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APPEAL

The Walled Garden is wholly managed and maintained by community volunteers. Anyone who wishes to make a donation or assist with its upkeep is most welcome to do so. Please contact the Trust (see address below).



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THE STORY

The Walled Garden site dates back to 1779 when it formed Hillsborough Hall's kitchen garden, a function it performed for over 100 years. The only remaining features from this era are a stone portico now adorning the Stableblock and a victorian heated wall.

In 1903 ownership of the Hall and Parkland passed to the Sheffield City Council. The Garden became a nursery and training centre for the Council's horticulturalists for 80 years. Sadly in 1983 the site was abandoned and became derelict.

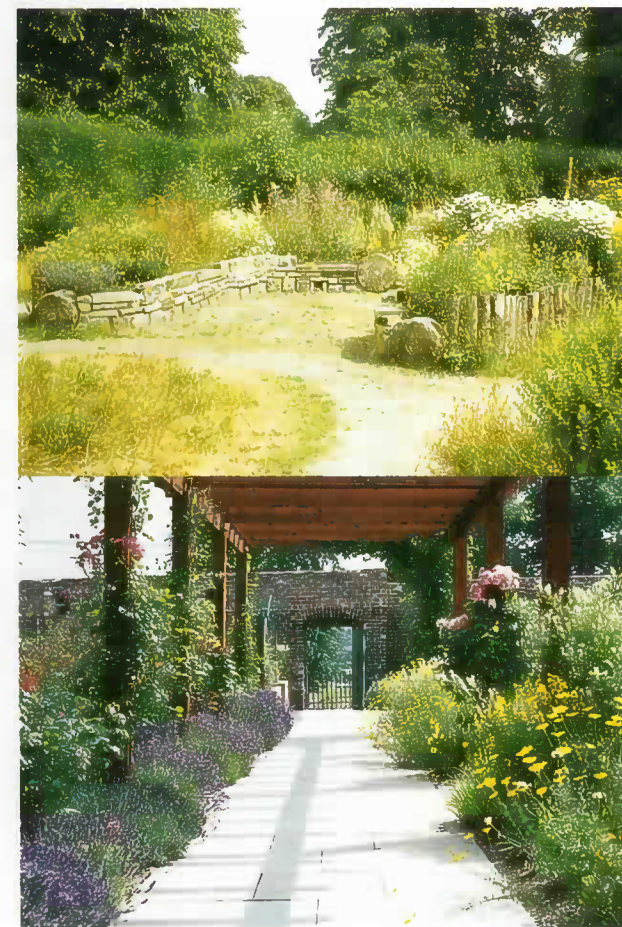
Around mid-1990 plans to turn the site into a car park came to light, arousing local outrage at the loss of valuable green space. The result of this was the unification of several local interest groups into a formal working group which put forward an alternative plan. The proposal was accepted and the rejuvenation and redevelopment of the old garden began.

Work on the Garden started on 9th July 1991 and was completed in just 40 weeks, a remarkable effort considering the Working Group had only £500 at the start. What really makes this achievement special is that all the work was done voluntarily by schools, colleges, the probation service and local residents. The Garden has undeniably drawn the community together. The opening ceremony took place on 15 April 1992, the third anniversary of the Hillsborough Disaster which has been permanently commemorated in the creation of the Memorial Garden and the "Shankly Gates" at the Garden's main entrance. The Walled Garden remains today a beautiful, well loved and peaceful haven in a bustling, densely populated area.



THE 50p HILLSBOROUGH WALLED GARDEN

MIDDLEWOOD ROAD, SHEFFIELD 6



* Featured in the Good Garden Guide *

* Colonel Sanders Environmental Award 1993 *

* Times/BiC Community Enterprise Award Winner 1993 *

* ILAM Open Space Management Award Winner 1994 *

THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Alongside the Sensory Garden and bordered by rose beds containing the specially commissioned, bright red rose "Liverpool Remembers", stands the Memorial Garden. This large patio area is separated from the rest of the Garden by a Pergola. It was designed as a venue for community events and has been used for outdoor plays, dances and musical events. In conjunction with the "Shankly Gates" the space is a dedication to the memory of those who were tragically lost in the Stadium Disaster of 1989.

THE WILDLIFE GARDEN

The Wildlife Garden occupies the area adjacent to the Stableblock outside the walls of the main garden. The idea behind this area was to create as natural an appearance as possible, using a wide-range of native trees and plants to attract abundant wildlife. The area is split into three sections, spring, summer meadows, and a pond designed for use by school nature classes.

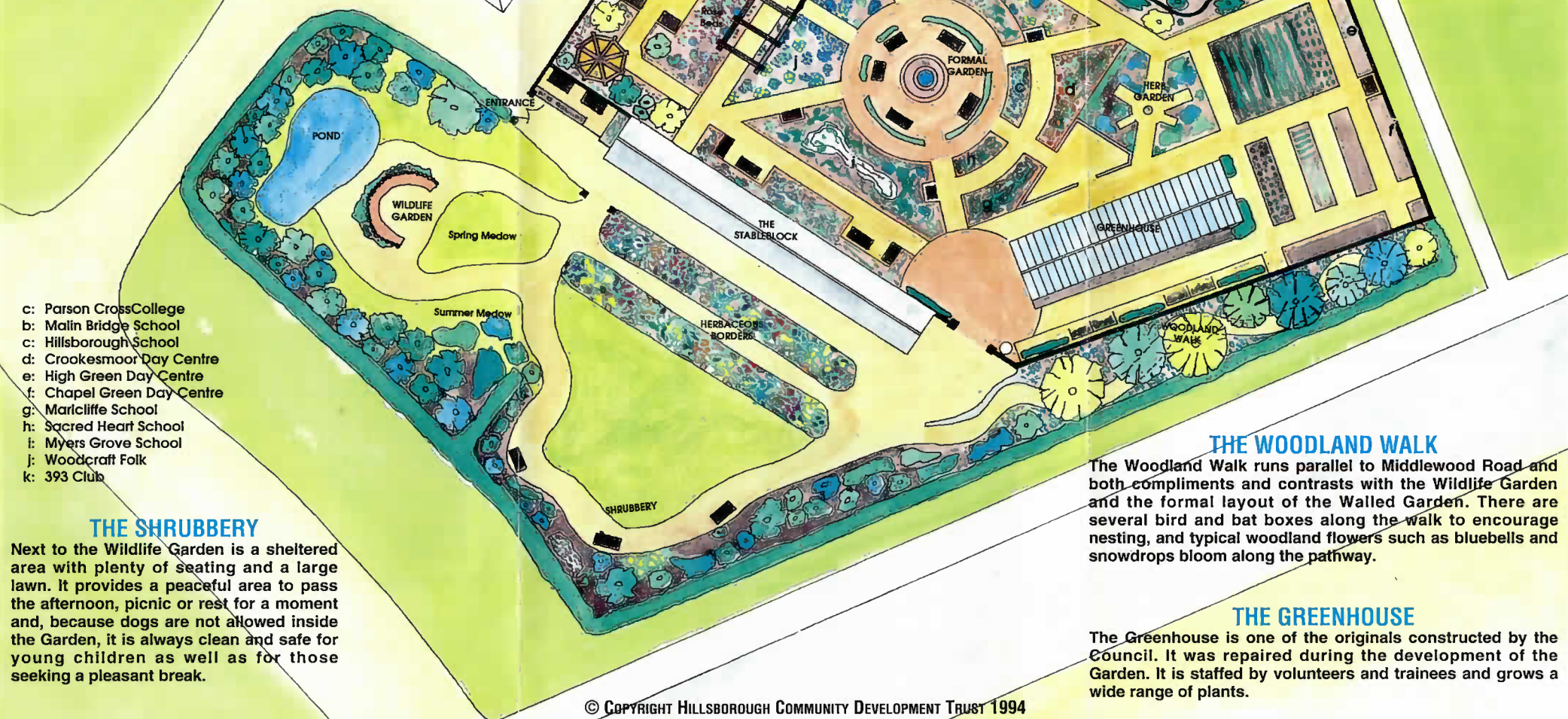
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THE SENSORY GARDEN

Situated next to the Library and in the lee of the Victorian heated wall, the Sensory Garden was designed specifically with the visually disabled in mind. Many different aromas brought about by careful planting, combine with various textures and its physical construction to appeal to the senses; all set to the gentle sound of the fountain by the heated wall.

THE FORMAL GARDEN

The Formal Garden occupies the centre of the Walled Garden with flower beds and pathways radiating from the central fountain. As with the rest of the Garden, the Formal Garden has been designed with all members of the community in mind. All the paths are wide enough for wheelchair access and many of the flower-beds have been adopted by local schools, voluntary organisations and youth groups. Many of the flower-beds are raised and can be worked on by people with disabilities or people who have difficulty bending.



THE WOODLAND WALK

The Woodland Walk runs parallel to Middlewood Road and both compliments and contrasts with the Wildlife Garden and the formal layout of the Walled Garden. There are several bird and bat boxes along the walk to encourage nesting, and typical woodland flowers such as bluebells and snowdrops bloom along the pathway.

THE GREENHOUSE

The Greenhouse is one of the originals constructed by the Council. It was repaired during the development of the Garden. It is staffed by volunteers and trainees and grows a wide range of plants.