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Within Garden Walls: continuity and change over 350 years

An exploration of a diversity of walled gardens in locations across the United Kingdom, and the many things that can be found in them.

The talk considers aspects that have evolved over the centuries and others that have remained remarkably the same to the present day. It refers back to documentary sources from the second half of the 17th century and examples in 18th-century paintings, including the fascinating one of Hempsted Court, recently restored and now hanging in the Search Room of Gloucestershire Archives.

Using numerous photographs of surviving walled gardens, it looks at trees, shrubs, flowers, fruits and vegetables – also glasshouses, equipment and tools – and of course the walls themselves in their different forms. It concludes with examples of how walled gardens are now being used and maintained, showing their potential to survive into the future.

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