

Relics and resonances of old Wanstead still exist in the area of the old Grove Estate comprising **The Avenue, Grove Park and Grosvenor Road**. The attractive lily pond in the garden behind **St. David's Court** reminds us still of the huge lake which stretched from Grosvenor Road to **The Avenue**, where today, in the garden of **No.14**, still stands the classical stone summerhouse, **The Temple**. This is a startling sight in a suburban garden viewed annually by visitors during Open House weekend

Nearby in the garden of **No.20 The Gazebo** still provides a place for quiet contemplation – or a refreshing cup of tea on a summer afternoon. This is also a fixture for visitors during Open House weekend.. Parts of the original Grove Estate boundary walls add to the atmosphere as do the handsome trees that grace Wanstead's skyline

Opposite these, at **no.1 The Avenue**, - beautifully kept, its feeding troughs still intact inside, is the 19<sup>th</sup> C. **coach house/stable** to a later handsome property once sited where Sir Francis Dashwood's original great house stood.

Many of the gardens here retain traces of the grounds to the old Grove House where - as authoress Winifred Eastment recorded – most of the village cooked and housekept, gardened and groomed and took their leisure time pleasures as employees on the splendid Grove Estate.

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