths, £26,285, accepted	9
25 Jul 1935	Opened by Lord Mayor	9
	220' open air pool cost £40,000 with 33' diving tower	9
	Cafe with dance floor, childrens splash pool	9
	Skating rink, boating lake	9
1936	Built cost £40,000	108
1936	Built cost £36,000	217
1938	Proposed bridge over moat, £320	95
1954	Bridge to be repaired	95
1998	Bridge removed	
Jun 2002	Outdoor pool re-opened after 2 years	9
Aug 2002	New bridge installed	9
2 Sep 2008	Pool closed	
	Swimming pool and Blue Lagoon sold to Hilsea Lido Pool for People Trust	217
2011	New children's splash pool to be created, cost £400,000 paid by Council	9
2016	Blue Lagoon renovated by volunteers from Highbury College & BAE	9
Hoare Park		
24 Mar 1995	New park opened on the site of Callender's Yard, Devonshire Avenue, by Lord Mayor Cllr Alan Burnett in memory of Mrs Francis Hoare who died crossing the road in 1992	9
2007		
Hyde Park		
	Brunswick Gardens?	
Jubilee Gardens		
1886	Leased to Corporation by War Dept.	89
1897	Sundial from Saluting Battery moved here	95
	Became Pembroke Gardens	
1910	Pembroke Gardens, 4½A leased from War Dept for £22 10s	95
1930	Sold to Corporation on condition that is be used for ever as a public recreation ground for £5,000	95
Kings Bastion		
1911	Proposed to lease moat for conversion to swimming pool	95
Kingston Recreation Ground		
	St Marys Road, south	
1889	Transferred from Guardians to Corporation, was formerly cultivated for the workhouse	89
Jun 1891	Opened	89
1904	Railings to be erected on St Marys Road and Moore's Lane sides cost £320	95
1904/5	Bandstand to be provided	95
1920	Public convenience to be erected in Cuthbert Road at cost of £600	95
2014		
Milton Park		
	Milton Road, Priory Crescent, Goldsmith Avenue	
1910	13½A at Goldsmith Avenue, Milton Road and Priory Road to be purchased from late J Goldsmith for purpose of public park. Trustees require £1650 per	

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	acre, recommend not to proceed	95
1911	Proposed to purchase 13½A from executors of the late J Goldsmith along with land at Eastney for £28,000	95
1911	Bought by Corporation on the death of James Goldsmith	89
	Remains of Milton Farm converted into park	89
1912	The 4 fields to be cleared and fences taken down	95
1912	Land at Milton cost £19,120, two cottages £190 & £140	95
1913	Offer from Rev J Fowler for old bell from Milton Church to be used in park accepted	95
1913	Old house and farm buildings to be pulled down and 2 lavatories built	95
1922	Old house opposite Carisbrooke Road in park to be demolished	95
1923	Park to be laid out, iron gates from Victoria Park to be erected at Priory Road/Goldsmith Avenue entrance, other gates to be opposite Milton Church Vicarage, Clovelly Road, Priory Road near Homestead	95
1923	Old cottages, owners given one months notice prior to demolition	95
1926	new bowling green by James & Daniel Provan of Glasgow	95
2014		

Moneyfields Allotments

1957	Land at Moneyfield/Seaton/Redcar Avenue & Teignmouth Roads to be raised by tipping before use at allotments	95
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Museum Gardens

	Kingston Road	
	Gardens attached to Shipwrights Arms Public house	43

North End Gardens

See Clarence Gardens

Pembroke Gardens See Jubilee Gardens

People's Park

	Anglesea Road, Park Road, Edinburgh Road, Commercial Road	
1875	Land leased from War Office, annual rent £63 18s 6d	9
	Laid out by Mr A McKenzie (Supervisor) cost £2,000	9
1876	Trees and shrubs provided by Thomas J Short of Garden Lane at a cost of £265	9
25 Apr 1878	Opened	2,89
25 Apr 1878	Opened by W.D King	1
25 May 1878	Grand opening ceremony by the Mayor, silver key donated by H.M Emanuel & Co, silversmiths	9
1889	Gate bell installed from old townhall	?
?	Renamed Victoria Park	
1904	Aviary built by Boulton & Paul, £174	95
1907	Proposed purchase of glass house from Tonbridge, 119' long 31/32' wide, cost £150 plus £149 for erection and £160 for foundations and heating	95
1920	Aviary to be extended	95
1921	Council to ascertain whether War Dept will extend the lease	95
1923	Eagle House to be converted for use by British birds	95
1932	Lease from War Dept has 42½ years to run. They will accept £5,750 for freehold	95
1932	Freehold purchased for £5,750	89
	Greenhouses bombed	9
1937	2 greenhouses to be erected alongside conservatory	95
1939	Tender for 2 greenhouses awarded to Payne Bros, No1 £925; No2 £625	95
1942	Lodge damaged by bomb	95

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1946	Greenhouse rebuilt	9
1951	[4560] Conservatory	95
1951	Conservatory destroyed by enemy action to be rebuilt, tender of Boulton & Paul Ltd of Norwich for £6,109 accepted	95
1952	Due to lapse of time and problems of obtaining steel cost now £6,453	95
1954	War damaged shelter to be rebuilt with wood shingles in place of thatch	95
1954	Tender of L Hoad & Sons Ltd for £677 accepted subject to satisfaction of War Damage Commission	95
1987	New aviary and animal cages built	
Dec 1994	Lodge to be used as emergency night shelter by Isaiah 58	9
Mar 1998	Greenhouse to be demolished after storm damage earlier in year	9
May 1998	Greenhouse demolished	9
2003	Lodge used as Art Gallery	9
2013	Aviary refurbished and aviary project introduced new birds	
2014		
Providence Place		
1948	Children's Playground completed	95
Rock Gardens		
1928	Commenced	226
1934	Illuminated fountain added, Edison Swan Electric Co Ltd £900	226
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1945	[194] Restaurant for City of Portsmouth Corporation	95
1946	[194a] Amended plan for restaurant	95
1948	Pavilion added, cost £29,250	226
1963	Illuminated animals removed	226
1986	Aviaries removed	226
1986	Pavilion closed and demolished	226
1988	Extensive re-planting and re-surfacing of paths	226
2014		
Rose Gardens		
1977	Plan by P.W Peek to build café, water gardens and dinosaur park rejected	9
St Helens Sports Field, Eastern Parade		
1952	[4822] Sports Pavilion for City of Portsmouth Corporation; [4822a] 1952 Resite pavilion	95
Saxe-Weimar Gardens		
1896	Saxe-Weimar Gardens	95
1901	To be opened	95
15 May 1902	Opened	95
?	Renamed Waverley Gardens	
2014		
Somerstown Play Park		
31 Jul 2010	Opened by Lord Mayor Paula Riches	9
Southsea Castle Teahouse		
1926	Opened	95
Southsea Common		
	See Froddington Manor under manors	

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1909	Trees to be planted from Southsea Castle to Palmerston Road	95
1921	Leased from Crown for 999 years	95
1922	Letter to council suggesting that HMS Victory be relocated from HM Dockyard to Southsea Common with bows facing the sea	95
1922	To be levelled	95
1922	To be purchased for £45,000 from War Dept	95
1926	Balustrading to be erected around formal gardens by John Croad	95
1938	War Dept still own area to east of Serpentine Road	95
1953	Bowling greens in poor condition due to sinking of sub-soil. One green to be repaired at cost of £500	95

Southsea Tennis Courts

1913	[19444] Perfect Hard & Covered Court Co, Pavilion in Brandon Road	95
1917-1938	Brandon Road, Southsea Public Hard Tennis Courts	1

Southsea Pool

1928	Children's Paddling Pool and boating lake proposed west of Southsea Castle on former charabanc parking ground. 190 feet by 110 feet, cost £,3000. Boating area 2' 3" deep	95
1932	Proposed children' bathing pool, cost £1,930	95
1933	cost increased by £60 due to use of Snowcrete and sea sand	95
1945	Mr Butcher to operate 8 motor boats at £40 per annum	95
1951	Motor Boats, A.F Butcher, £700 per annum	95

Stamshaw Common

1833	Stamshaw Common	6
	Stamshaw Recreation Ground, largely constructed on reclaimed land	89
1886	Bought	89
1888	Bought from Board of Trade and Winchester College	9
6 Jun 1892	Opened	9
1892	North End Recreation Ground opened with 54 acres	89
1897	14 acres of war department land to be let to extend North End Recreation Ground, formerly owned by Mr Padwick	95
1898	Above ground leased	95
1904	14 acres of unsuitable allotment land added to North End Recreation Ground	95
1906	Part of North End Recreation Ground to be laid out as ornamental pleasure ground	95
1907	Part converted into park	89
27 Jun 1907	Alexandra Park opened by Mayor Councillor Dye Named after Queen Alexandra	89
1907	North End Recreation Ground to be called Alexandra Park and North End Recreation Ground	95
1931	Northern Road extension, currently allotments to be laid out as playing pitches	95
1931	Bowling pavilion built by A.E Porter & Son Ltd, £1041	95
1938	Proposed new pavilion by City Architect	95
1938	Land to north as far as Horsea Lane sold to Admiralty for £72,000 for new signalling school, later reduced to £27,161	95
1939	New pavilion tender of Patching & Co, Worthing for £12,470 accepted	95
1939	New Pavilion, architect Adrian Sharp, built by Patching & Co, cost £12,500	9
1948	[2034] Alterations to sports pavilion	95
1954	War damaged shelter to be rebuilt with wood shingles in place of thatch	95
1983	Mountbatten Centre opened by Duke of York Mountbatten centre extended and refitted	9
22 Oct 2009	Formal opening by HRH Princess Anne	

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Oct 2010 Park lodge for sale at auction
2014

Stamshaw Pool

1904	Bathing accommodation at North End, lagoon formed by Monkey Island, opposite Whale Island offers best location	95
1909	Approved spend of £5237 to form pond, it was reported that the water flowing over the site was clear and suitable for bathing. Councillor Dye has offered to give land for bank and promenade	95
1938	Closed due to continual contamination	95
1928-1948	Strode Road	1
1950	In dangerous condition, bottom of pool to be broken up and pool infilled	95
1953	Salt water tower to be demolished by Mr Hudson of 31 Cressy Place for £425	95

Tamworth Road

1952	Children's Playground to be built on part of former greyhound track	95
1952	Proposed to layout former Greyhound Track at Tamworth Road as Rugby Football Ground (see Portsmouth Rugby Club)	95
1953	Rugby Football ground to be fenced	95

Victoria Baths

1935	Proposed medical baths	95
1938	Work on new swimming baths commenced	95
1939	Swimming baths at Victoria Park extra foundations required to take the weight of pool, at cost of £690	95
1941	Work on baths by Hadens Ltd to be closed down Bomb damage	95
1951	Roofing of main hall of swimming baths tender of John Croad Ltd, 10,020 accepted	95
1953	Work on swimming pool part of building to be put in hand, medical baths to be held in abeyance	95
1963	Built in Anglesea Road	
Mar-Jul 2010	Demolished	

Victoria Park See People's Park

Waverley Gardens See Saxe-Weimar Gardens

Wimbledon Park

	Former orchard	57
1999		

Wimbledon Park Tennis Courts

1934	19-25 St Simons Road/Wimbledon Park Road	1
1947	[1480] Wimbledon Park Hall, Wimbledon Park Road, alterations & additional lavatory for D Garcia	95
1948-1951	[2136] Wimbledon Park, club house for Wimbledon Park Lawn Tennis Club	95
1962-1964	Taswell Road, Wimbledon Park Sports & Social Club Later Royal Mews	1