Stanmer Park Restoration Project

Information Pack

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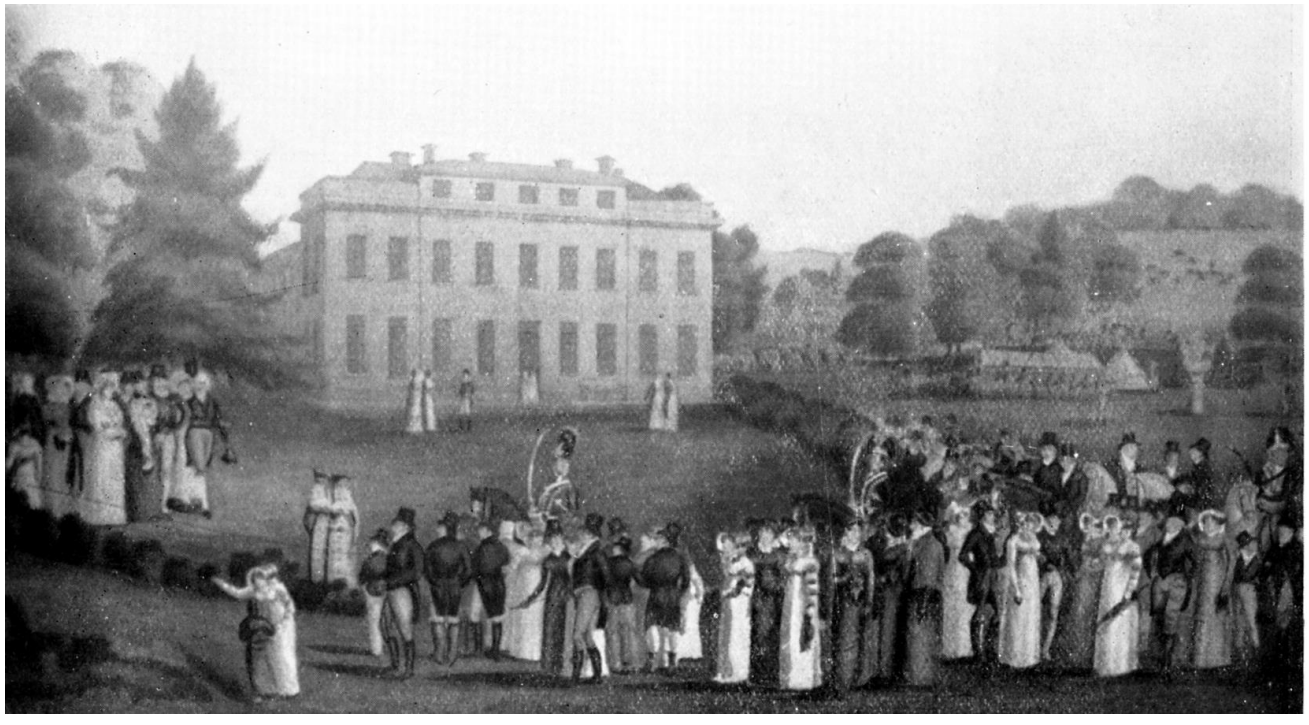

Stanmer Park
Main Entrance
Legend
Woodland & trees
Proposed parkland trees
Area returned to meadows / Chalk Downland / grazing
Area for visitor facilities / historical restoration
Extended orchards
Possible vehicular route
Key pedestrian circulation
General Grassland
Gardens
Nursery / Vegetable Plots
Fine Lawn
Arable Area
Listed Building / Structure
House
Barn / Office / Greenhouse
Pond
Road (Tarmac)
Track / Path
Car Park
Yard
Public Right of Way - Byway
Public RoW - Footpath
Contours
Barrier to public traffic
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Project
Stanmer Park
Client
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Title
Stanmer Park
Site-wide Masterplan Proposals
Scale
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Status
Inital Proposals
Job No.
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Drawing No
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Issue
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Map of Stanmer Park showing 20 hectare restoration area (outlined in red)

Proposals

1. Lower Lodges entrance enhancements
2. Car parks extended and improved
3. Link to University of Sussex
4. Cycle hire & visitor hub kiosk
5. Possible internal shuttle bus pick up
6. Green Drive - shared use path
7. Restoration of historic tree layout
8. Resurfacing works to access drive
9. Removal of incidental car parks
10. Restoration of the Frankland Monument
11. Opening up views towards Stanmer Church
12. Improved setting of Stamer House
13. Removal of parking outside Stanmer House
14. Biodiversity improvements to the pond
15. New access route
16. New car parks in the Patchway
17. Relocation of industrial uses
18. Pedestrianisation of route to Walled Garden
19. New base for Plumpton College
20. Restoration of traditional Walled Garden
21. Re-establishment of orchards
22. Workshop building to service Stanmer Park
23. Works to enhance the Patchway
24. Overflow car parks for events
25. Interpretation of historic Water Catcher
26. Timber building for use by volunteers

Legend

- Stanmer Park HLF & Planning Application
- Woodland & trees
- General Grassland
- Mown grass
- Gardens
- Nursery / Vegetable Plots
- Listed Building / Structure
- House
- Barn / Office / Greenhouse
- Pond
- Road (selected areas repaved)
- New shared access route
- Proposed car parks
- Proposed overflow car parks
- Proposed planting & trees
- Proposed swale & low bank
- Public Right of Way - Byway
- Public RoW - Footpath
- Grass Path
- Entrances
- Conservation Area Boundary

D	22.09.16	Lower Lodges East car park proposals updated	BS AW AW
C	26.07.16	Proposals updated	BS AW AW
B	11.05.16	Stage C updates	BS AW AW
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Title
Landscape Proposals
Core Area Masterplan

Scale	Status
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Some facts about Stanmer Park

- Stanmer Park is in the South Downs National Park
- Stanmer is a country estate, equal in size to a third of the city's parks
- It is a largely intact 18th Century designed Grade II registered landscape which is **historically and nationally significant**
- We are focusing on history in the park because the 18th Century design was a key period in British landscape history. This was the last time the park was designed and managed as a single estate
- The park includes the Grade I listed Stanmer House, plus 25 further Grade II listed buildings and structures. Both the buildings and landscape have deteriorated, and are classified as at risk*
- There is evidence of human habitation at Stanmer from the Neolithic period – some 6000 years ago
- There has been limited estate-wide management of the park for the last 40 years, so significant resources are needed now to reverse this decline

❖ **Our heritage proposal focuses on 20 hectares of the 485 hectare park (see map.)**

** English Heritage's "At risk" register identifies the most important heritage assets at risk of damage or loss.*

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Stanmer Restoration Project

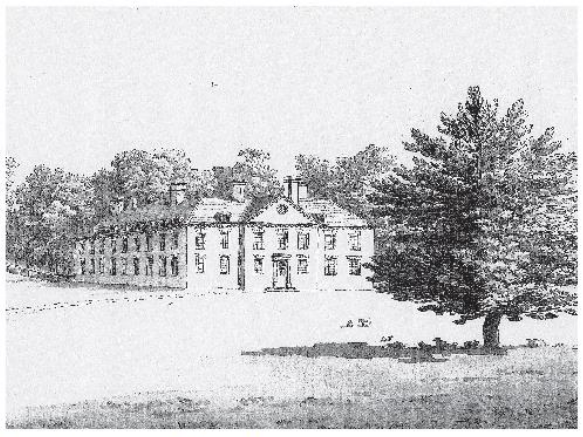
Archaeological Record

The name Stanmer is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words 'stan' meaning 'stone' and 'mere' meaning 'pond' – thus 'Stony Pond'.

There is evidence of human habitation within Stanmer Park extending back as far as the Neolithic Period, some 6000 years ago.

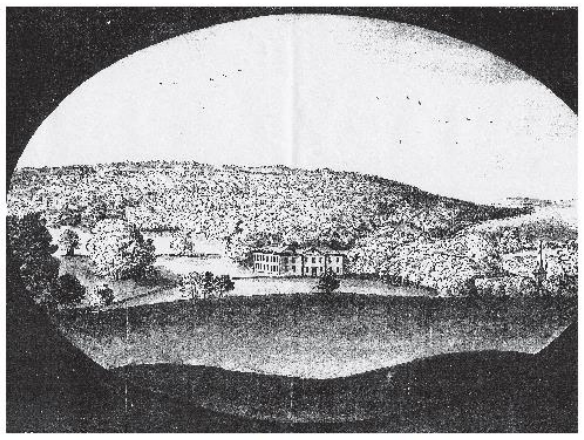
18th Century

The Pelham family bought the Stanmer estate in 1713, and employed Nicholas Dubois to design the present manor house. Following construction of the house, the current walled gardens and ornamental gardens were laid out.



The House (1787)

William Figg's Estate Plan (1799)



The Great Wood & House (1783)

19th Century

The estate was maintained and enlarged, the gardens modified and the existing church was built.

20th Century

The estate was requisitioned from the Pelham family in 1942 to provide billeting and firing ranges for a Canadian tank regiment. In 1947 the estate was sold to The Brighton Corporation, bringing to an end 230 years of ownership by the Pelham family. Following rebuilding works to repair the site after damage caused by the wartime tank regiment, the park opened to the public in 1953. The estate is the setting for the Grade I listed House, Grade II* listed Stable Block and 16 Grade II listed buildings, including the unique Water Catcher.

The House (1931)

Pasture (1900 & 2012)

The Long Barn (1939 & 2012)

History & Heritage

What does the Restoration Project plan to do?

- Restore the Wall**ed Garden** and surrounding area
- Restore the **18th Century landscape and historical features**
- **Explain, interpret and celebrate the park's history** and importance

- Provide hundreds of **education, training and volunteering** opportunities (see p10)
- Improve and increase **access and movement** throughout the park.

- Create a **long-term management vision** for the park for the next 10 years, including an estate-wide **Woodland Management Plan**. *We invited public comments on this in January/early February 2018.*
- Provide a **dedicated onsite team** to deliver the 10 year vision and beyond.

How are we funding the Restoration Project?

- In January 2017, we won £3.8m from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund.
- Between 2017 and 2021, we will be investing around £5.8m, with the additional funding coming from Brighton & Hove City Council, Plumpton College and the South Downs National Park Authority.

Indicative timescale for the restoration project

June 2017 to mid-2019	Preparation and detailed design stage
Summer 2019 – autumn 2020	Construction phase
Autumn 2020	Proposed project completion and “launch” of restored park

Access, movement around the park, and car parking plans

Access and movement throughout the park will be improved for everyone visiting the park.

We estimate there will be approximately 40% more public access once the park has been restored (indicative map below.)

Parking needs to be managed at Stanmer in order to protect the landscape and improve the visual appeal of this historically important park.

Car parking charges will be introduced. Disabled parking will be free for those with a valid Blue Badge.

The income generated from car parks will contribute directly to the park's future management and maintenance.

This income will also assist in subsidising more sustainable travel. This includes walking, cycling and use of the 78 bus (pictured below right) which serves the park at weekends and on bank holidays.

The Lower Lodges car parking areas will be improved and re-landscaped and a new car park provided at the Patchway.

Trees and Woodland

The works include new planting, plus some trees will need to be removed.

We anticipate that over 250 new trees will be planted in the restoration area.

The new 10-year **Woodland Management Plan** will plan for resilience to disease, encourage a greater range of wildlife and improve access.

The Stanmer Park Restoration Project
Activity Plan

There will be a number of exciting new volunteering, training and learning opportunities at Stanmer.

Most of these will start from 2020 onwards, but some may begin a little earlier.

The wide variety of activities we're working with our partners to provide will offer something for everyone to enjoy.

Here's an indicative summary of the themes and types of activities you can expect to see and get involved with later in the project:

Fruit courses and horticulture training	Walks and talks (heritage, horticulture and more)
Wildlife surveys and species monitoring	'Green building' and management
Woodland management	Water and energy training and courses
Visitor surveys and counts	Oral history studies and training
School activities	Events assistance
Arts and music	Involvement in a new Friends group for the park
Oral history	Community litter picks & tidy-ups

Most of these activities will be delivered by our Activity Partners at Stanmer.

Can't wait to get involved - or want to find out more?

- Have a look at some of the existing activities and volunteering opportunities at Stanmer: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/stanmerproject
- Sign up to receive occasional Stanmer Park Restoration project updates: Email stanmerproject@brighton-hove.gov.uk
- Explore some of the many other citywide volunteering opportunities: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/parksvolunteers, or email cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk
- Register your interest in parks and green space volunteering at Community Works: www.bhcommunityworks.org.uk/volunteer : we and our Activity Partners will post Stanmer opportunities here as the project progresses.