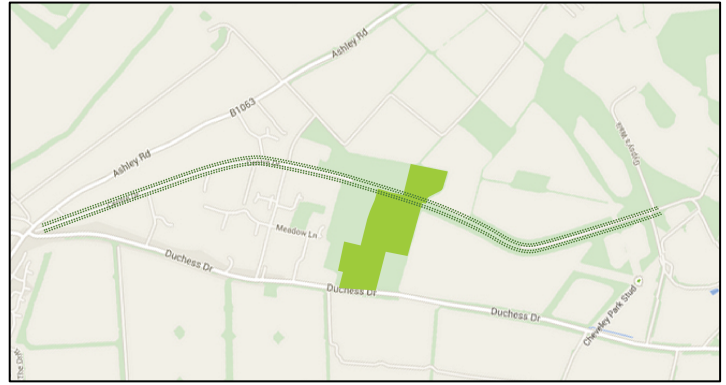


Cheveley Park house and estate

The present Cheveley Park Stud is on the site of the former Cheveley Park house to the right of the Jarman Centre (shown bright green on the map) when you stand with your back to Duchess Drive. The double lime tree avenue, which crosses our land, originally lined a carriage drive from Newmarket to the north face of the Victorian mansion (shown as dotted lines).



Painting of the original Cheveley Park manor house in 1681 by Jan Siberechts

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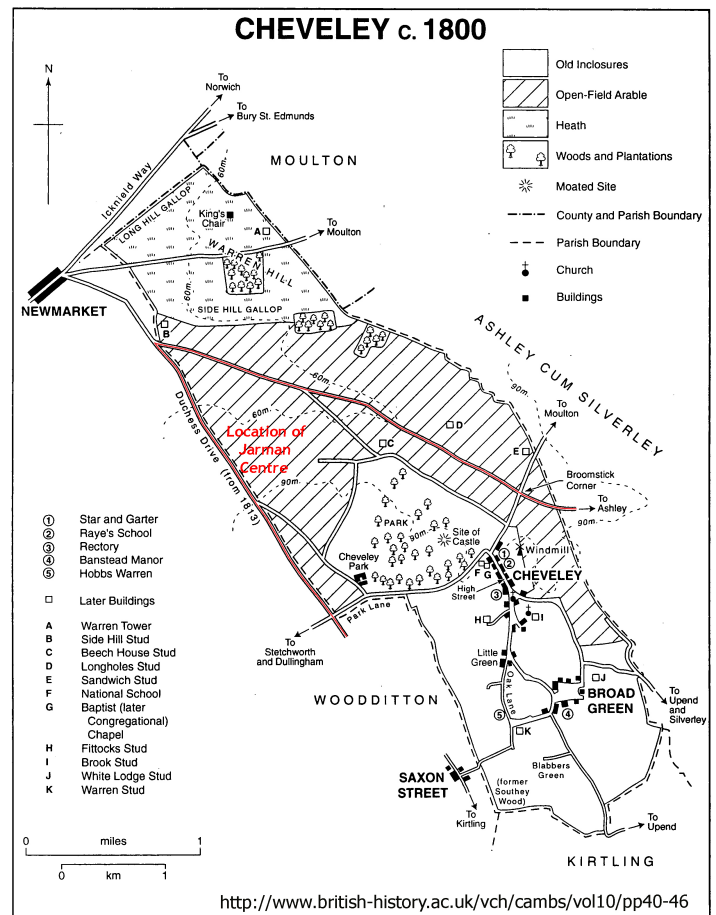
Note the heavy tree coverage: the land has not been cleared yet to create the park.

Map of Cheveley in c.1800

Cheveley Park house is marked, now with its surrounding parkland, although still quite small. Duchess Drive was remade in 1813 and planted to form a tree-lined approach to the main gates. The whole area between Duchess Drive and Ashley Road belonged to the Cheveley Park estate and continued to be cleared of trees over the next 40 years. Note that at this date the location of the Jarman Centre was fields.

The estate at this time was owned by the Manners family, Dukes of Rutland. Duchess Drive was named for the Duchess at that time.

Also note the position of Beech House Stud, later than the date of this map but marked in the middle with a white box and C. The Stud is still our neighbour at the very bottom of our site in the far right-hand corner, and its name reflects our beech plantation, which was planted towards the end of the 19th century.





Pony and trap on
Duchess Drive in the 19th century

And what about the lime tree avenue?

The old Cheveley Park house was demolished and replaced by a Victorian mansion between 1896 and 1898. At the same time the park was remodelled, now including the location of the Jarman Centre, and a new carriage drive to the outskirts of Newmarket was created through the park. Its line can still be clearly seen on Google maps.

And the double lime tree avenue was planted to line it.



Do you recognise this corner?!



It's the junction where you turn up Duchess Drive to come to the Jarman Centre. Ashley Road runs off the left of the photograph, Duchess Drive to the right.

This was the Lower Park Gate onto the Cheveley Park land and the beginning of the carriage drive to the house. The drive has become the road Centre Drive, lined with houses, and still runs almost up to the edge of our site but you can't get into it from this corner. The lime trees did come all the way down, and quite a few have survived between here and the trees on our land.

The two lodges on either side of the gate are still there and are lived in, but the gate has disappeared and the railings have been altered. The private narrow gauge railway was not a permanent feature but was laid to transport materials from the old railway station up to the mansion when it was being built between 1896 and 1898.

The Victorian Cheveley Park mansion in its turn fell into disrepair and was demolished in 1925.