



Dovehouse Green

Address: Dovehouse Street SW3

The old King's Road burial ground is now an attractive garden with an excellent display of daffodils in the spring. This open area provides a quiet spot to sit among the trees and shrubs.

History

Dovehouse Green was laid out as a garden in 1777. It was originally a gift from Sir Hans Sloane to the borough in 1733, for use as a burial ground and closed in 1824.

There is a plaque on the green as a memorial to 457 civilians killed in WWII.

The gardens were refurbished in 1977 to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee and again in 2003, in celebration of her Golden Jubilee.

After war damage a scheme of 1947-50 to develop the garden, with a small part opened to the public, removed most of the stones and demolished the mortuary. In order to improve its condition and make the whole area publicly accessible the Chelsea Society and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea re-modelled the garden in 1977, retaining mature trees and the remaining monuments; it was named Dovehouse Green.

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