

## APPENDIX 3: HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS

### BROOKWOOD CEMETERY

Grade II

Occupying a site of 143 ha, Brookwood Cemetery was laid out and opened in the early 1850's. Originally a heathland area, it was acquired by the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Company in 1852. Henry Abraham, the Company's architect was probably responsible for the overall plan. The more detailed landscaping and extensive evergreen planting was the work of Robert Donald a nurseryman of Goldsworth. The southern part of the Cemetery was never laid out as a formal garden with paths, and has remained as heathland. In 1988 this portion of the Cemetery was notified as a S.S.S.I., and the Council made a blanket Tree Preservation Order in 1989.

Unfortunately, the Cemetery has suffered from damage and neglect, particularly in the north-east section where much of the land has been cleared and reused with little regard to its earlier design.

### PYRFORD COURT

Grade II

There are about 8 ha of formal and informal gardens in the grounds of Pyrford Court, which have been strongly influenced by the landscape gardener G. Jekyll.

The house itself was constructed during the period 1907-27, and designed by Clyde Young for Lord Iveagh. It contains wistaria, orangeries, a balustraded terrace and a swimming pool.

The formal garden contains rock plants, camellias planted in the 1920's and a 2 ha lawn bounded by trees, lilacs, magnolias and cherries. It also has a pergola with climbers, and a fountain. Other features include Irish Yews (a fastigate variety of Common Yew), enclosed flagged gardens, topiary shapes, peony borders, Rose Garden and Kitchen Garden.

The informal Rock Garden is laid out in natural pine wood and was extended in the 1950's.