## National Trust Properties Philipps House

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## **DINTON PARK AND MANSION**

The National Trust announces that Mr Bertram Philipps has presented to the Trust Dinton Park, of some 200 acres, together with the mansion and Hyde's house (formerly the Rectory House) and some cottages. The village of Dinton, where the Trust already owns Little Clarendon and other properties, lies nine miles west of Salisbury on the Wincanton road.

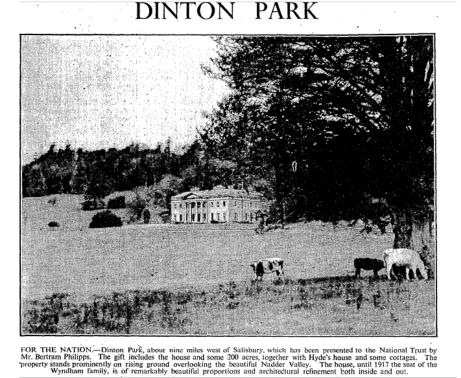
The property stands prominently on rising ground facing south, overlooking the beautiful Nadder Valley, and is backed by a fine wooded ridge. The mansion, of local Chilmark stone, was designed by Jeffrey Wyatt in the neo-Grecian style, with portico and central lantern, and was completed in 1816. It is a house of remarkably beautiful proportions and architectural refinement both inside and out. Until 1917 it was the seat of the Wyndham family, and has now been let by Mr Philipps on a long lease to the Y.W.C.A. as a holiday home.

Hyde's House, where Mr and Mrs Philipps will continue to live, is of an earlier date but it too is an admirable specimen of its period and style, though on a more modest scale. Originally a Tudor building, it was refaced and reconstituted in the latter half of the seventeenth century in a manner of Wren, who was brought up in the village of East Knoyle, only seven miles away.

The rectory of Dinton remained in the Hyde family until 1722. The famous Lord Chancellor Clarendon was born at Dinton in 1609.

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