

Château du Moustier

In 1864, the only buildings in what is now the rue du Moustier were a windmill, built in 1843, and the miller's house, built in 1845. Most of the space was occupied by arable land and a few meadows forming part of the "Moustier seam".

At the time, Camille de Behaut, a wealthy lady living in Mons, was developing a property portfolio, and in 1864-1865 she had a neo-classical mansion built here.

When she died in 1881, the property was acquired by Count Albéric d'Auxy de Launois, a historian and writer. He lived in the house until 1894 and then sold it to Léon Abrassart de Bulloy and his wife Louise Du Vivier.

They enlarged the property, embellished it with gardens and new annexes, and transformed the mansion into a château by adding a clock tower and two watchtowers.



The castle was painted red before the First World War. The Germans occupied it during the conflict.

In her will, Louise Du Vivier, who was widowed in 1937, bequeathed the Château du Moustier to René Hambÿe. After refurbishing it, the Hambÿe family used the château as a summer home, their main residence being in Mons.

In 1971, the Jurbise Board of Aldermen began to consider the opportunity to acquire the property for the purpose of making the park and annexes available to the public and to cultural and sports societies, and even creating a swimming pool and a regional health centre. The purchase took place in 1973.

When the local municipalities merged, the new municipal administration took charge and, true to the spirit in which it was acquired, its annexes were used to provide a wide range of services: paths for walks, benches and a barbecue, a fitness trail, playground, sports fields, library and a room for cultural activities.