



Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

*To record and conserve the gardens and parks of historic Buckinghamshire
To aid in the creation and restoration of gardens, parks and green spaces within the historic county*

Humfry Repton



1752 - 1818



Repton's business card (Shardeloes red book)



Stoke Park by Farrington 1790's

2018 marks 200 years since the death of our greatest landscape designers, Humphry Repton. This milestone prompted Bucks Gardens Trust to research this enigmatic but prolific designer to try and work out just what he did for us in the historic county. The book comprises seven essays examining his work in the county and his links further afield, as far as Germany. These are informed and supported by a detailed gazetteer based on the research by our volunteers, with analysis for the 15 sites which have previously been associated with Repton in Bucks (including Milton Keynes and Slough districts).

The Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust was formed in 1997 'To aid in the creation and restoration of gardens, parks and green spaces for the people of the historic county'. During the last five years, with financial assistance from a number of charitable trusts and the Heritage Lottery Fund, we have concentrated our efforts on our Research and Recording project. In 2017 we took the decision to spend twelve months researching Humphry Repton and this book is the end result.



**Flower Garden, Humfry Repton, Ashridge red Book, 1813
(The J Paul Getty Trust)**

Professional historians, Jonathan Lovie and Sir Roderick Floud have offered their expertise and contributed essays on the financial and political climate during Repton's lifetime. *What did Repton do for us in Bucks* would not have been possible without the expertise and doggedness of our dedicated volunteers. However, it is our Chairperson, Dr Sarah Rutherford who has collated the research and filled in the background which has resulted in a tastefully edited landscape publication. The book includes the volunteer's beautiful photographs, beguiling images from the 'red books', Peacocks images (many of which have not been published before) and much much more, perfect to sit on any coffee table in Buckinghamshire.

The book will be on sale in August. Please contact us if you would like to order a copy in advance. However we shall be selling them at the BLHN Fair on 29 September, Price £20. info@bucksgardenstrust.org.uk

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