

# Southampton City Council - Historic Environment Record

## Registered Parks and Gardens in Southampton



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**National Ref:** GD1865      **Name:** Townhill Park      **Grade:** II

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A series of interconnected formal terraces and a sunken garden, with associated informal woodland and an arboretum, laid out between 1910 and 1912 by Leonard Rome Guthrie on the site of an C18 house and park, the planting scheme for the sunken garden being designed by Gertrude Jekyll. (Summary in Register of Parks and Gardens, English Heritage, 2004. Further details in source.)

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**National Ref:** GD2396      **Name:** Southampton Cemetery      **Grade:** II\*

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Southampton Old Cemetery is one of the earliest municipal cemeteries in England. The land for the cemetery was acquired from Southampton Common in 1843 under an Act of Parliament which gave the Corporation control of 15 acres. The Town Council approached the landscape gardener, John Claudius Loudon whose work included the cemetery at Histon in Cambridgeshire and Bath Abbey; but his design was rejected. Instead the Town Council organised a competition which was won by William Rogers, a local nurseryman. The cemetery opened in May 1846 as a ten acre site and was extended by a further five acres in 1863. A third extension in the early 1880s brought the cemetery to its present extent of 27 acres, and featured an avenue of yew trees. The cemetery was provided with three chapels - a Church of England mortuary chapel, a Jewish mortuary chapel and a Nonconformist mortuary chapel (all listed buildings). The Lodge is listed, as are various gates, walls and some memorials. There are estimated to be approximately 116,800 burials in the cemetery. (From Register of Parks and Gardens, ref GD2396.)

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**National Ref:** GD2395      **Name:** Central Parks      **Grade:** II

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A chain of public open spaces situated within the city centre, comprising West Park, East Park, Palmerston Park, Houndwell and Hoglands. The parks were laid out from 1846 until 1861 and are a good example of a mid 19th century civic improvement scheme, possibly influenced by J C Loudon who was commissioned by the council to design Southampton Cemetery. (Description Copyright Pastscape Website) (Further details in Register of Parks and Gardens, English Heritage, 2004.)

Central Parks includes Houndwell Park, Hoglands Park, Palmerston Park, Andrews/East Park and Watts/West Park.