

**Neil Simpson**

**Estate Manager – Walton Hall and Gardens**

**Warrington Borough Council**



## Introduction

- 1987 - commenced at Warrington Borough Council
- 1993 - Area Landscape Officer
- 2000 - Bereavement Services Officer
- 2004 – Senior Bereavement Services Officer
- 2008 - Bereavement Services Manager
- 2014 - Walton Estate Manager

### Current Remit:

Walton Hall and  
Gardens Estate

Bereavement  
Services

Walton Municipal  
Golf Club

Walton Hall is a Grade II listed building set within 32 acres of parkland with a range of facilities and attractions including

- Adventure Golf
- Pitch & Putt
- Bowls
- Children's Zoo
- Formal Gardens
- Ornamental pond
- Woodland
- Extensive lawns
- Conservatory Range & Education Centre
- 18 hole municipal golf course



## The History of Walton Hall and Gardens

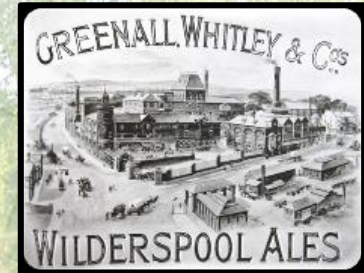
In 1786 Thomas Greenall created a brewery in Warrington. Increased fortune led him to build Walton Hall in the 1830's.

The Hall was passed through generation of the family whilst they rose in prominence with Gilbert Greenall becoming Lord Daresbury in 1927.

He died in 1938. Death Taxes and the Second World War meant the estate was sold to Warrington Council.

During the war, troops were stationed on the estate and the greenhouses grew food for the local population.

Following VE day in 1945, the estate was opened to the public.



# Walton Hall and Gardens: A new plan





Investment since 2014

**£6,467,569**

# Investment - 2015

Hall Extension and Zoo WCs

**£1,876,448**



# Investment - 2016



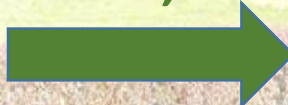
Playground

£188,780



Adventure  
Golf

£161,125



Adventure  
Golf Kiosk

£25,103



## Investment - 2018



The Old Laundry  
**£211,346**



The Riding School



**£405,597**



# Investment – 2018: The Conservatory Range Project

- 2017
  - Heritage Lottery Bid Approved
  - Design Team, contractors and volunteers sourced and recruited
  - Work on dismantling the old buildings commenced
- 2018
  - Timbers, bricks and ironwork is carefully taken down and refurbished to be reused on site
  - Construction work is underway
  - Walton Estate is busy with builders and heritage craftworkers





# The Shippon

**Myerscough College** - one of the UK's largest land-based colleges teaching horticulture, animal care and foundation learning.



**The Walton Lea Partnership**

**Walton Lea** charity supporting adults with additional needs through supported learning and development and work activities.



# The Glasshouses

- Vinery Classroom spaces
- Dedicated horticultural area
- Venue and wedding space
- Courtyard area
- Working outside stalls

# Investment - 2019

New, bespoke website and estate-wide branding:  
[waltonhallgardens.co.uk](http://waltonhallgardens.co.uk)

£51,280



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WEDDINGS & EVENTS

CHILDREN'S ZOO

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

GARDENS

Walton Hall and Gardens are pleased to work with our on-site partners who enhance our vibrant offer and help to create a magical visitor experience.



## Catering Options



Lewis Bros

The **Stables Area** is home to:  
Turner's Painting School  
Louis Smith's Realist Academy  
Stallholders and shops  
Heavenly Soles therapies



The Cycle Museum

Pottery in the Park

George Hemingway  
(fairground rides)

# Moving Forward: Targeted Visitor Offer

## A place to celebrate:

A varied selection of formal, prestigious and learning spaces to hire.

Bespoke event, meeting and party packages:

- On site catering
- Break out Pitch and Putt/Bowls
- Alpaca walks
- Zoo visits
- Learning Environment
- Ample parking
- Walton Hall Golf Club

## National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant:

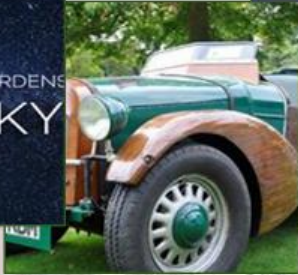
- Heritage Trail
- Children's Tracker Packs
- Atrium Heritage Display
- Audio Social History
- Breaking Ground Course
- Formal Gardens
- Heritage Stall
- History Exhibition



Arriving 2020. Woodland High Ropes Activity

# EVENTS SHOWCASE:

Something for everyone....



Walton Hall and Gardens



*Wedding & Party Showcase*

**SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019**  
12 - 4 PM

SPECIAL VENUE OFFERS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY!  
Free registration: [waltonhallgardens.co.uk/upcoming-events/](http://waltonhallgardens.co.uk/upcoming-events/)



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Walton Hall and Gardens Festive Cinema  
[waltonhallgardens.co.uk/upcoming-events/](http://waltonhallgardens.co.uk/upcoming-events/)  
Venue: The Stables | Wrap up warm!



# “Award Winning Walton Hall and Gardens”

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