

Steps down to St. Joseph's entrance

Grade 2 listed 14 May 1974

This flight of ten stone steps, flanked by Portland stone urns, is known to have existed from the end of the C17 as a means of access from Lauderdale House to the third terrace (removed when the park was created) where the kitchen gardens would have been (and still are) situated. In Yates' day they would have provided comfortable access to his octagonal palmhouse, sadly demolished either prior to or during the transformation of the estate into a public park at the end of the C19. There were once pineapples on the pillars on at the top of the steps. Pineapples were exotic and rare in the C18 and C19 centuries so they came to symbolise affluence. They were a common feature on entrance pillars as a welcome to visitors.