

Unregistered Park & Garden:
Haslehurst Garden (Worksop)

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Date(s):
1957

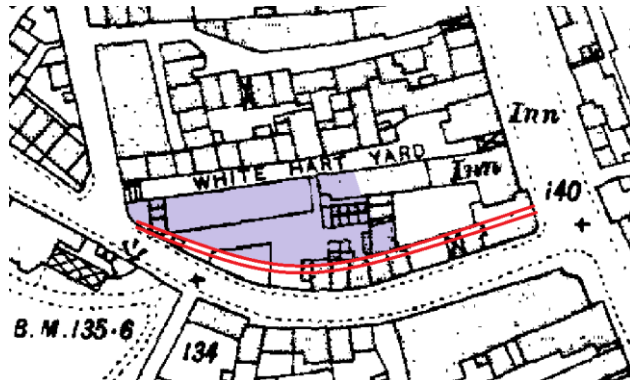
Description & historic information:

Rest garden, opened 30th April 1957, designed by Worksop Borough Council Parks' Superintendent Charles Haslehurst and named in honour of his long and distinguished service to the WBC.

The site was, until early 1957, a mound of rubble (the remains of an earlier stable and bakehouse) and a grass, alongside Westgate and at the rear of the Old Ship Inn (a public house, now grade II* listed). The earlier buildings on the site were demolished in the 1930s/40s, but are shown on the 1920 map below. In c1930, the southern part of the Old Ship Inn and the outbuildings alongside Westgate were demolished, with the road then widened to better accommodate vehicular traffic.



Photograph of site on 24th August 1956 (source: www.picturethepast.co.uk).



1920 Ordnance Survey map – the present road/footpath is indicated in red and the current garden is shown in purple.

In early 1957, the owner of the site, the Worksop & Retford Brewery Company Ltd, provided the land to the Borough Council for the creation of a small rest garden. Also included in the scheme was a slight straightening of a bend in the adjacent road which had become dangerous with the increase in motorised vehicle numbers. The whole scheme took 7 weeks to completeⁱ. This was the second such garden to be completed in the town on land given by the Worksop & Retford Brewery Company Ltd (the other being at Sandy Lane in 1951)ⁱⁱ.

The rest garden was laid out to designs by the Borough Council's Parks' Superintendent, Charles Haslehurst (who was also responsible for the formation of the Shiptside Memorial Garden adjacent in 1952, the Sandy Lane Garden in 1951, the Memorial Avenue Gardens of 1933 and 1938 and the numerous changes to the Canch Recreation Ground in the 1930s-1950s period), with assistance from the Borough Engineer, Charles Allsopp. It comprises a rock garden set into a narrow slope, with a crazy-paving walkway flanked by stone walls and raised

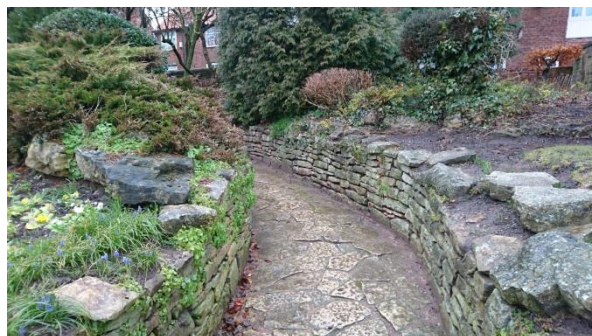


Aerial photograph of Haslehurst Garden, taken 2007 (source: Bassetlaw District Council).

planting areas. The combination of stone walls and crazy-paving is a particular feature of Haslehurst's gardens found elsewhere in the town.



View of site from south east.



Stone walls and crazy-paving.



View of site from south west



View of site from south west

At the front of the site are two pedestrian entrances comprising metal gates with the date "1957" and name "Haslehurst Garden" forged into the design. At the top of each gate is a small square plate that originally held the Worksop Borough Council coat of arms (shown on the 1957 photo, these are now missing). The front boundary comprises the same stone walls as in the centre, with hedging above.



Gate at western end of garden.



Official opening 30th April 1957 – From left: Capt. W.H. Allen, Charles Haslehurst, Worksop Mayor & Mayoress (source: private archive).

Whilst planting schemes have changed over the years, the overall layout of evergreen trees and shrubs, flowering bulbs, small lawns and flower borders has remained intact.

In addition to the garden being designed by Mr Haslehurst, it was



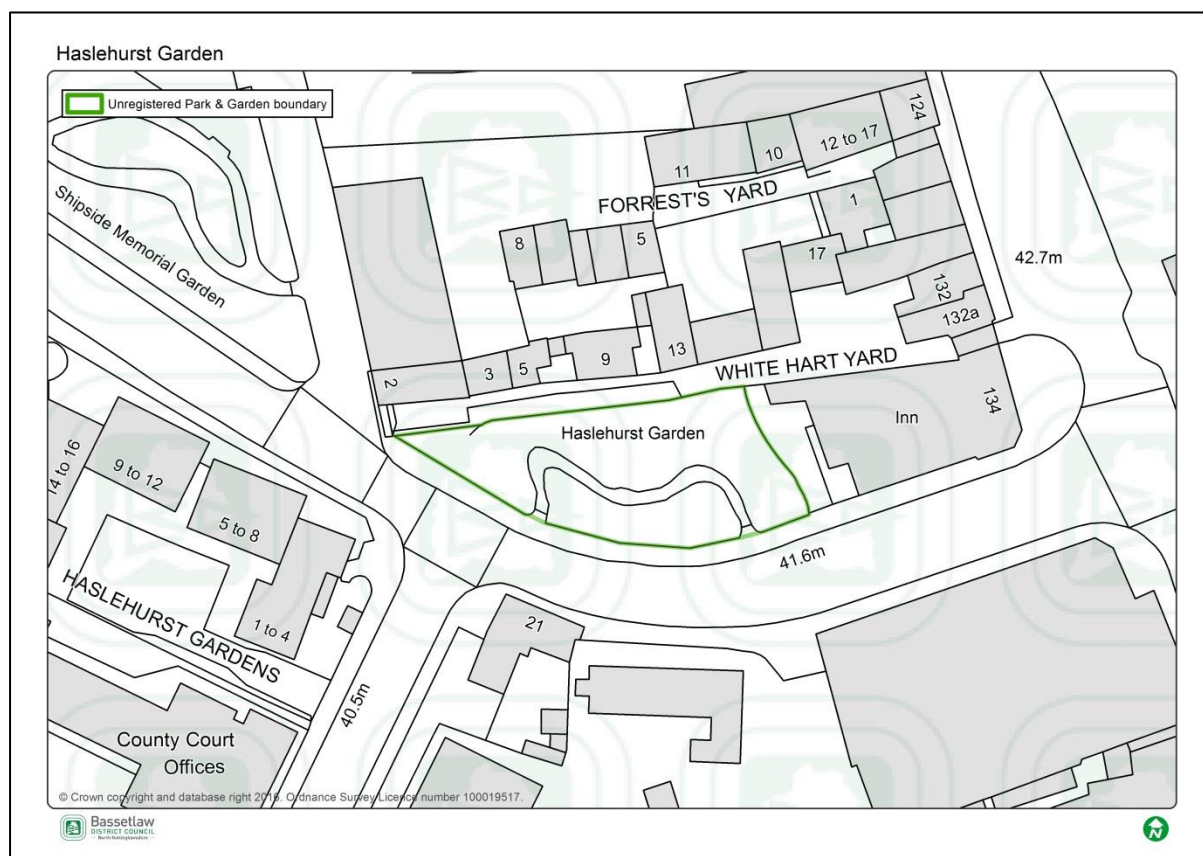
View of site from south.

also named in his honour by the WBC for his long and distinguished service. The garden was officially opened by Captain W. H. Allen (Chairman of Directors at the Worksop & Retford Brewery Company Ltd.). A dedication was also given by the Reverend Canon Foster, Vicar of Worksopⁱⁱⁱ.

Features of significance:

Small rest garden set into small hillside, described as a “semi-rock garden” in 1951^{iv}, designed by Worksop Borough Council Parks’ Superintendent Charles Haslehurst and named in his honour. Includes stone boundary wall with crazy-paving footway flanked by further stone walls. Metal entrance gates at each end of the footway. Raised planting areas framed by large rocks, with small lawns and planted borders.

Listed Buildings:	n/a
Scheduled Ancient Monuments:	n/a
Conservation Area:	Worksop Conservation Area (last designated 6 th April 2011) – All relevant unlisted buildings and structures within the Conservation Area are regarded as ‘positive buildings’
Local Interest Buildings:	n/a



References:

- ⁱ *Worksop Guardian*; 3rd May 1957.
- ⁱⁱ *Worksop Guardian*; 3rd May 1957.
- ⁱⁱⁱ *Worksop Guardian*; 13th July 1951.
- ^{iv} *Worksop Guardian*; 3rd May 1957.