

Location
UK

Client
Bracknell Forest Borough Council

Budget
£3m

Period
2008 - 2011

Services
Project Management
Landscape Design
Stakeholder Consultation
Implementation and Delivery

Website
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South Hill Park

2013 British Association of Landscape Industries Award

South Hill Park is a 23 ha Grade II Registered Park of Special Historic Interest located within Bracknell new town. Originally enclosed from Windsor Forest, the Park was developed during C18th and 19th to include pleasure grounds, shrubberies, serpentine walks and two large lakes. In the late C19th, the house and garden were remodelled in the Italian style by the architect Temple Moore, the gardens being his only known landscape work. The estate was acquired by Bracknell Development Corporation in 1963; whilst much of the original park was developed for housing, the core of the estate was retained and the house was opened as an arts centre in 1973. Following a Stage 1 Heritage Lottery application to restore the Park's features, CBA was appointed to lead a successful Stage 2 application and then to design and implement the works. Elements of restoration included recreating the original character of the house approach, restoring historic views through the park and improving access and interpretation. A key aspect was to unite the bisected park across 'Ringmead', a road built in the 1960's as part of the new town. Art and play strategies were also drawn up to form a basis for future projects. The project has successfully accommodated new C21st uses, encouraging a wider visitor base and enhancing biodiversity.



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