

News from Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust Research & Recording Project



Having just finished celebrating Lancelot 'Capability' Brown in 2016 the Bucks Gardens Trust has embarked on another exciting project to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Humphry Repton. We have been fortunate to secure an HLF grant to fund the project, which involves researching the 15 or 16 sites he was thought to have worked on, to find out '*What did Humphry Repton do for our Parks and gardens in Bucks*'. We hope to publish a booklet on the subject and to make all our findings widely available via our website. There will be events across the country as well as in Bucks during the year, again these will be posted on our website.

Repton of course was famous for his 'red books' which included his proposals, sketches and watercolours (some with flaps showing before and after images). We have managed to track down four of these for Buckinghamshire sites, however others are much more elusive and are probably lost. It is a bit of a long-shot but, if you happen to have any information regarding the whereabouts of the red books for the following sites we would love to hear from you: Bulstrode, Gayhurst, West Wycombe, Tyringham or Wycombe Abbey.



Humphry Repton Image of Stoke Park from Peacock's Polite Repository, courtesy of the Nigel Temple Collection, The Gardens Trust

We currently, have a couple of vacancies for experienced researchers who would like to be part of our fascinating and rewarding on-going project. For more details see our website and contact the project co-ordinator, Claire de Carle

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We shall also have a stand at this year's Local History Network on Saturday 30 September, so come along and find out what we have been up to and see information on the 50 plus gardens in Bucks that we have researched so far.