

GARDENS AND GARDENING IN WARWICKSHIRE

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Image Courtesy of HS2 & Wessex Archaeology
hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/archaeology/coleshill/

COLESHILL MANOR GARDEN

As part of the recent HS2 construction, archaeologists uncovered a garden at Coleshill Manor they described as being one of the largest and most important Elizabethan gardens in the country. Larger than the gardens of Hampton Court and Kenilworth Castle, it is thought that Sir Robert Digby, who lived at the manor, may have created the gardens in the hope of a royal visit from Queen Elizabeth I due to her frequent visits to Kenilworth Castle nearby.

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From the Warwickshire Libraries collection
(8655 House numbers 15 and 16 from front garden)

UNKNOWN WARWICKSHIRE LOCATION

We have no location information about this photograph, but we suspect it was taken during the Second World War. If you look closely, you can see that the lawn has been dug up and cabbages are growing in rows. If you know where this house is, please let us know!

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Montage, Warwickshire Libraries

ITEMS FROM THE WARWICKSHIRE COLLECTION

....including Flowers of Shakespeare & Milton, the floral months of England Giraud, Jane Elizabeth. Day & Haghe, London 1845, 2 recent titles recording the trees and wildflowers of Warwickshire and postcards showing Kenilworth Castle, Royal Pump Gardens, and Caldecott Park in Rugby.

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Leamington Library Collection

FEEDING THE GOLDFISH: JEPHSON GARDENS, LEAMINGTON SPA

There are no longer goldfish in the pond, but Jephson Gardens are still busy. The glasshouse offers a warm quiet sanctuary whilst there are many benches to “people watch” and admire the borders.

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Rugby Library Collection,
courtesy of Rugby Advertiser

CHURCH LAWFORD NURSERY

There are many local garden centres in Warwickshire offering plants and advice for gardeners. Here is a photograph of one in Church Lawford from the collection at Rugby Library, probably taken in the 1980s.

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2020, courtesy of Warwickshire Libraries

BAXTERLEY VILLAGE POND IN LOCKDOWN

During lockdown in 2020, for those without gardens the daily allowed walk was the only opportunity to enjoy being outside. Luckily most residents of Baxterley had their own outdoor space to enjoy but this idyllic view could be included on the daily route. The wheel in the background commemorates the miners who worked in the local collieries including those who lost their lives in the disaster of 1882.