

# The conservation and operational challenges at Studley

The current facilities and layout lead to a poor visitor experience and prevent vital aspects of this important landscape being experienced as they were intended.

## Current issues

- There have been poor quality 20th century additions such as the former shop building and admissions building as well as unsightly LPG tank and bin stores which mean the presentation is unacceptable for this significant historic water garden entrance.
- The location of the pay for entry boundary requires unsightly fencing and inappropriate planting which severely detract from some of the designed experiences of the Aislabie's original vision.
- The visitor experience in this area is poor. There are long queues at busy periods as the kitchen and serving counter are not large enough to meet visitor demand.
- There is no space to present historical information to help our visitors understand more about the significance of Studley Royal.
- The visitor flow is complex. Most visitors are faced with the confusion of exiting and then re-entering the pay for entry area to access the tea-room.
- Access for wheelchair, personal mobility vehicles and pushchairs is difficult and the toilet provision is sub-standard, leading to an unwelcoming experience for many.
- The working condition for staff and volunteers are poor and there are inadequate welfare facilities.



These images show the muddle of 20th century building additions which currently clutter the area.

All of this leads to a really poor-quality experience which is unacceptable for a World Heritage Site of international significance.