

## HALLOW PARK, MAIN ROAD. Grid Ref: SO 8313 5794

In 1312 the Prior of Worcester, who held the Manor of Hallow, obtained a license from the Crown to 'impark' 100 acres as a deer park, which included 40 acres of woodland. This became known as "Hallow Park".



Hallow Park has seen some notable residents:  
1570 John Habington, the Queen's cofferer  
1603 John Fleete, MP for Worcester  
1681 Edward Bull and Anna Lygon of Madresfield  
1707 Anna Bull, Founder benefactor of Hallow School  
1740 Reginald Lygon

*Painting by Burney*

Visitors to Hallow Park include Queen Elizabeth I who, in 1575, hunted at Hallow Park and Sir Charles Bell who, in 1842, died on a visit to Ann Holland of Hallow Park and is buried in the churchyard.

In 1856 Trustees of Lord Beauchamp paid the Church Estate Commissioners £7,800 for the Hallow Park Estate, thus ending 149 years of leasing the estate from the Bishopric of Worcester.

In 1912 Mrs Amy Wheeley Lea (widow of Charles Wheeley Lea, Worcestershire Sauce) purchased Hallow Park from Earl Beauchamp. Two years later Hallow Park was remodelled to the design of Australian born Hubert C Corlette OBE. The tall chimneys and gables are a particular feature.

Mrs Wheeley Lea died leaving Hallow Park to the Bishop of Worcester who sold it in **1917** for almost £10,000 to Thomas McBean, an Iron and Steel Merchant. **1927-1941** - Hallow Park was purchased by clothing magnate and philanthropist Joseph Banks. **1947-1959** - it became a Dr Barnardos Home for 35 homeless and destitute girls relocated from Birmingham. For a short time it became a boarding school for girls and today is part domestic and part commercial, housing a variety of businesses.



The park is approached by a long driveway from the Main Road with mature protected trees. The earlier approach, 'the Avenue' created in 1733 from Church Lane, is shown on the Doharty map of 1747



Some outbuildings have been converted for residential use

*Source: Worcestershire Records Office, UK Census, Madresfield Court Archive, Hallow History Group research 2018*