

SITE NAME:	Queen's Park Crewe				
Address	Victoria Avenue, Crewe CW2 7SE				
Unitary Authority:	Cheshire East Council (former Crewe and Nantwich B.C.)				
Parish:	Crewe				
Location:	c. 2 kms W of the town centre				
Grid Ref:	SJ 687 556				
Owner:	Cheshire East Council Managed by				
Recorder	IBW	Date of Site Visit	26/03/2017	Date of Report	24/03/2017

Addendum

Charles Robert Kelly at Queen's Park Crewe:

Sources:

- **CALS 2486/10:** Borough of Crewe Park, Minutes of Park and Pleasure Grounds Committee.
The committee's 8th Meeting of 30/05/1888 (just before the Park's official opening on 09/07/1888) does NOT mention Kemp at all; instead the names of Latimer and Kelly appear:
- F.W. Webb (re-elected as mayor of Crewe) suggests that a retainer be paid to **Mr. Kelly of Tarporley**, "the landscape gardener who had been employed by the Railway Company to lay out the park...so as to secure his advice as to transplanting trees."
(Agreed: retainer of £10 p.a. + travelling expenses for the next 3 years)
- Further research: Charles Robert Kelly:
Census returns (www.ancestry.co.uk):
1838 born in Kirkudbrightshire, Scotland
1861: Gardener at Lauder (Thirlestane Castle?) nr Edinburgh; lives at Garden Lodge with 3 other gardeners
1868: daughter born in Scotland
1870 in Tarporley (son born there)
1871: Gardener at Arderne Hall, lives in 'Lodges Round Park' (Eaton Bunbury District 6) (married; wife Helen, 1 daughter of 3; 1 son of 1)
1881: Landscape gardener, lives in Tarporley, house No. 22 (now has 3 daughters, 2 sons)
1885? – 88 Landscape Gardener, contracted by LNWR Soc. to lay out Queen's Park Crewe, (1888-91 receives retainer from Crewe Corporation)
1891: Landscape gardener, lives in Hoole, 24 Lightfoot Street
1901: Landscape Gardener, lives in Hoole, 37 Edna Street.
Widower, lives with 2 daughters and 1 son (all unmarried).
1911: Widower, lives in Chester with daughter,
works as 'agent and collector for 5 insurance firms';

dies soon after census.

- At the same meeting, F.W. Webb also suggested that **George Latimer** be appointed park keeper (accepted).
- Census research: George Latimer:
 - 1871: born c. 1840 Ireland; Gardener at Hopwood Hall, Middleton nr Manchester.
 - 1881: Gardener at Oteley (N Shropshire)
 - 1888-1906: park superintendent Queen's Park Crewe, lived West Lodge at Queen's Park.

Latimer is referred to by Chaloner, W.H. 1950. *The Social and Economic Development of Crewe 1780-1923*:

"Under the first curator, George Latimer (1888-1906), who had been a forester, most of the fine trees which grace it (Queen's Park) today were planted".

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