



King's Gardens, Southport

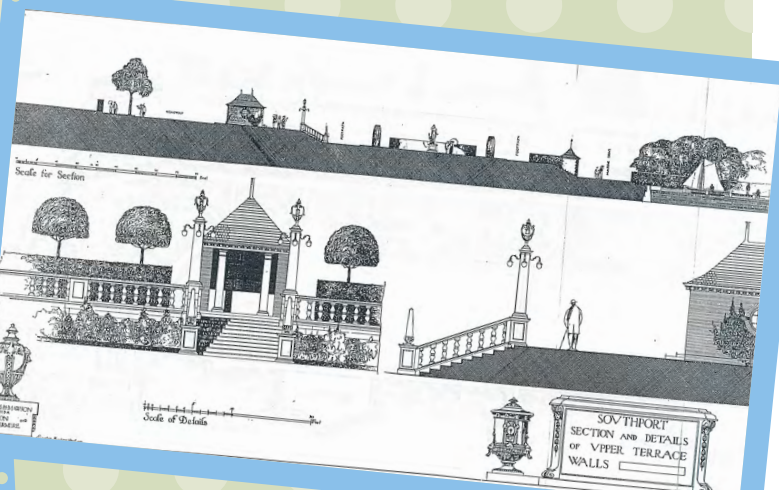
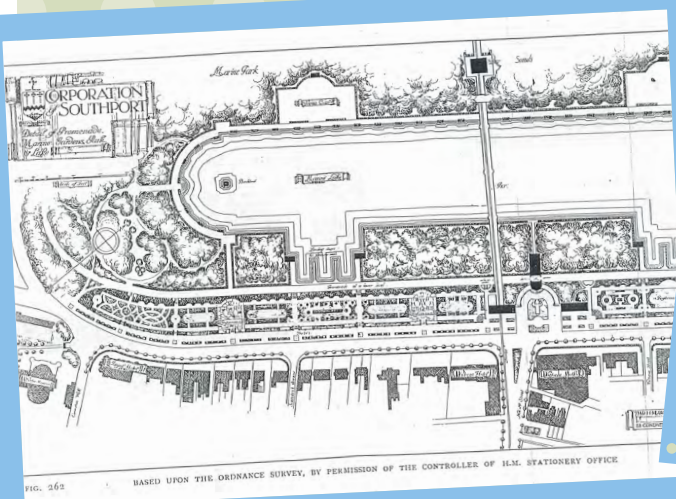
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND THOMAS MAWSON

What is Landscape Architecture?

Landscape architecture is working with the natural and built environment to design and create outdoor space.

Who is Thomas Mawson?

Thomas Mawson was a man from Lancashire whose job it was to make towns, gardens and parks beautiful, so that children and grown-ups would want to spend time there. He did this with drawings, which would be used to create the gardens and parks. For gardens and parks, it is called landscape architecture, while for towns, it is town planning.



Why is he important?

When you walk through Southport's King's Garden, with the walk by the lake, the little gardens dotted around and the shelters in the planting beds, you are walking through a little bit of Thomas Mawson's imagination.

In 1911 he wrote a book titled Civic Art, with lots of drawings, known as proposals. Among his drawings were plans for Southport's Lord Street and the seafront, which Thomas knew could be much better than they were.

If you look at his drawings above, then walk in King's Gardens today, you can see that the Gardens look a lot like his drawings. It is believed that King's Gardens look the way they do because of these drawings.



Pretend that you are Thomas Mawson and draw your own design for King's Gardens. Can you draw it just like he did?



Walking through the gardens, what landscape architecture can you see?



Spot the Difference

Look carefully at the two images of the bridge in King's Gardens, one that says **Before** and one that says **After**. What differences can you see?



Play time in King's Gardens!

Welcome to Tree Top Towers!
There's nothing better than play time with your friends and there's no better place to do it! School children helped Kathryn Ward, a landscape architect just like Thomas Mawson, to make this amazing place to play.



**Imagine you are a landscape architect...
Design your ultimate play area!**

A large, empty white rectangular area intended for a drawing or design.

