

# 1. Identification of the Property



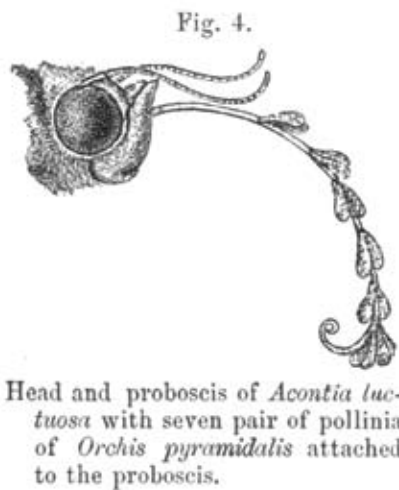


Illustration from 'On the Various Contrivances by which British and foreign orchids are fertilised by insects (1862)'



Skipper Butterfly

In the Cudham Valley (previous page) Darwin studied the adaptations of the Pyramidal orchid to attach pollen on visiting insects.

*There is no law of nature more important than evolution. Darwin's profound insights were to see the unity underlying all living organisms and to understand how variation with natural selection has led to the glorious diversity of life'*

James Watson  
Nobel Laureate

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## 1.a Country

UNITED KINGDOM

## 1.b Region

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY, ENGLAND

## 1.c Name of Property

DARWIN'S LANDSCAPE LABORATORY

## 1.d Geographical coordinates to the nearest second

Darwin's Landscape Laboratory is situated in the London Borough of Bromley in southeast Greater London

The centre of the nominated World Heritage Property, Down House is at:

Latitude: 51° 19' 50" N

Longitude: 0° 03' 4"

## 1.e Maps and plans, showing the boundaries of the nominated Property and buffer zone (overleaf)

1. The boundary of the nominated World Heritage Property has been set to conform to landscape features and roads. It excludes the main areas of housing developed since Darwin's death, at Holwood, north of Downe, at Luxted and Single Street.

2. The setting of the Property is the environment or surroundings around the World Heritage Property. It includes those properties, monuments, buildings and

landscape components that provide additional historical context and a physical space in which events could affect the visual appreciation of the World Heritage Property. The immediate setting of the World Heritage Property and important views are strongly protected by planning designations, particularly London's Green Belt while most of the Property is defined by the ridge lines of the two valleys which form a natural visual barrier. The buffer zone completes this visual barrier. The World Heritage Property and its setting are managed appropriately and in conjunction with one another and a buffer zone has been proposed to complete protection for the visual envelope of the Property. The relationship between the World Heritage Property and its setting is an important concept in the World Heritage Convention. The UK government has also made it clear that the concept of setting is a material consideration in cultural heritage planning policy. National guidance on World Heritage Properties is contained within PPG15: Planning and the Historic Environment, which is currently being revised at the moment and the draft World Heritage Property circular supported by English Heritage Guidance (2008).

## 1.f Area of nominated Property and proposed buffer zone

721 hectares

Area of buffer zone

567 hectares

Area of nominated Property and buffer zone

1288 hectares



Map showing the boundaries of the nominated Property and buffer zone

