

Re-Connecting Berkhamsted Castle

Berkhamsted Castle Trust is working with LUC to undertake a feasibility study on surrounding land that once formed a medieval park

Project background

The study is funded by the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund and by a grant from The Marchus Trust, and seeks to establish the potential for creating a park with a shared vision to celebrate the rich historic and cultural heritage of the landscape linked to Berkhamsted Castle.

We want to hear your views and ideas!

The purpose of this consultation is to get your opinion on the emerging future opportunities at and surrounding Berkhamsted Castle.

Fill in the questionnaire here:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BerkhamstedCastle>

Have your say by Friday 24th May

Why is Berkhamsted deer park important?

Berkhamsted Castle deer park was a critical part of the historic landscape for nearly 400 years until it was disemparked in the late 17th century. Its distinctive layout is still preserved today in the line of field boundaries to the north of the town. Although intrinsically linked with the castle, the deer park was so much more than a playground for the rich, it was a carefully managed sustainable resource providing timber, meat, fuel, and revenue to the royal household.

What is a deer park?

A deer park was a hunting ground, timber source and status symbol of wealthy aristocrats who had the privilege to enclose land for private use. The park was a carefully managed landscape and was surrounded by a 'park pale'; a sizeable fence to keep deer in and poachers out. Deer parks were a prominent feature of the British landscape until they were either broken up and converted into agricultural land or incorporated into post-medieval country estates.



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The study area



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