

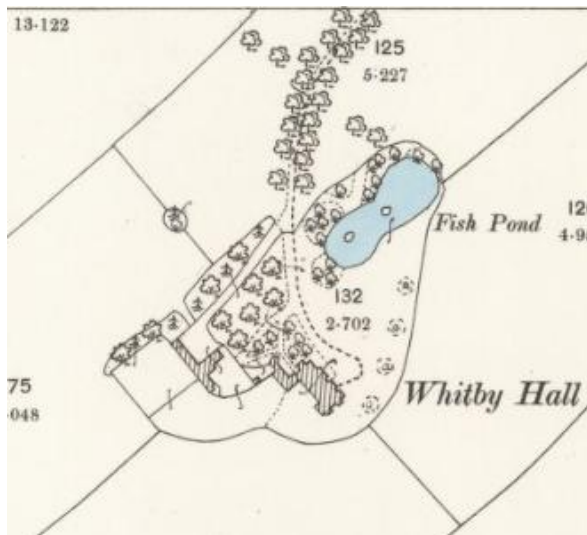
SITE NAME:	Whitby Park				
Address	Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 9AQ.				
Unitary Authority:	Cheshire West and Chester				
Parish:	Ellesmere Port				
Location:	Ellesmere Port				
Grid Ref:	SJ 397 752				
Recorder:	BM	Date of Site Visits	07/08/2021 10/10/2022	Date of Report:	04/12/2024

Plans



A. First Edition Ordnance Survey, Surveyed: 1872 to 1873, Published: 1881, 6 inch

Whitby Hall is situated south of Whitby, surrounded by fields and reached by a drive from Stanney Lane. The Hall has a small park with fish pond to the north east front, and stables and gardens to the south west.



B. Ordnance Survey, Revised: 1897, Published: 1898, 25 inch.
 There is an avenue along the drive and a mixture of conifers and deciduous trees in plantings north of the Hall.

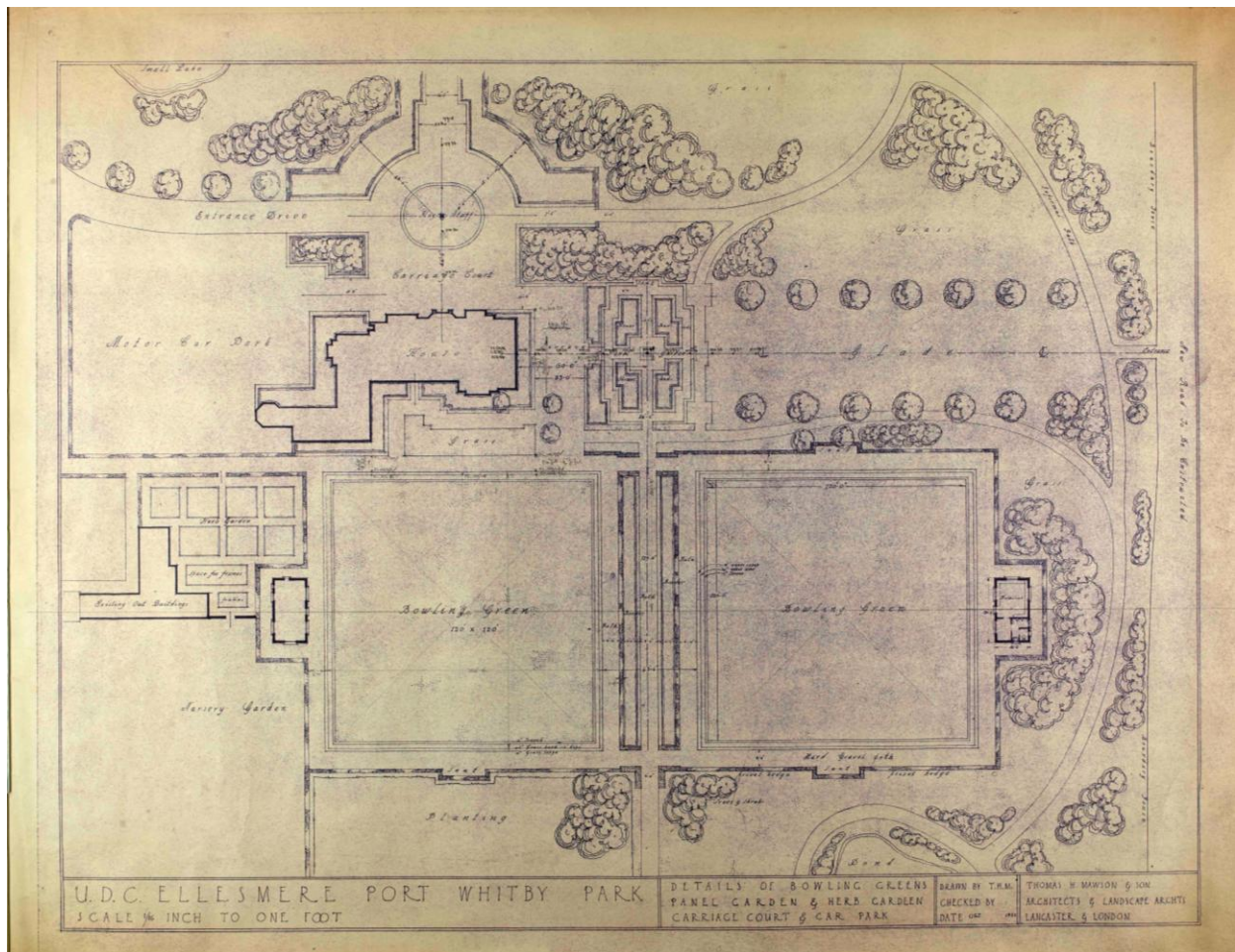
Tree groups along a field boundary south west of the Hall appear ornamental in character suggesting that the designed landscape had been extended beyond the immediate boundaries of the Hall.



C. Whitby Park, by Thomas H. Mawson and Son

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Mawson considered that the inclusion of recreation facilities necessitated a degree of formalism, but with the influence of the house, main drive and existing plantings, the park design was "a combination between the formal and informal style".



D. “Details of the Bowling Greens, Panel Garden and Herb Garden, Carriage Court and Car Park”, signed as drawn by Thomas H Mawson, dated Oct. 1932.
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives

Mawson's drawings also included “Details of the No 1 Bowling Green and 8 Tennis Courts”, dated Nov. 1932



E. 1971 – 1973 Aerial Survey of Cheshire

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This aerial photograph indicates that the main components of Mawson's design had been carried out by 1970 with the exception of the no 1 Bowling green, the Greeting and the Bandstand. An extension of the garden or car parking has taken place to the southwest of the house. The original field pattern, avenue planting and boundary planting west of the house are clearly shown, and there is a play area in the north of the park.



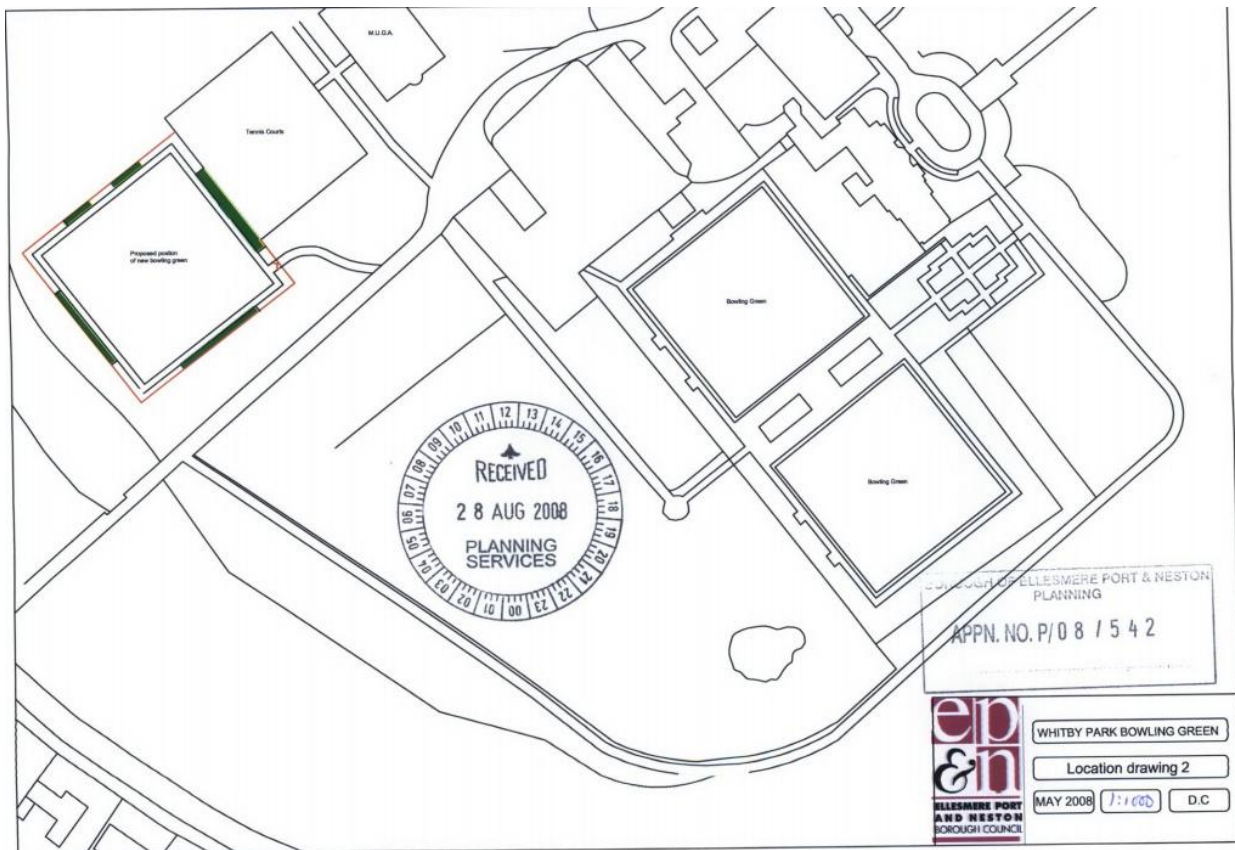
F. 1999-2003 Aerial Imagery

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This photograph indicates the loss of some features of Mawson's design, and the development of others not originally implemented. Changes since 1970 include:

- the loss or adaptation of the eastern 4 tennis courts,
- loss of the rose garden with more relaxed maintenance of the area to the north;
- a new path network in the former kitchen garden
- recent construction of 'The Greeting' leading to a performance area
- linked to a large car park beside Stanney Lane,
- development of the play area in the northern corner of the park, and
- increased tree cover with young woodland north of the house.





K. 2008 New Bowling green approved

[P/2008/101/WH/542 | New Bowling Green and Associated Works | Land Adjacent To Tennis Court Whitby Hall Lodge Stanney Lane Ellesmere Port Cheshire \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](#)

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