

CRANLEY GARDENS

This is a comparatively wide, tree-lined road which is subject to through traffic due to its position between Muswell Hill Road and Park Road. It is proposed to include the top part of Cranley Gardens, from Muswell Hill Road to the junctions with Woodland Rise, Connaught Gardens and The Chine. This was formerly part of the IPIC estate, built on land acquired in 1885 from the sale of Upton Farm: nos. 9-47 have the same design as nos. 2-20, 17-37 and 53-75 Onslow Gardens, also part of that estate. These houses were built in the early 1890's, and like Onslow Gardens they pre-date the development of the majority of the existing Muswell Hill Conservation Area (by J.Edmondson from 1896 and W.J. Collins from 1901).

Cranley Gardens was built on section by section, in two distinct periods: 1890-c.1905, and the inter-war period (1920's and 1930's). The result is blocks of similar but not uniform brick-built houses, the majority of which are two-storey semi-detached, many with vertical timbering on the front gables, which are a unifying element in the streetscape. The road looks spectacularly beautiful every spring when the street trees burst into blossom; these cherry blossom trees were planted after World War 2 as a memorial.



1-7 : group of linked two-storey, double-fronted houses built by the IPIC in 1890.



9-47: 10 pairs of semi-detached houses, early 1890's, built by the IPIC, half-timbered type (as Onslow Gardens)



51-111: 1930's semi-detached, brick-built , two-storey with bays on ground and first floor, and front gables. 101 is detached, and two pairs (103-105, 109-111) have a different design. 107 is a 1956 bungalow.



2-12: four pairs of semi-detached and two detached houses built in the 1920's, two-storey with bays on ground and first floors.



14-40: seven pairs of large Edwardian semi-detached houses, two complementary styles, built c.1905 (14-16, 26-28, 38-40 are one style, 18-20, 22-24, 30-32, 34-36 are the other style)



42-56: Edwardian houses, c. 1905



64-80: group of 1920's houses, similar in appearance (72-80 built c.1921-5, 64-70 built c.1925-30)