Gardens of The Cotswolds

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The Cotswolds

- Cotswolds - meaning "sheep enclosure in rolling hillsides"
- Became prosperous from the wool trade, however synthetic fiber caused a depression
- Now affluent again in the 21st century attracting wealthy Londoners, sky high real-estate prices
  - Destroying the fabric of village life
- Second largest protected landscape in England
  - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
  - Protection from development
- Hard to find the best spots of natural beauty without a guide
  - Poor public transport, but taxis are available

In Television

Miss Marple
(1984 – 1992)

Agatha Christie's Marple
(2004 – 2013)

Midsomer Murders
(1997 – present)

Father Brown
(2013 – present)

Downton Abbey
(2010 – 2015)

Grantchester
(2014 – present)

Tour Guides

CCT Tours
Jim Gladwin
1 one 1 tour
£300

Secret Cottage Tours
Becky Simson
11 people
£95

Soil

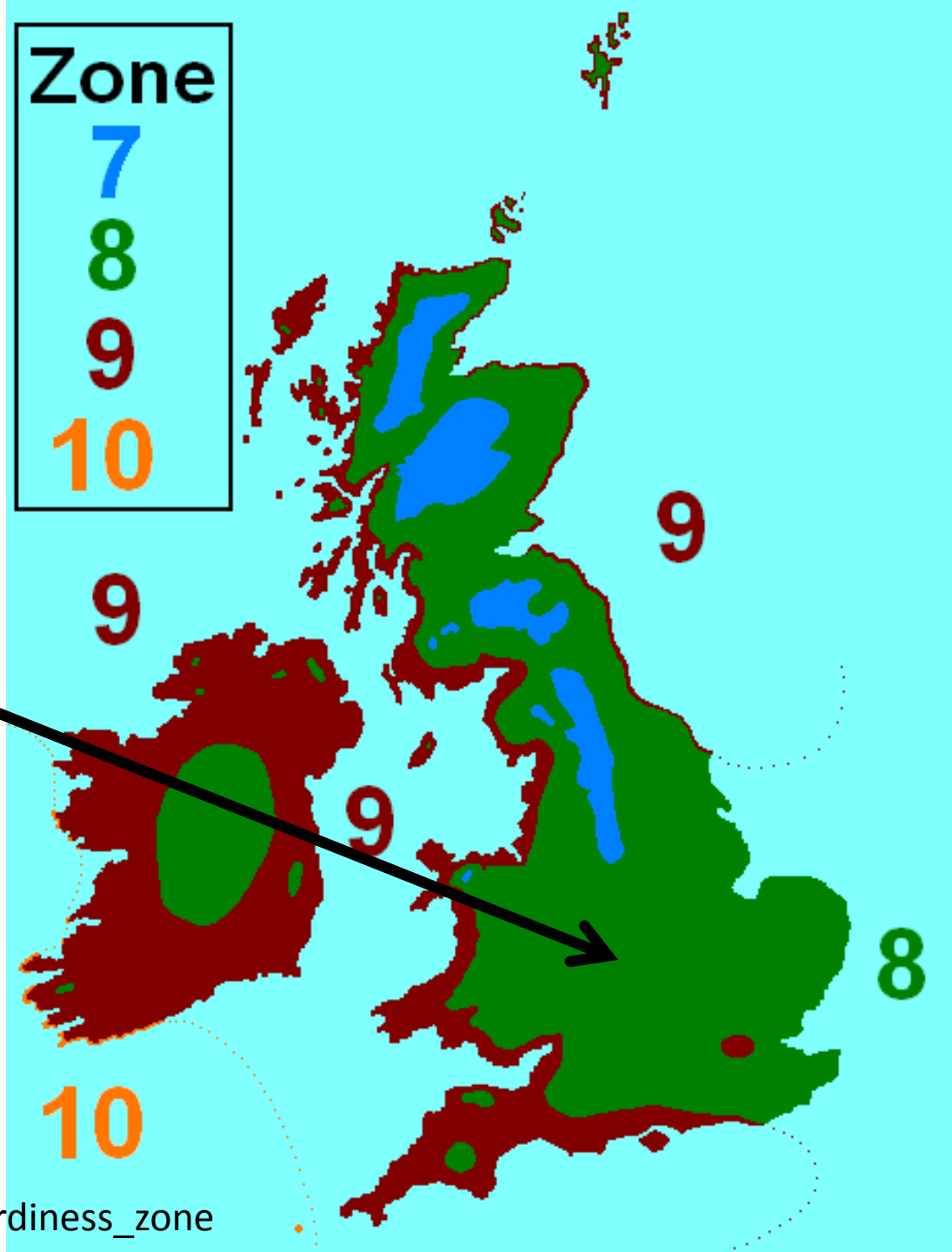
- Jurassic limestone bed rock escarpment
  - Golden colored (from iron oxide) Cotswold stone use for all building
  - Alkaline soil (no Rhododendron and Azalea)

Plant Hardiness Zone Map of the British Isles

Zone: 8
10 - 20°F

-Very even rainfall.

Last year (2018) was unusually very dry.



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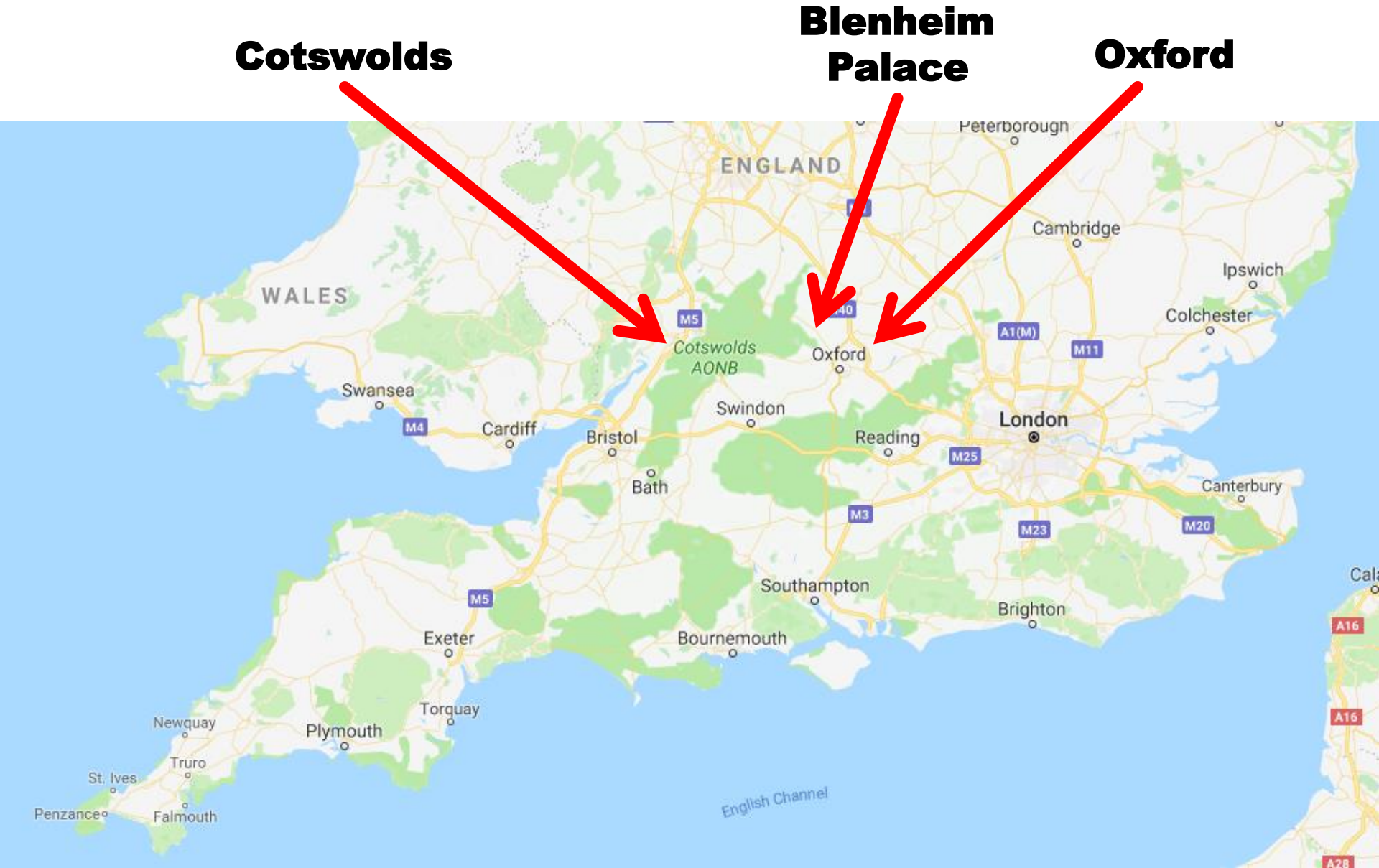
Locations


Cotswolds
Blenheim Palace
Oxford
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Swindon
Reading
London
Bath
Canterbury
Southampton
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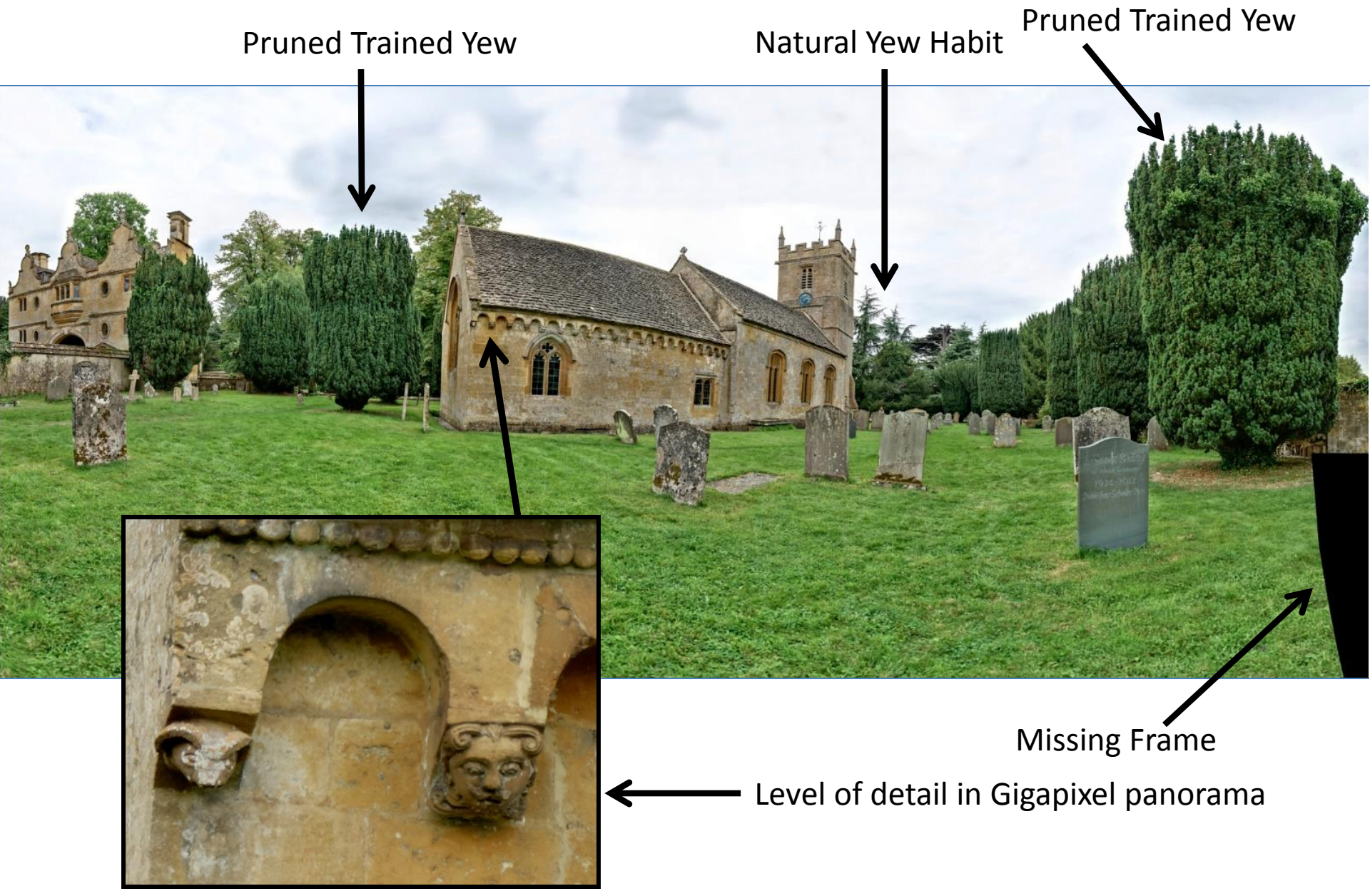
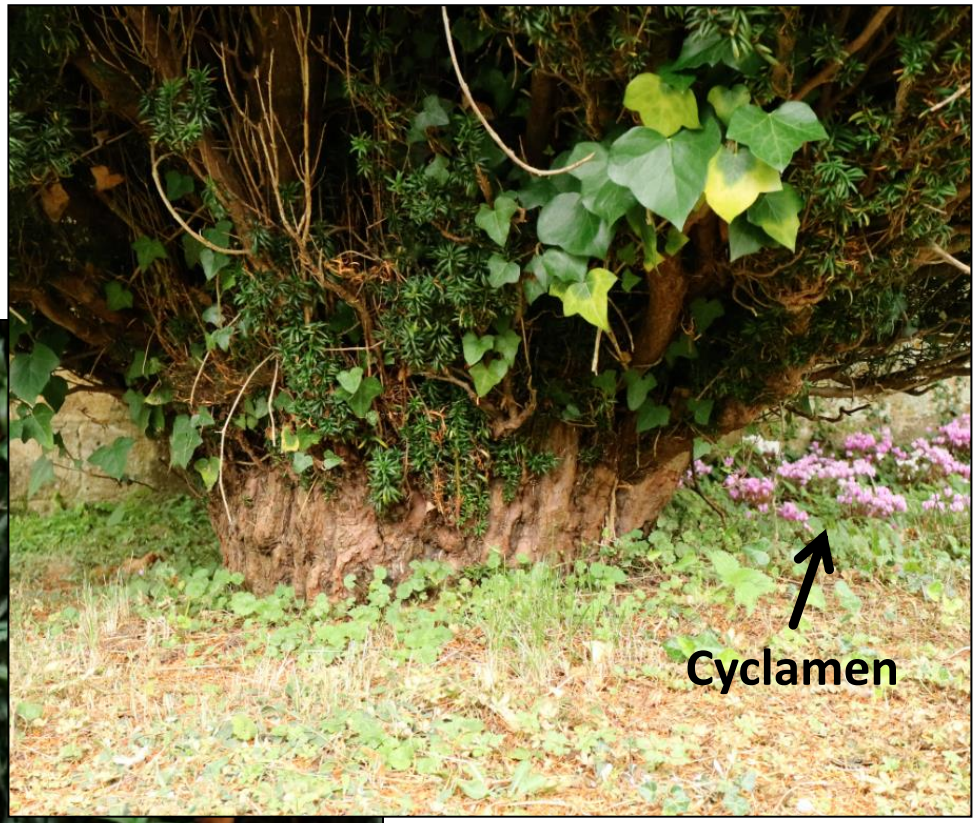
Locations of Horticultural Interest Visited

Stanway, St Peter's Church (Yews)



Stanway, St Peter's Church (Yews)

Binding Wire



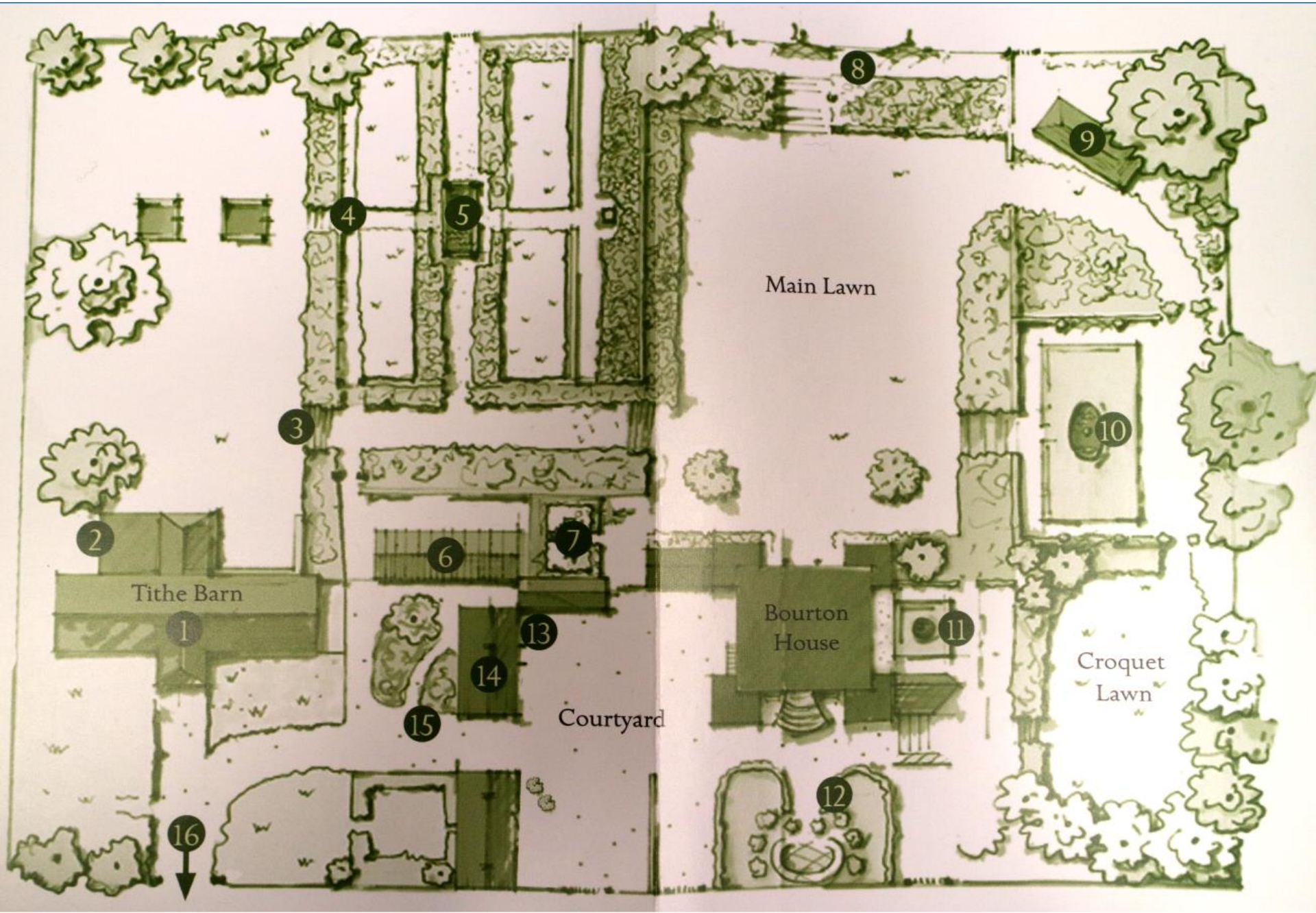
Thick Tree Base

- Toxic to sheep due to taxine alkaloids
- Used for making English longbows

ST. Edward, Stow-On-The-Wold

(Yew Trees) - Rumor has it that this was the door that sparked J. R. R. Tolkien's "Doors of Durin," the west gate of Moria that appears in a scene in the The Lord of the Rings

Bourton House Garden



Bourton House Garden: Street View

Bourton House – Tithe Barn

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Nicotiana *sylvestris* (ornamental tobacco)

Bourton House Garden

Side Garden – Boxwood Topiary

Bourton House Garden

Boxwood Topiary
Abutilon (Flowering Maple) in background

Bourton House Garden (White Garden)

Bourton House Garden

Bourton House Garden Shade House

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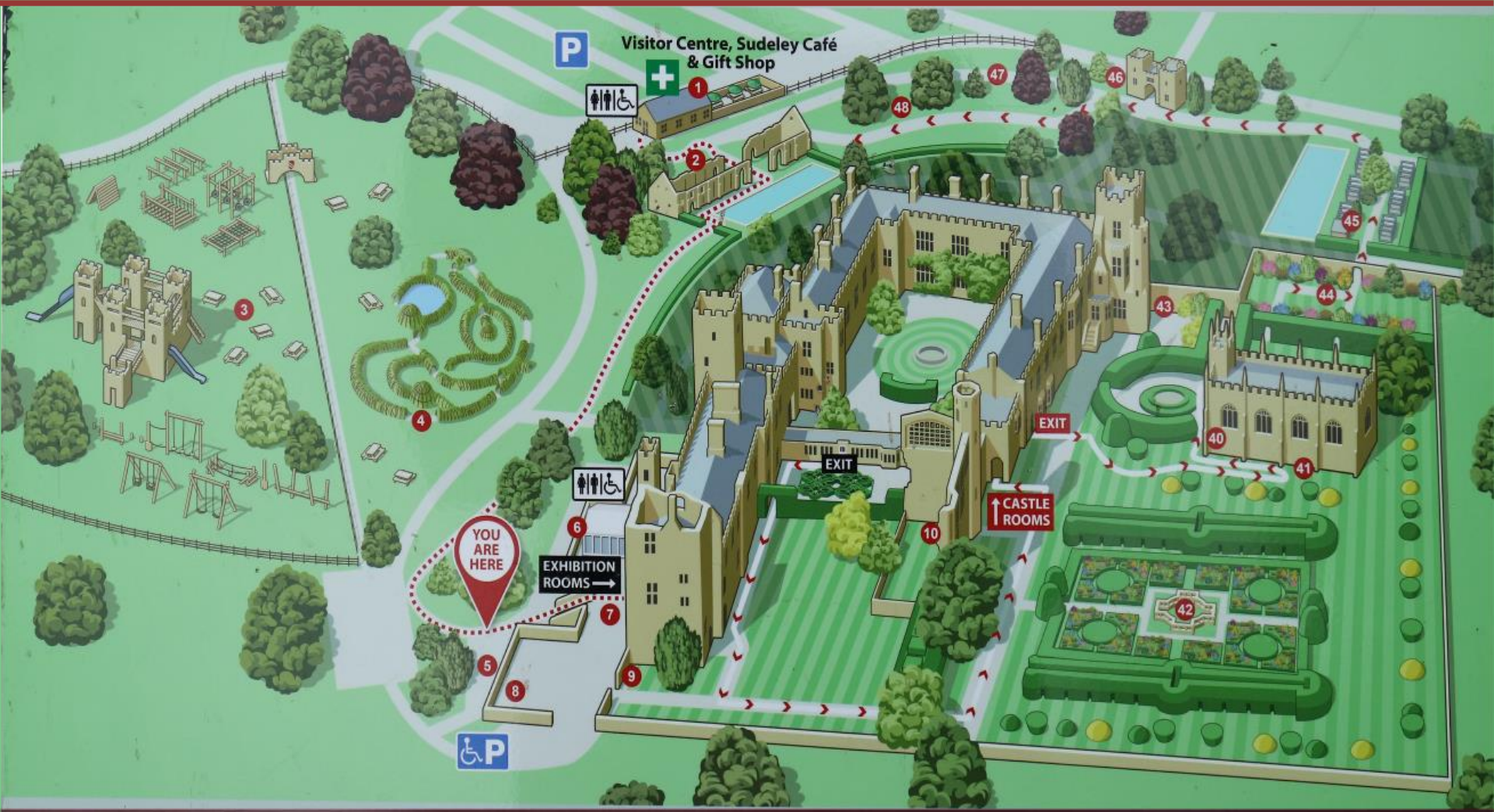
(Gardener at Work)

Sudeley Castle - near Winchcombe



Sudeley Castle - Tithe Barn

Sudeley Castle - Knot garden

Sudeley Castle – Queen's Garden

Sudeley Castle - St Mary’s Church

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Euphorbia characias subsp. wulfenii

Boxwood ringed with variegated boxwood

Sezincote – Persian Garden

Old Dairy
Orangery Pavilion
Head Gardener's Cottage
OLD DAIRY
COPPER BEECHES
ORANGERY
PERSIAN GARDEN
WILDFLOWER MEADOW
DIONYSUS URN
GROTTO
TENNIS PAVILION
HOUSE
TENT ROOM
NORTH LAWN
DEODAR GROVE
SPRING
SURYA TEMPLE
TEMPLE POOL
UPPER THORNERY
INDIAN BRIDGE
CATALPA COLLECTION
Car Park
SNAKE POOL
LOWER THORNERY
VISITOR ENTRANCE
Front Drive
CEDARS OF LEBANON
PARKLAND
WEEPING HORNBEAM
ISLAND POOL
N
Scale:
50 Metres
Temple to Surya
Tent Room
Indian Bridge
Snake Pool
Dionysus Urn
The House
Grotto
Tennis Pavilion
SEZINCOTE
GARDEN
MAP
Measured & drawn by Valerie Anfield, 2011

Sezincote – Persian Garden

Sezincote - Snake Pool

Sezincote

Sezincote – Temple Pool

Sezincote – Furry Lace-Cap Hydrangea

Sezincote – Mophead Hydrangea

Some of Hidcote's highlights

...if you've only got an hour

- You can learn more about Lawrence Johnston and his garden in our exhibitions located in the Manor House and Chapel.
- You could head to the Old Garden and admire the view through the Red Border.
- If you want to know about seasonal highlights, ask at visitor reception.

...if you have three hours

- You could navigate the narrow, winding pathway along the stream up to the Rock Bank to admire the view out to the Malvern Hills.
- Why not take a stroll through the Kitchen Garden.

...if you have all day

- Why not challenge each other to a game of croquet on the Great Lawn or head to the tennis court where you will find tennis balls and rackets waiting for you.
- You could explore the Wilderness to reach the top of the Long Walk.
- If you fancy a longer walk, or for more ideas of what to see throughout the year, ask at visitor reception.

Attractions

- Manor House
- Plant House
- Potting Shed
- Second-hand Bookshop
- Chapel
- Plant Centre
- Mrs Winthrop's Garden
- Kitchen Garden
- Shop

Facilities

- Picnic benches
- Mrs Winthrop's Café
- Barn Café
- Parking
- Toilets
- Dog waste bin

Accessibility

Easy Access Route

Many of the pathways around the garden are uneven and slippery, so please take care. Personal mobility vehicles are available to borrow from visitor reception, as is our brail guide. Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas of the property.

Four-legged friends

As Hidcote is Grade I listed and contains many rare plants, unfortunately dogs are not permitted in the garden. There are some great walks leading from the car park, however, of varying lengths. Ask at visitor reception for more details.

Hidcote Gardens is a no smoking property

Hidcote

Created by Lawrence Johnston (Started 1910)

Penstenmon *'Hidcote Pink'*

Wardian Case

A visionary an horticulturist

The seeds and plan obtained would go to Hidcote or Serre Madone, adding ga their aesthetic and interest. Botanic G Edinburgh and Kew free shares.

Each year Lawrenc produced a list of p seeds available for which he sent to o owners in Britain a

1922

Plant hunting

(1922-1930s)

1922 - Makes trip to Switzerland to look for plants

1923 - Co-sponsored plant hunting expedition in the Andes

1927 - Travelled to South Africa – plant hunting expedition

1929 - Travelled to Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa

1930-31 - Co-sponsored George Forrest plant hunting expedition to Yunnan in China. Travelled with Forrest but taken very ill in Burma and returned

1932 - Organised and co-sponsored plant hunting expedition to Formosa (Taiwan)

1933 - Co-sponsored plant hunting expedition to the Appalachians, USA

Hidcote in your garden

Many of the plants Lawrence collected are now widely grown; some are specifically associated with Hidcote. These include species and varieties such as Hidcote Lavender, Hypericum Hidcote, Verbena 'Lawrence Johnston' and Penstemon 'Hidcote Pink' - so the chances are you may have a little bit of Hidcote in your own garden.

Hidcote’s - Lily Pool

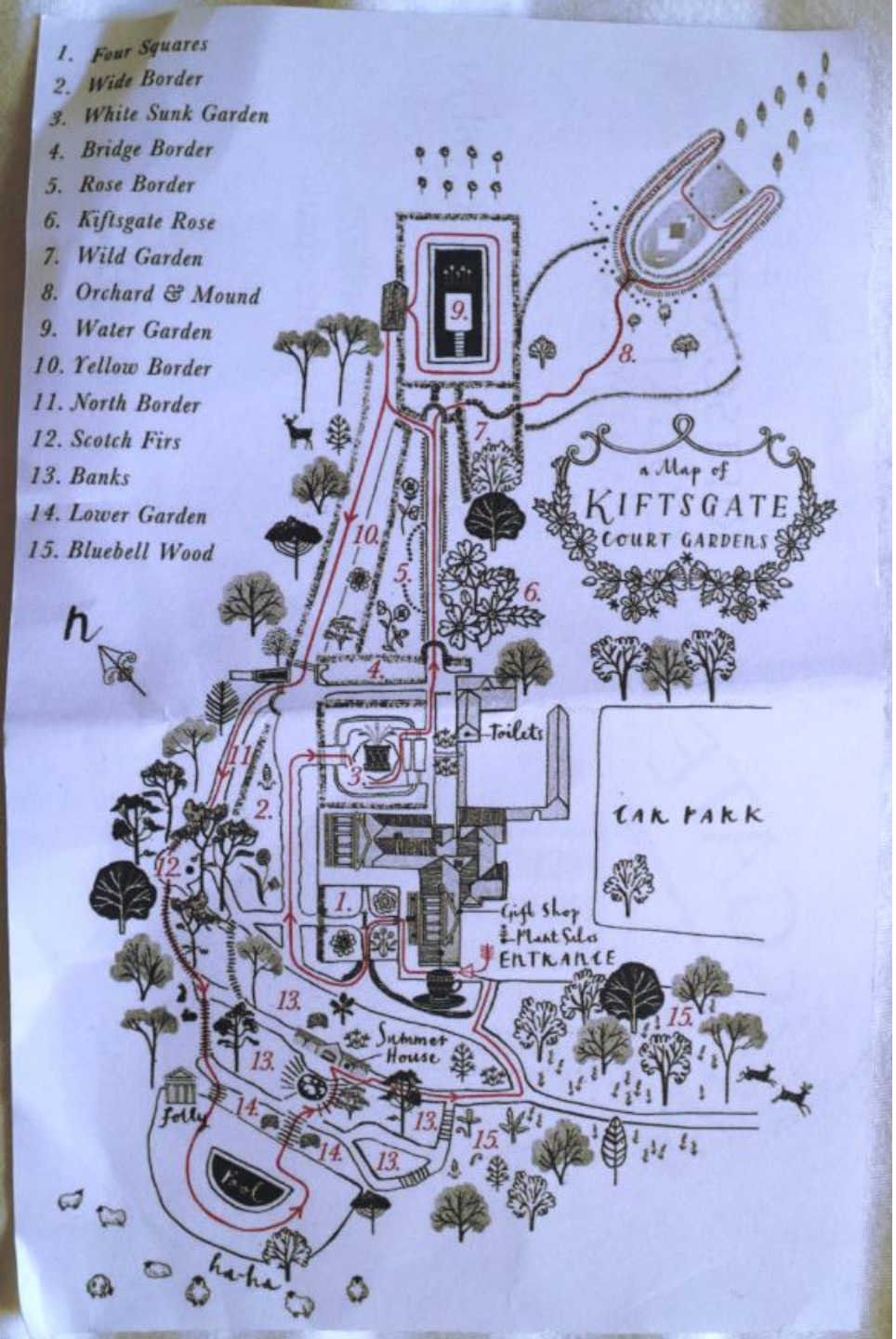
Hidcote’s - Long Borders

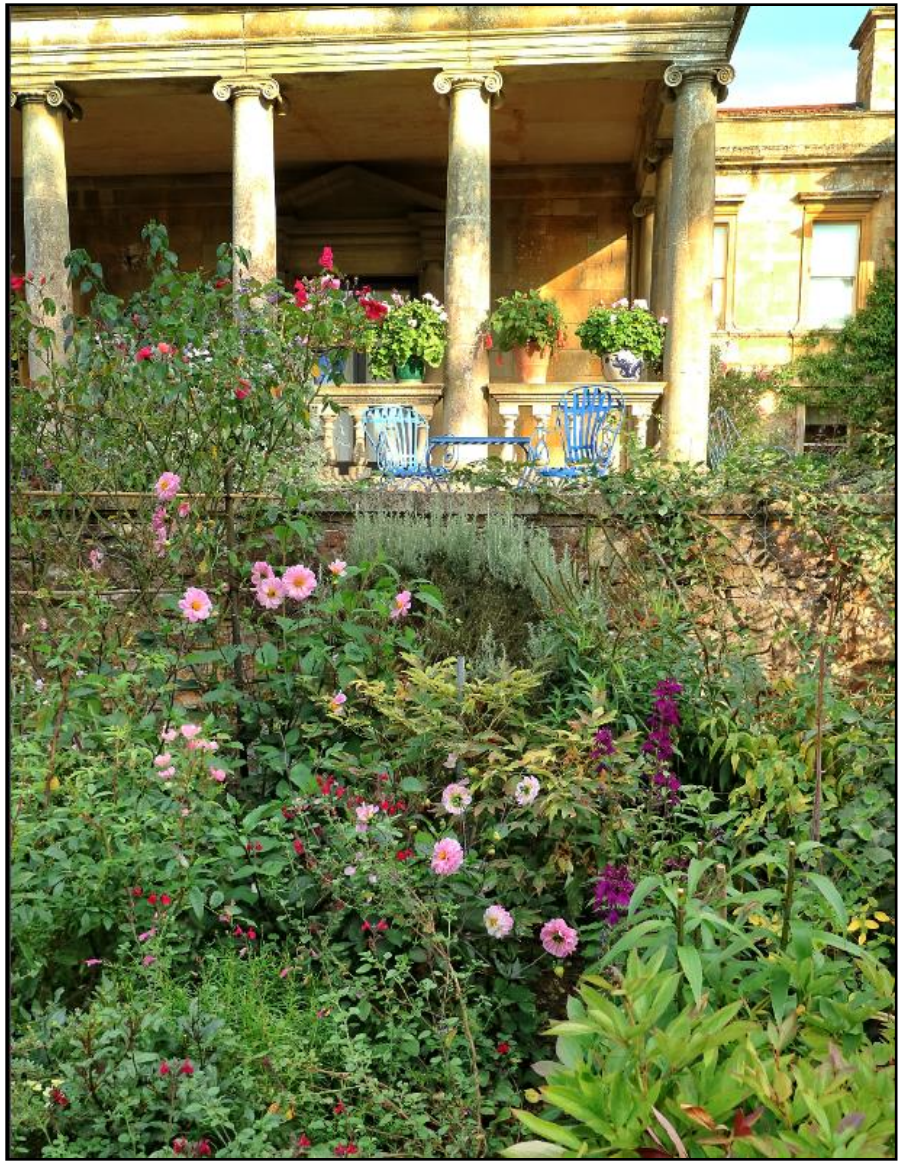
Hidcote - Red Borders

Hidcote – Old Garden

Hidcote House

Kiftsgate Court Gardens





Kiftsgate Court Gardens

Kiftsgate - White Sunk Garden

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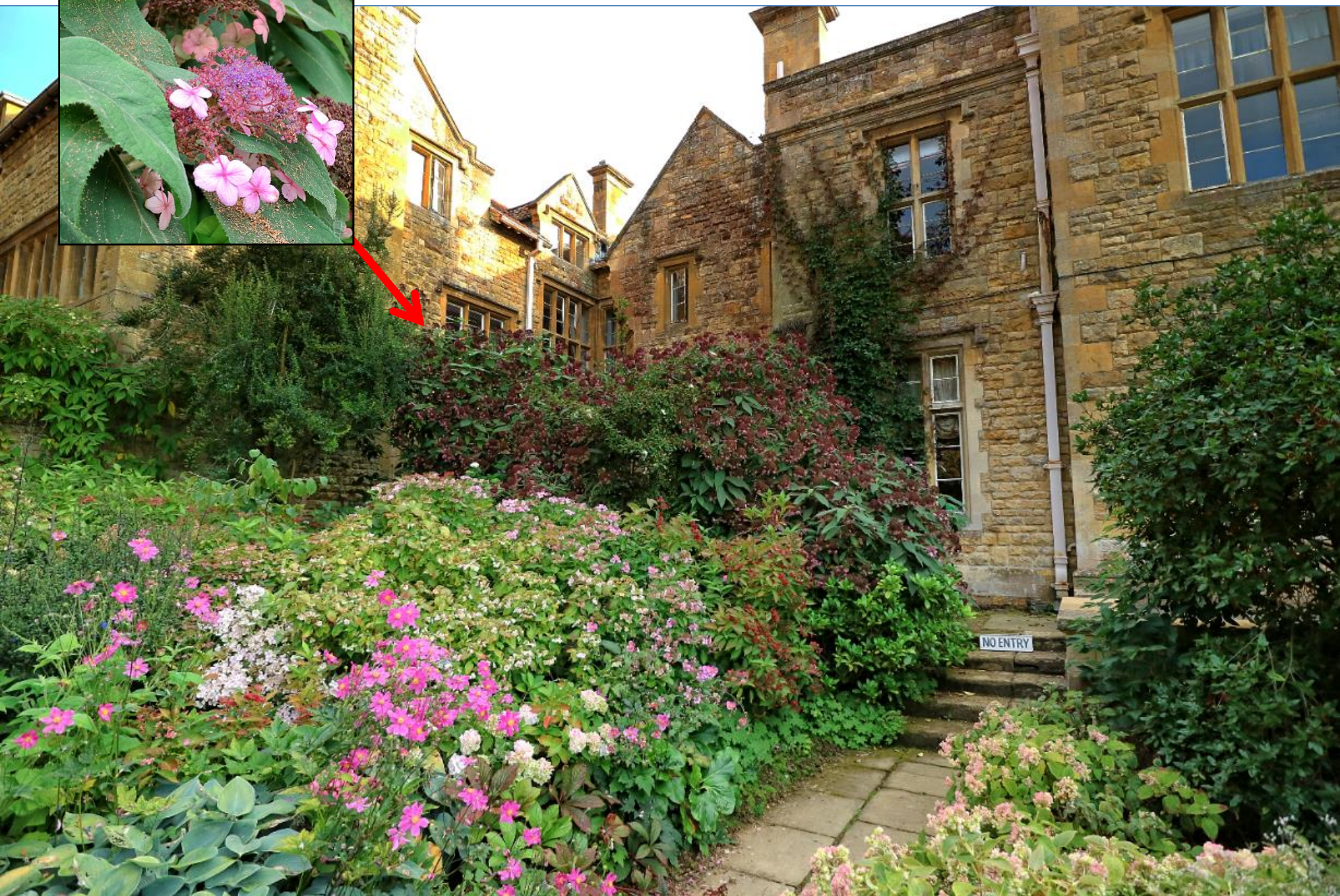
Hydrangea aspera



Kiftsgate – Lower Garden Looking Up

Blenheim Palace
English Landscape Garden
Home to the Duke of Marlborough

Blenheim Palace

Formal Garden

Blenheim Palace

Formal Garden

Blenheim Palace Maze

planted in 1987, yew hedges, 3,000 trees, world's *second largest* symbolic *maze*

Residential Homes

Residential Home in Chipping Campden

Thatched Roof Cottage

Bibury: Note: stone houses make even modest gardens look good

Residential Home in Moreton-in-Marsh (2018)

Residential Home in Moreton-in-Marsh (2017)

Residential Home in Moreton-in-Marsh

Upper Slaughter

Great Tew

Common Sites

Chastleton House

Chastleton House – espalier Pear Trees

Dovecote at Chastleton House

Houses pigeons or doves, kept for their eggs and meat

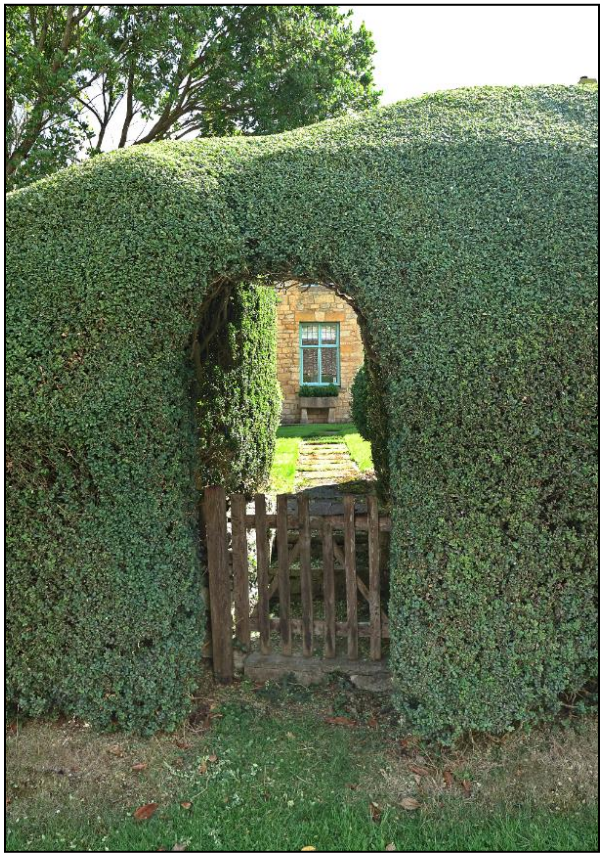
Staddle Stones

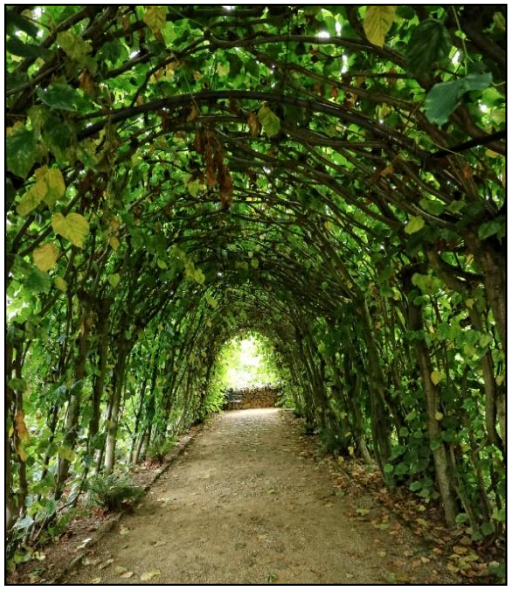
Originally Used as Supporting Bases for Granaries

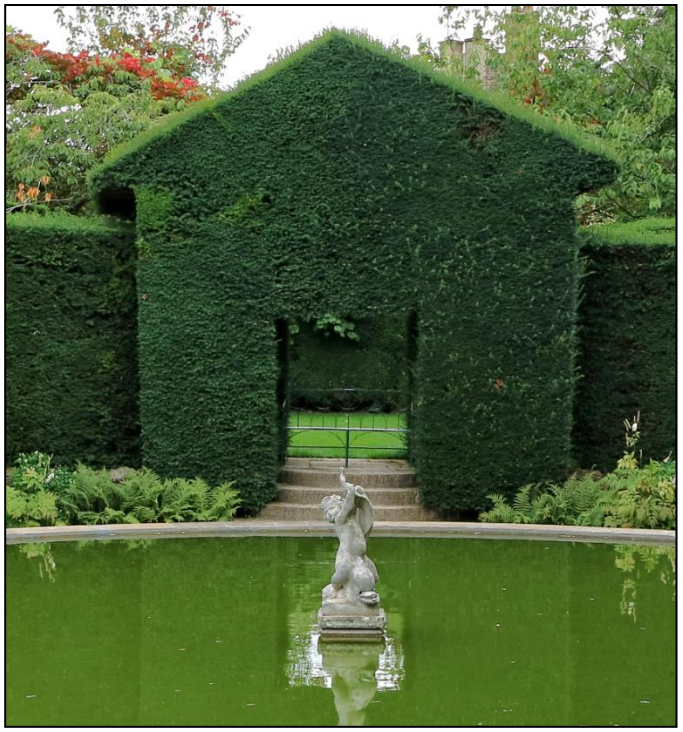
Lower left picture courtesy of:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staddle_stones

Woven Willow Art – At Broadway Tower

Hedge Archways







Stone Walls With no Cement

Questions?

Unused Slides

House in the Cotswolds

Place Names

prefix	suffix	Meaning	Example
	-ford	Crossing a river	Oxford
	-ton	estate	Chastleton
Chipping-		long market square	Chipping Norton Chipping Campden

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_generic_forms_in_place_names_in_the_United_Kingdom_and_Ireland

Settlement hierarchy

settlement	population
Town	1,000 to 20,000
Village	>100
Hamlet	<100

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Settlement_hierarchy

My picture of Sezincote