



Charlton House from a drawing by C. J. Richardson

## *CHARLTON HOUSE*

This Jacobean house was built by the wife of the 1st Earl of Suffolk in the early 17th century. The precise date of building is in dispute but one suggestion is 1607. It was built in four ranges round a courtyard, with four corner turrets. The west side, that shown in the above illustration, has two projecting wings, a projecting square porch and is open in a loggia on the ground floor. Originally the loggia was open through to the courtyard but this was blocked when the courtyard was closed by the 12th Earl of Suffolk in 1772-1776. The interior of the house is mostly Georgian and later, but an important survival is the Jacobean long gallery which runs along the west side on the first floor. After the last war the house stood empty but it is now restored and converted into flats.

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