

1837

1837
Victoria becomes Queen.

1851

Grounds opened to the public. South Gate demolished and replaced with two domed Mughal archways 40 yards to the north of the original gate. This gate replaced in 1921. Large complex of service buildings south and west of Great Kitchen demolished.



1950

Royal Pavilion bought by Town Commissioners.

1849

In Pavilion Purchase Bill The Lawns and Pleasure Grounds were to be kept open to the Public for the purpose of exercise, recreation and amusement every day essentially in daylight hours

1875

James Shrives creates shaped areas for bedded out plants in High Victorian style.

1878

Exotic tropical plants shown in Pavilion grounds.

1893

Prince's Place entrance to Pavilion grounds opened.



1847

Pavilion stripped of contents.

1921-23

Road widening reduces size of garden to east and north. Indian style balustrade designed by the Corporation's Captain B MacLaren along the East Lawn, replaced the 1900 railings. Also formal pools on East Lawn and metal gateway from the Steine.



1939

Gilding on the Dome lantern removed for fear of air raids.



1921

Indian Memorial Gateway built at south entrance.

1950

Pavilion Garden Café built to designs by local students.



1981-82

Beginning of garden restoration to reinstate Nash/Aiton Picturesque scheme around the Pavilion as far as possible given William IV's building of the North Gateway. First shrubberies created on East front. Only plants available before 1830 used.

1987

Great Hurricane. Many trees came down.

1995

Paths and planting established on the West front.



1996

Garden Registered Grade II by English Heritage for its special historic national significance.

1991-92

Start of main restoration phase. Road in front of Pavilion removed and turning circle re-instated, thus reinstating original layout and re-uniting the Pavilion with its intended setting.



1984

WCs reconstructed and rebuilt in Royal Pavilion Garden off Prince's Place, Brighton.



2020

The Royal Pavilion estate vested in the charitable Royal Pavilion & Museums Trust (RPMT) which manages and operates the buildings and collections on behalf of Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) through a 25 year contract with BHCC. The Council owns the buildings and collections.



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