

## Extensive restoration of Cheltenham's public gardens

Project	Restoration of Montpellier Gardens
Location	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Employer	Cheltenham Borough Council
Contract Administrator	LDA Design
Project Value	£1.1m

Montpellier Gardens are an important part of Cheltenham's Regency landscape and were originally used as pleasure gardens by patrons of Montpellier Spa.

Basil Wyatt & Sons Ltd were commissioned to carry out extensive restoration throughout the gardens, which occupy a 3.5 hectare site at the heart of the town centre.

The works included the renovation and transformation of the derelict proscenium building into an art exhibition centre and the provision of new and refurbished play areas including skate-boarding facilities, climbing frames and tennis courts.

New paths, hard landscaping and paved areas were introduced and spaces created with borders and hedges. The railings and gates were designed to reflect those of the original park.

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