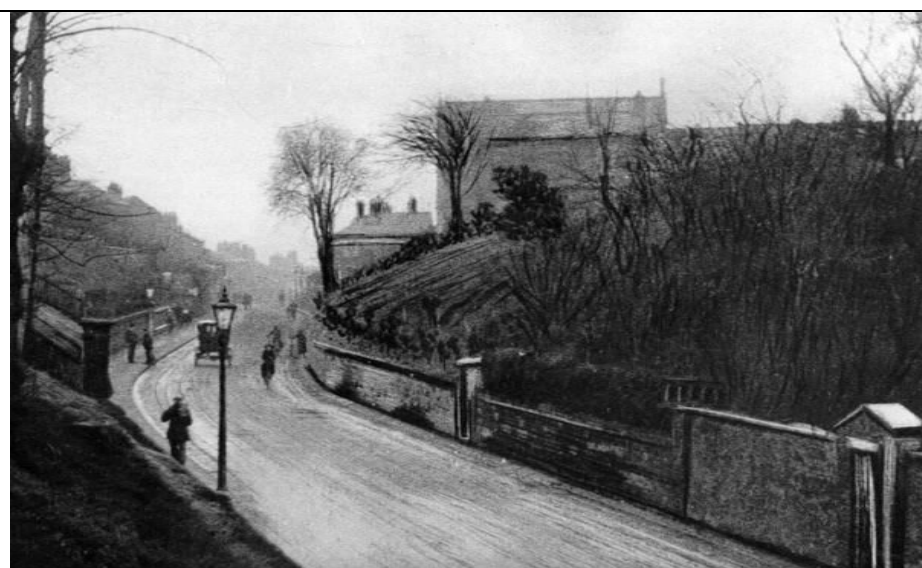


SITE NAME:	Verdin Park with Northwich Infirmary, formerly Winnington Bank House				
Address					
Unitary Authority:	Cheshire West and Chester				
Parish:	Northwich				
Location:	Northwich town centre, west of the confluence of the Weaver and Dane rivers				
Grid Ref:	SJ 655 738				
Owner:	Northwich Town Council				
Recorder:	BM JW	Date of Site Visit	24.06.2020 28.01.2021	Date of Report:	12.03.21

Historic Images



1. Castle Street, 1880 to 1900

showing the hollow way noted on Burdett's County Map 1777 (A)

Facebook - Northwich and Surrounding Area's Past and Present Nostalgia (NSAPPN)



2. Dr Brown's House on Castle Street

showing the site that was to become Verdin Park. Dr Brown's House was later subject to subsidence and demolished.

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3. Winnington Bank House, now Victoria Infirmary

12.10.1891 by Thomas Birtles

Courtesy Cheshire Image Bank

Note the wrought iron verandah with seats positioned to enjoy the easterly view.



4. Victoria Infirmary 2020

The alignment of the historic drive has been retained.



No. 28 NEW VIEW OF NORTHWICH INFIRMARY AND GROUNDS FROM VERDIN PARK

5. Victoria Infirmary seen from Verdin Park

Park railings separate the grounds of the infirmary from the park, enclosing a flag pole and a large boulder.

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6. The large boulder remains beside the infirmary car park



7. Winnington Bank House, now Victoria Infirmary

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This photo shows some of the kitchen garden walls and lawns west of the house.



8. The Lodge

Lilywhite Ltd Brighouse, n.d. *Facebook (NSAPPN)*



9. The Lodge 2020



10. An image of the brine baths showing the timber frame construction, the north entrance, four roof dormers and a cupola surmounting the ridge. The members of the public include elegant people and a working woman with a basket suggesting that the parks and its facilities were there for everyone.

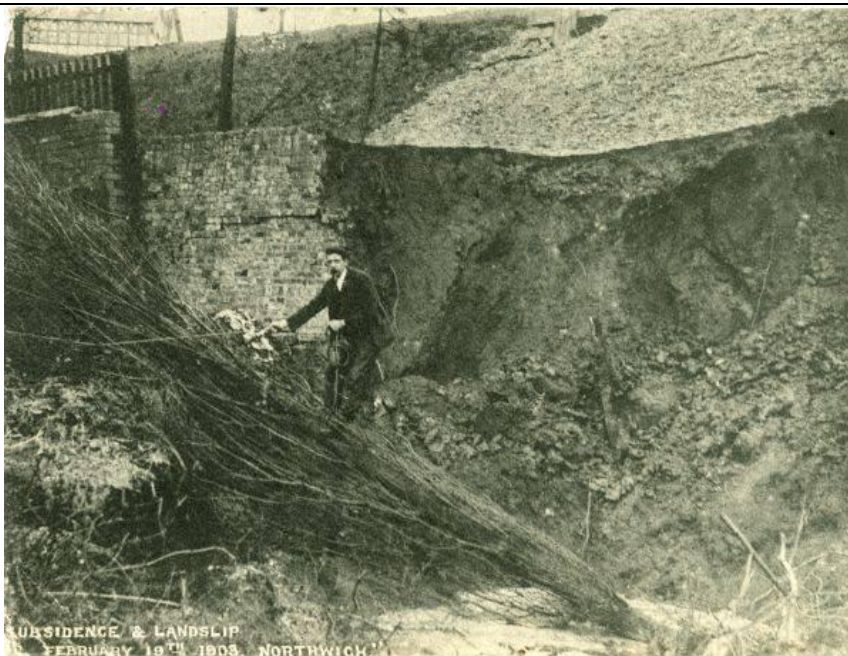
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11. Verdin Baths and Verdin Park from near the River Weaver.

The baths appear silouetted on the skyline with the statue of Robert Verdin to the right. The steep path to Weaverham and park gates can be seen beside a property that accommodated the park keeper.

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12. Postcard 'Subsidence and Landslip February 19th 1903, Northwich'

The baths are visible in the top left hand corner of the photograph suggesting that the subsidence occurred somewhere near the Castle Street entrance to the park.

Facebook (NSAPPN)



13. A postcard of the brine baths after 1904 showing the extension.

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14. The eastern elevation of the baths with subsidence in the foreground. The chimney has gone.

Facebook (NSAPPN)



15. Detail of the relief – terracotta by Jabez Thompson?

Facebook (NSAPPN)



16. Subsidence on the slopes of Verdin Park

Facebook (NSAPPN)



17. Collapse adjacent to steps in the park, possibly the same area as 16.

CALS, Colin Lynch Archive



18. Statue of Robert Verdin
Northwich Guardian, 5th October 1889



19. Relocated statue of Robert Verdin



20. Postcard of Verdin Park overlooking the town *Facebook (NSAPPN)*



21. Postcard of Verdin Park overlooking the town *Facebook (NSAPPN)*



22. View east to St Helen's Church, Lostock works and the Pennine Hills



23. View north beside Castle Street



24. Castle Street entrance



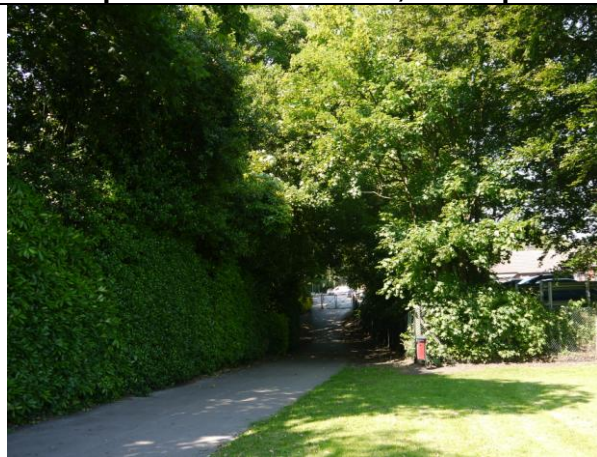
25. The central path from Castle Street.



26. Steps from Castle Street, south park



27. Park entrance from Barbers Lane



28. Entrance beside Infirmary



29. Entrance from Winnington Street



30. Mature oaks beside Infirmary boundary



31. Play ground in northern part of park



32. Subsidence on the wooded slopes



33. Mature trees in the central valley



34. Row of Lime trees



35. Laburnum avenue



36. Path with zig zag stone edging on the slopes to Castle Street



37. Steps on bank near principal Castle Street entrance



38. Restored gates and gate piers



39. Restored gates and gate piers

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