

Bedfordshire Local History Association

BLHA Autumn Event - A Visit to

The Walled Garden, Luton Hoo Estate

Wednesday 11th September 2019, 10.00 to 3.00pm

Morning talk, lunch available to purchase at the Wood Yard Café,
with an afternoon guided tour of the Walled Garden or Victorian Farm Buildings

Many of you may well have seen the BBC Countryfile episode in July that featured John Craven in the Walled Garden at Luton Hoo Estate. This visit by the BLHA will be an ideal opportunity to see first-hand the project that is going on.

The day will begin with a talk about the general history of the estate including the garden project and the farm.

The garden tour will begin with Lord Bute who in collaboration with 'Capability' Brown built the Walled Garden on its present site and take you through its various owners to Sir Harold and Lady Zia Wernher and how after Lady Zia's death the Walled Garden was left uncared for. The present owner hoped to be able to restore it to its present state and approached an organisation in Harpenden with the thought that volunteers might be interested in both the garden and the history of the Estate.

The Victorian farm buildings tour will start with the history from the 1860's when a Liverpool solicitor took over the Estate and spent a great deal of money making it into one of the most industrialised farms in England. At that time it was a mainly beef and sheep farm, it is now a wholly arable farm.

The Luton Hoo Estate website: www.lutonhooestate.co.uk

We hope you will be able to join us in what is going to be a fascinating visit

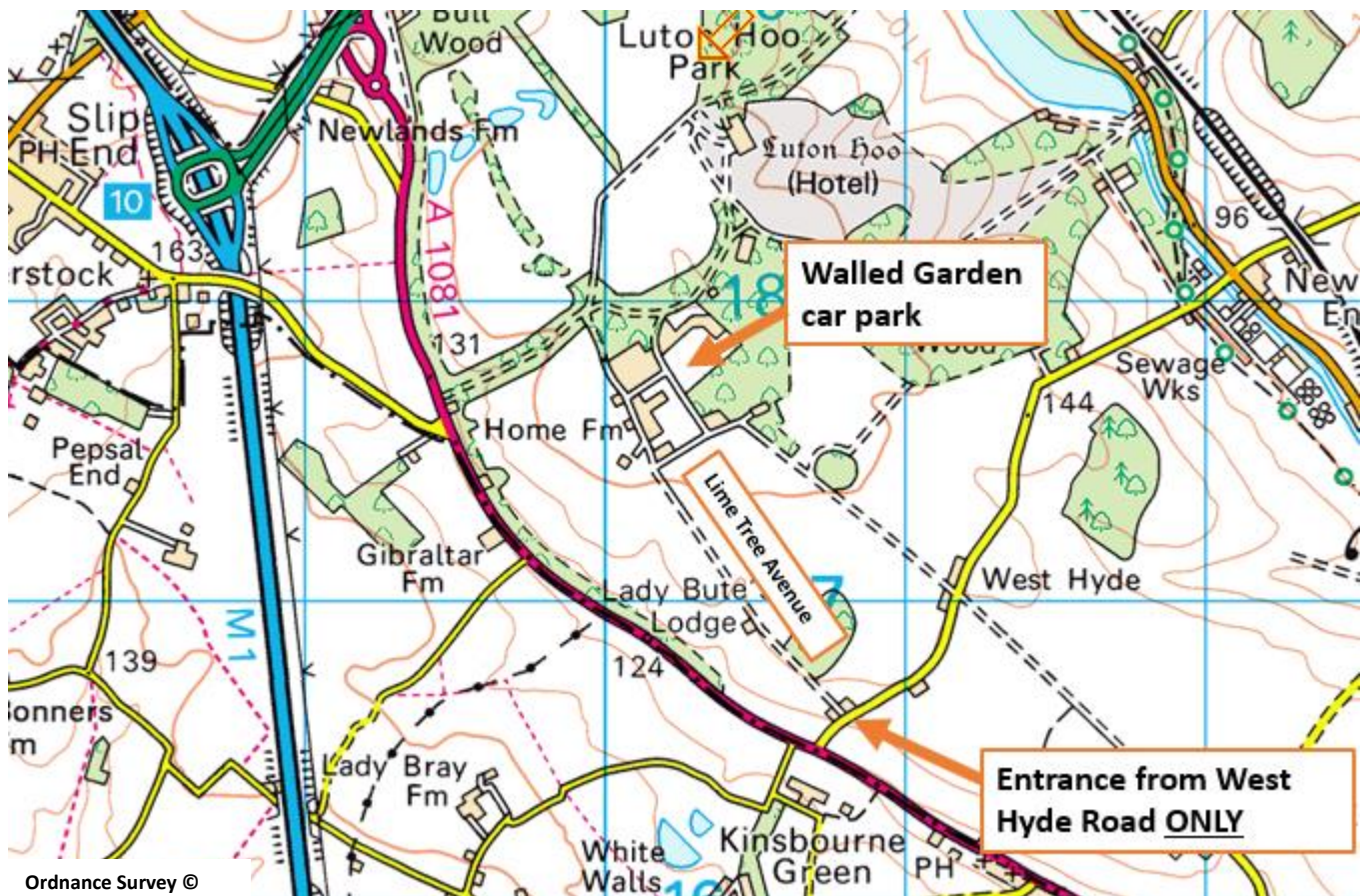


Date and time – Wednesday 11th September. The day commences at 10am and we expect to close at 3pm. Meet at 10am with tea, coffee and biscuits. Talk 10.30 – 11.30 plus questions and answers. Lunch available to purchase at the Wood Yard Café. Afternoon session commences at 1.30pm with either a guided historical tour of the Victorian farm buildings or guided walled garden tour.

Location – The Walled Garden can **only** be accessed from West Hyde Road which is off the A1081 Luton – Harpenden Road or from the Lower Luton Road. Take the Lime Tree Avenue to the Walled Garden car park LU1 3TQ.

Cost and booking – The cost of the event is £10.00 per person, this includes morning talk and one of the afternoon tours.

To secure a place, **cheques must be received by Tuesday 3rd September**. Full booking details are on the following booking form. Alternatively, download a copy from the BLHA website: www.bedfordshire-lha.org.uk



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Booking Form

Please reserve place/s @ £10 each for the 'BLHA Autumn Event'.

I enclose a cheque to the value of £.....

Cheques payable to: *Bedfordshire Local History Association*

Receipt of the booking form will be confirmed by email.

Please provide names of those attending and tick your preferred guided tour. Address and contact details only required for whoever submits the booking form.

Name(s)	Walled Garden Tour (please tick)	Victorian Farm Tour (please tick)

Address:.....

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..... Postcode:.....

Telephone:

Mobile (for contact on the day).....

Email:.....

To which Local History Society do members of your party belong?:

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Please return the booking form with payment by **Tuesday 3rd September 2019** to:

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