



Roussillon Park
Chichester



Military History



*Roussillon Park is imbued
with a rich tapestry of
military history*

*Former home to The Royal
Sussex Regiment, and The
Royal Military Police, the
landscape is embroidered
with the best of proud
British heritage*





❧ *Rich Tapestry of History* ❧

Once a fertile, open heathland, the 1815 development of an army barracks brought with it the precious addition of a protective flint wall which now envelops the site and will be retained with the development. A notable footpath traverses the site, weaving diagonally from North East to South West. The clear benefits of a municipal outdoor space were recognised in the early stages of this development and the existing green, now named Queen Juliana Green, has been retained as public open space for all to continue to enjoy.

The original accommodation was established in a thoughtful, gridded pattern; this is captured enchantingly in Victorian photographic archives which reveal single storey barracks buildings from the period.

❧ *Architectural History* ❧

Chichester's charming 19th century architecture can still be glimpsed in the site's surrounds, with the preservation of two buildings - The Keep, a castellated red brick structure with stone detailing, and the chapel, which also served as a schoolhouse. Subsequent additions to the development include 1930's Neo-Georgian architecture.

It is ZeroC's intention to ensure that this intrinsic cultural and historical narrative will be preserved and enhanced in the Roussillon Park development. We are working, in conjunction with the Culture and Arts officers at Chichester District Council, to ensure that the site's heritage and historic monuments are woven into the built environment and the public realm at Roussillon Park.

Principally, the 1873 brick and flint boundary wall will be preserved alongside the Keep as a visual public reminder of the site's history. These features hold an affectionate place in the hearts of Chichester's local residents.

Specific aspects of buildings, including dated plaques and lead rainwater features will also be kept alongside fascinating military memorabilia, the latter of which will be displayed in Roussillon Park's community room, to ensure the military fabric of the site is remembered for future generations.





Further significant artefacts, such as The Smugglers' Stone and The Obelisk, previously used as a town boundary marker, will be retained and displayed in prominent locations across the site





When the site was used as a barracks, the naming of the streets paid reverence to past military commanders. ZeroC values the importance of this history and intends to continue this by naming new roads and buildings after historic military figures linked to the former barracks. The names have been chosen with the cooperation of the West Sussex Regiment Association and the Royal Military Police; this signage will maintain the theme of military heritage and remembrance.

Numerous innovative proposals are being considered to commemorate and honour the site's history. These include: an art installation which may be positioned on Queen Juliana Green, a history wall in the community room, and the repositioning of the original brass plaques onto the new entrance columns to the park.

❧ *Roussillon Park* ❧

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