

London's Arcadia Final Evaluation 20th October 2009
Heritage Lottery Fund Application Number: HF-0200184/2

HLF Pastoral Area B. 3.
Radnor Gardens

Detailed proposals for Radnor Gardens

Improvements to the footpaths and planting within the popular park, site of Pope's Villa (demolished but his Grotto- grade II* remains next door) and opening parkland setting between Strawberry Hill House (grade I) and the River Thames, to be complemented by improvements to the children's playground (non existent); enhancements to the historic visual links.

Comments on achievements

The footpath in Radnor Gardens have been fully restored with new planting throughout the gardens complementing the historic views (screening and framing) particular to Richmond Hill and the River Thames. A new children's playground has been built with improved access and facilities with new seats and street furniture with extensive landscape improvements and new interpretation.



Historic views from Radnor Gardens to Richmond Hill blocked by scrub 6 Sept 2003



Historic views to Richmond Hill restored and new benches during flood tide



Landscape management improvements to revetment areas allowing greater diversity of native flora with purple loosestrife as a key indicator species in bloom whereas before area was dominated only by noxious Himalayan balsam – note new weeping willow tree planting along river as well 9 Jul 2009



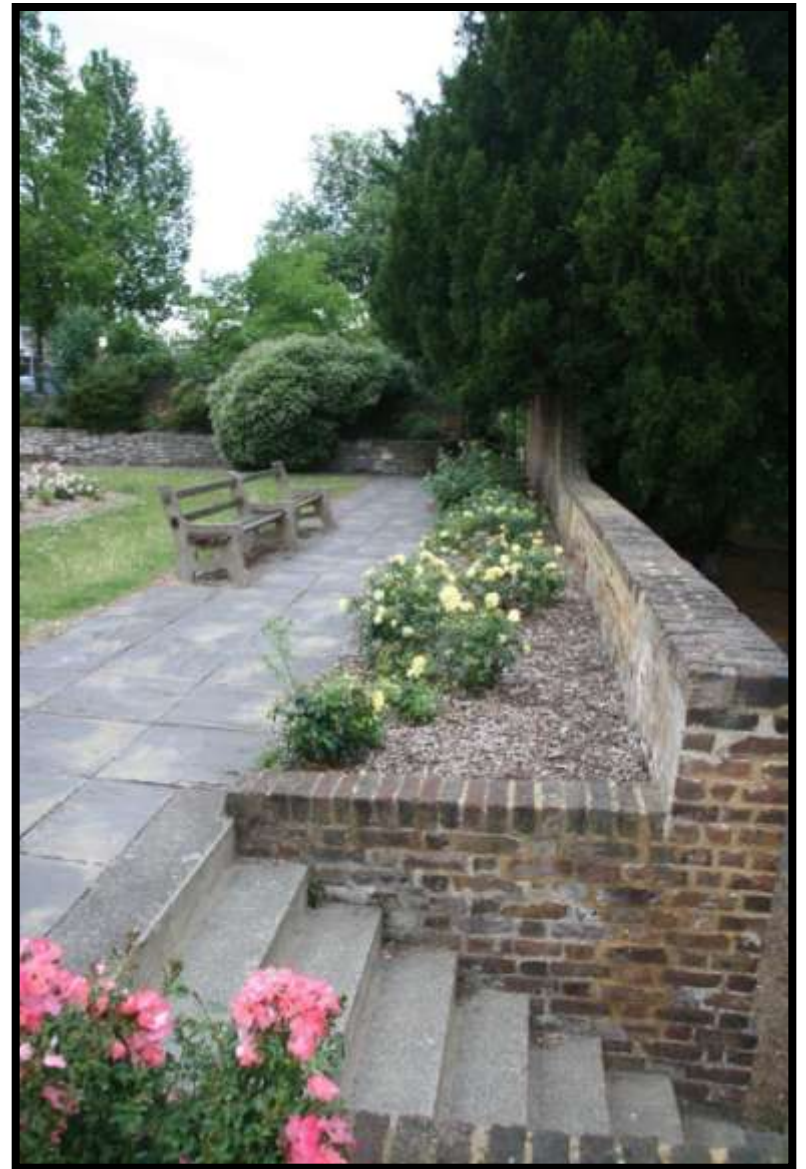
Above broken benches 26 Feb 2008 note
new willows in background

Below new benches 7 April 2008





Collapsed *Leylandii* trees in Rose Garden with no roses Feb 04



Rose Garden areas after *Leylandii* have been removed with new rose plantings and landscaping 9 Jul 09



Above - Radnor viewing platform collapsing before works 25 Jan 08



Above- Radnor viewing platform repaired Jun 09



Above- Radnor viewing platform repaired Jun 09 with new street tree planting to screen the road from the gardens- there are 18 new trees planted to frame and screen key views



Some of the new 18 trees planted as part of the new landscape improvements to frame and screen views 9 Jul 2009



Above Radnor viewing platform collapsing wall and platform as viewed from the gardens before works 25 Jan 08



Below Radnor viewing platform collapsing wall and platform as viewed from the gardens works underway 29 Jan 09



Repaired walls and viewing platform from Radnor Gardens Jun 09



Radnor Gardens

Approved Purposes Improvements to footpaths and planting to be complemented by improvements to children's playground and enhancements to the historical visual links.



Crazy paving and mud and tarmac paths Sept 03



Old cracked paths and no benches around playground area 5 Sep 2005 before new improvements carried out



New paths, bollards, and benches around new playground area 9 July 2009



Picnic area and new paving by playground 25 Sept 09 before new improvements to café area



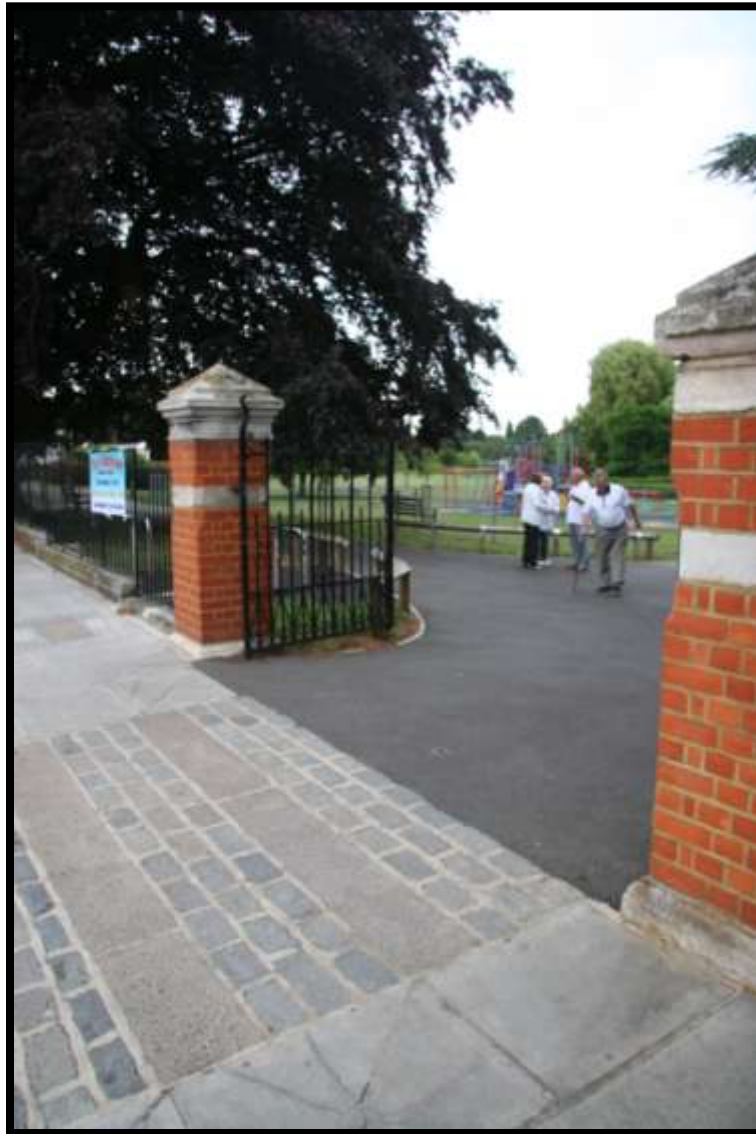
New entrance with bicycle parking and new zebra crossing leading into new playground with new paved area to café around playground area 9 July 2009



New paths and landscape with new planting beds 16 June 2009- note new playground in background



New benches and new paths and edging by new playground – some of the new trees are just visible in background 7April08



New entrance with granite paving detail, new rebuilt brick piers and metal gates 9 Jul 2009

