

# Stock checking: how do you keep up with your plants

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One year later...

# 2<sup>nd</sup> year with IrisBG

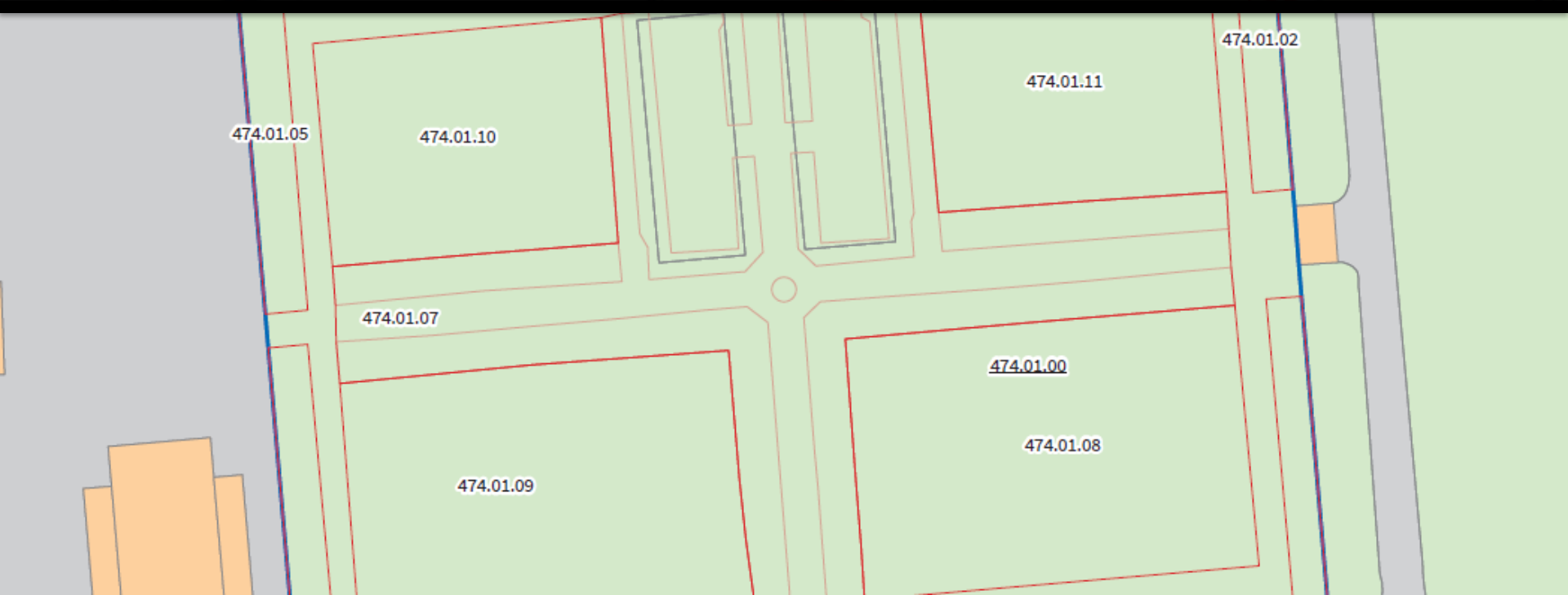
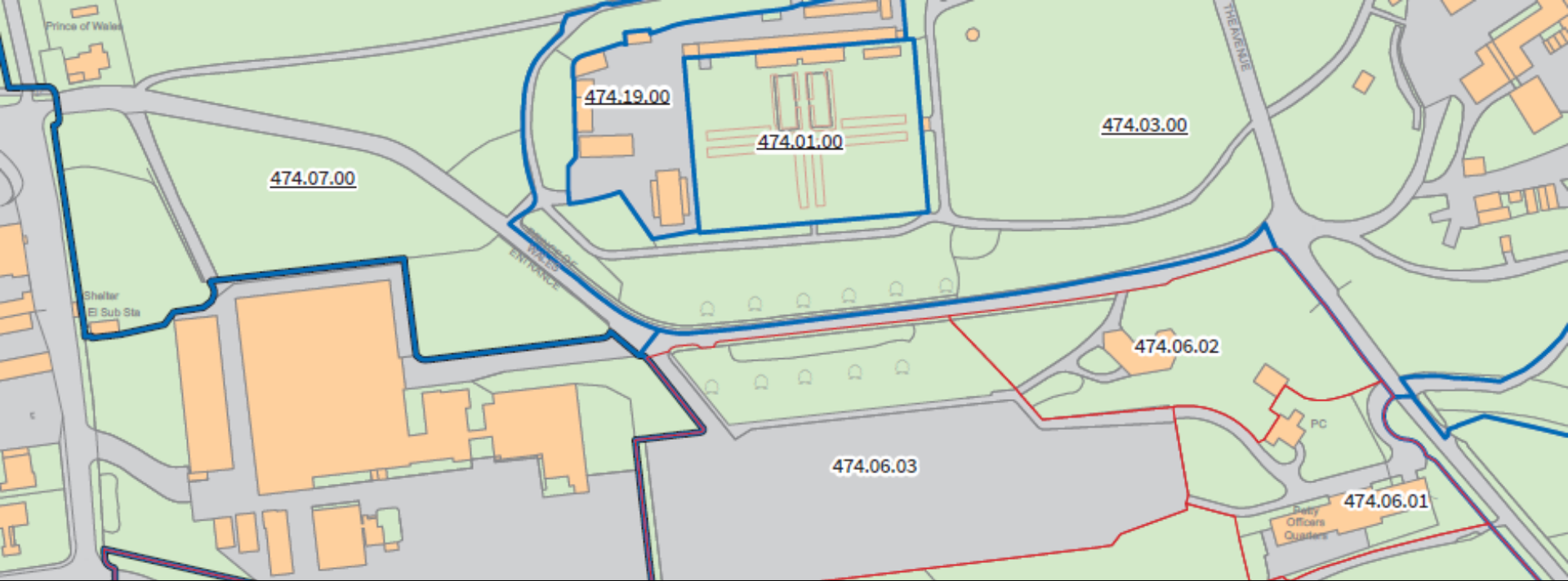
- No Plant Records Manager, yet.
- ~10 new users – up to 56 user accounts (licence: 5 concurrent)
  - searching
    - Personnel – search result but no search
    - User accounts – no search (could you go direct from Personnel [...]?)
- 2 new roles – Interpretation
- Collections grown from 22 to 421
  - adding users for more than 5 or 6 collections and less than all

- ~13,000 accession items

- Maps / bed locations
  - custom maps slots

	2015	2016	2017 (Jan-Apr)	Total
Audley End House	308	74		382
Belsay Hall		33		33
Brodsworth Hall	244	15		259
Carisbrooke Castle	406	32	19	457
Down House	1,126			1,126
Eltham Palace	21	19		40
Kenilworth Castle	188	39		227
Kenwood House		6,205		6,205
Osborne House	3,139	459	50	3,648
Walmer Castle	35	72	0	107
Witley Court	21	318	19	358
Wrest Park	621	264		885







# English Heritage records plants

- Plants are part of the national collection, as much as furniture, paintings, museum exhibits. Provides a living record of planting designs, landscape features, etc.
- Support the accessibility and continuity of historic research and information for future custodians of our gardens and landscapes.
- Without records much of our work would lack cultural and historical significance and continuity.
- Some may have (as yet unknown) genetic significance.
- Very little known wild source material.
- Accession item is as significant as Accession.



# Minimum data

- Details
  - Accession year (target to complete annual accessioning by end of year so auto generated)
  - Accession number (auto generated)
  - Taxon name (the best name possible without too much work)
  - Provenance (defaults to Unrecorded)
  - Origin – contact / nursery
- Items
  - Type – Planting (auto default)
  - Location
  - Status
  - Date of planting
  - Number of specimens





Stock checking

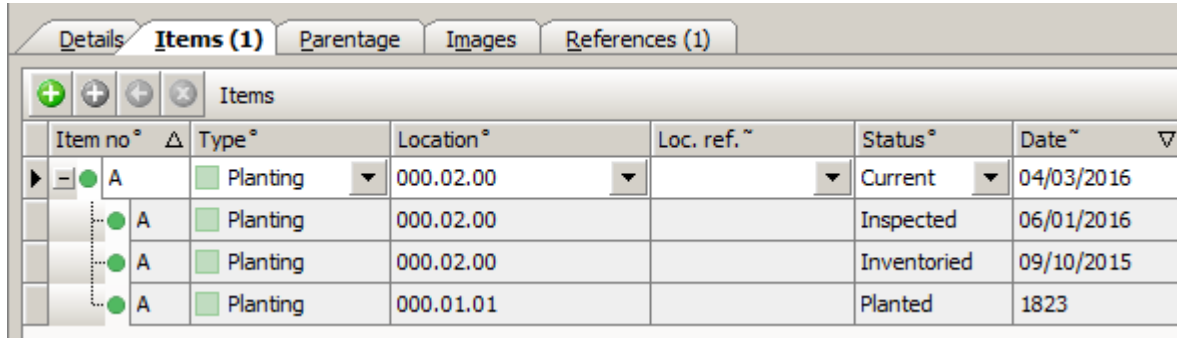
Bed logging

Inventorying

Inspecting

Finding & recording

# Accession item status



The screenshot shows a software interface with a tabbed menu at the top containing 'Details', 'Items (1)', 'Parentage', 'Images', and 'References (1)'. Below the menu is a table titled 'Items' with the following columns: 'Item no', 'Type', 'Location', 'Loc. ref.', 'Status', and 'Date'. The table contains four rows of data, each with a green circular icon to the left of the 'Item no' column. A dashed line connects the first and second rows.

Item no	Type	Location	Loc. ref.	Status	Date
A	Planting	000.02.00		Current	04/03/2016
A	Planting	000.02.00		Inspected	06/01/2016
A	Planting	000.02.00		Inventoried	09/10/2015
A	Planting	000.01.01		Planted	1823

- That is what it is designed for!
- Will build up a long history, how valuable is that?
- Should it just be for significant events / activities?
- Is there another way to reference a stock check?

# Events – Tasks & Inspections – References

Details <b>Items (1)</b> Parentage Images References (9)						
Items						
Item no°	Type°	Location°	Loc. ref.~	Status°	Date~	
A	Planting	361.00.00	001039	Removed	16/07/2012	
A	Planting	361.00.00	001039	Inventoried	10/12/1999	

Events						
Event kind	Text	Item	Status	Status date		
Inspection	Inspection 8: Tree Inspections 2015	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	19/04/2016		
Inspection	Inspection 7: Tree Inspections 2014	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	19/04/2016		
Inspection	Inspection 6: Tree Inspections 2013	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	19/04/2016		
Inspection	Inspection 5: Tree Inspections 2012	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	19/04/2016		
Inspection	Inspection 4: Tree Inspections 2011	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	19/04/2016		
Inspection	Inspection 3: Tree Inspections 2010	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	19/04/2016		
Inspection	Inspection 2: Tree Inspections 2009	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	19/04/2016		
Inspection	Inspection 1: Tree Inspections 2008	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	19/04/2016		
Task	Task 1: Import from TMS	361.0000.0040/A	Completed	18/04/2016		

Could Events be used to record stock checking?

- A tree Inspection is a type of stock check
- Tasks can include a comment and an image, Inspections can include much more
- Could a Task be a stock check? One per year or broken down into months / area
- Implications?? – going from Reference line to Event entry does not highlight item

# Accessions

Manage collection accessions and items

Accession: **361.0000.0876** Taxon name: **Tilia** Family: **Malvaceae**

Locality/origin:

Save  
Delete...

## Inspections

File Data

Close Search Search result Previous Next Clear/New Undo Repeat Print list

Inspection

No°	Status	date	5	Completed	2012	Contact°	
Name~	Tree Inspections 2012				Exp. cost	Act. cost	
Description~	Completed by Jasper Fulford-Dobson				Comments		
Priority°	Owner°	0: None	Weddell, Chris...	Reg. init.	date	cweddell	19/04/2016
Date start	end						

Save  
Delete...

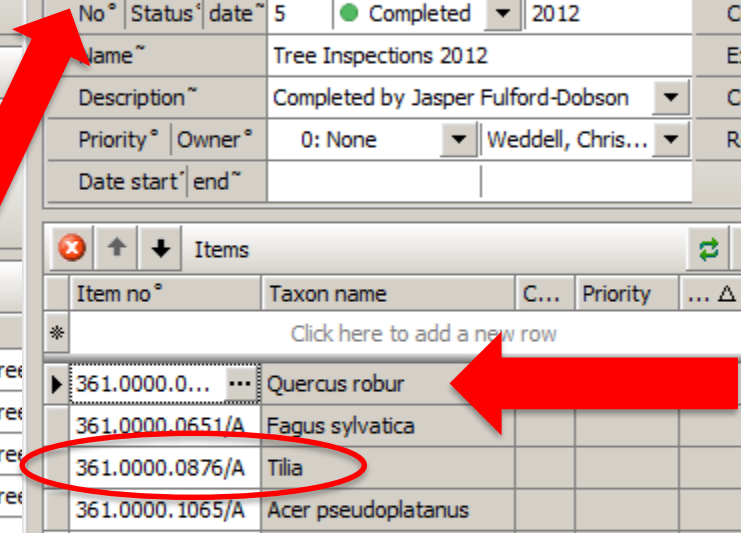
Items

Item no°	Taxon name	C...	Priority	...	Δ	...
Click here to add a new row						
361.0000.0...	Quercus robur					
361.0000.0651/A	Fagus sylvatica					
361.0000.0876/A	Tilia					
361.0000.1065/A	Acer pseudoplatanus					
361.0000.1066/A	Acer pseudoplatanus					
361.0000.1241/A	Quercus robur					
361.0000.1352/A	Acer pseudoplatanus					
361.0000.2416/A	Quercus robur					
361.0000.3302/A	Platanus × hispanica					

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Item details

Item no.	Taxon name	361.0000.0...	Quercus robur		
Location	361.00.00				
Insp. date	Status	date	16/07/2012	Co...	19/04...
Condition and value					
Overall condition	value				
Age class	Exp. lifetime				
Physical	Structural				
Work					
Work types					
Priority	Safety risk				
Management	Fell the dead False acacia (est ...)				
Damage					
Root	Stem	Branch			
Decay	Disease	Pest			





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