

## ***Alton Estate, Wandsworth***

**An extensive and historically significant municipal estate situated on [Roehampton](#)'s border with [Richmond Park](#)**



Much of the land hereabouts constituted the grounds of Parkstead, a Palladian villa built in the 1760s for Lord Bessborough and later renamed Manresa House. Parts of its grounds were developed from around 1850 as a high-class suburban estate known as Coombe Park or Roehampton Park. Alton Lodge was an early-19th-century villa on the Kingston Road, occupied by Dr Thomas Hake from around 1854 until 1872. Dr Thomas Hake of Alton Lodge was a cousin of General Gordon of Khartoum and a friend of Dante Gabriel Rossetti. The poet and painter stayed at Alton Lodge in 1872 while recovering from a mental collapse.