# Unregistered Park & Garden: Langold Park

NCC/BDC Ref: UPG30

#### Date(s):

1750s, 1818, 1890s, 1940s/50s, c1968

#### **Description & historic information:**

Landscaped park, much of which was designed by Ralph

Knight of Langold Hall in the 1750s, associated with the former Langold Hall (to the west, within RMBC boundary, the stables of which survive). Ralph Knight was responsible for much of the planting and also created a series of lakes and ponds<sup>i</sup>. His grandson Henry Knight made alterations in 1818 including the conversion of existing lakes and ponds into two inter-connected lakes, also intending to build a large house but it was never constructed. By the 1890s, a weir with a single arch bridge with boathouse underneath had been constructed.

During the 1920s the area was developed for mining (located to the east of the park) and the park became a leisure facility for the Langold miners, principally for fishing. In 1946 the coal mining industry was nationalised and the National Coal Board expanded the leisure facilities in the park. A lido was built in the early 1950s and a bandstand was added (repaired in 2013). A large spoil tip, approximately 80m high, exists to the south (on the former 'south lawn'). In 1968 the mine closed and the park was taken over by the local authority<sup>ii</sup>. Mining equipment was moved and children's playgrounds and refreshment facilities were added. The dam and bank at the east end of the lake were rebuilt c1975. The Lido was removed in 2013 and new play facilities added in 2014.



Langold Lake



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Bridge with 19<sup>th</sup> century boat house underneath



1946 band stand, recently restored



View of pit hill from south



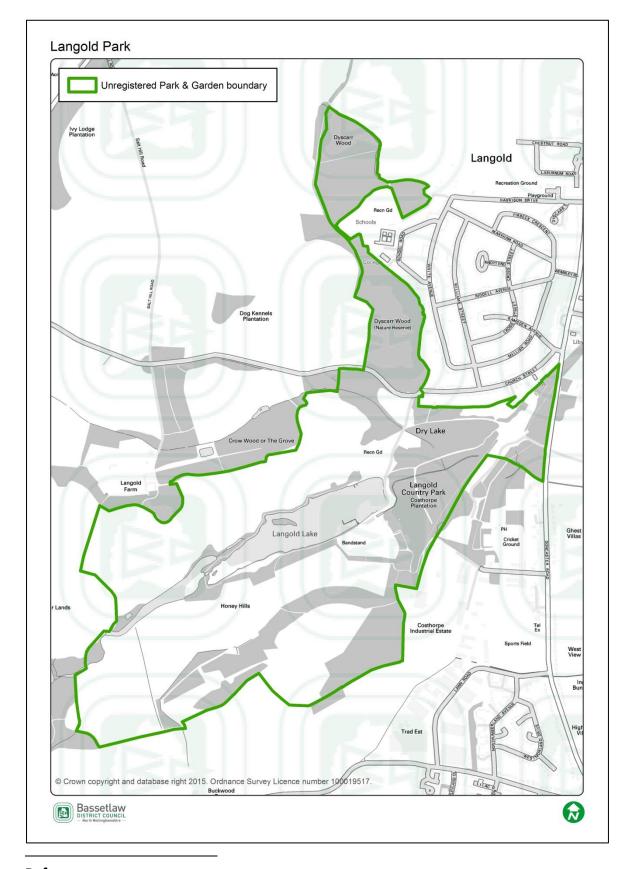
### Features of significance:

Large inter-connected lakes, dry lake, weirs, bridge with boathouse underneath, bandstand, pontoon, large areas of planted woodland with footpaths throughout, dry lake, remains of colliery railway, 81m high spoil tip.



Aerial photograph of Langold Park, taken 2007 (source: Bassetlaw District Council) with inset photo of pontoon on the main lake.

Listed Buildings:	n/a
Scheduled Ancient Monuments:	n/a
Conservation Area:	n/a
Local Interest Buildings:	n/a



## **References:**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Nottinghamshire County Council; *A Look Back at Langold*; 1995

ii Bassetlaw District Council website: <a href="https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/everything-else/parks-open-spaces/langold-country-park.aspx">https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/everything-else/parks-open-spaces/langold-country-park.aspx</a>