

Capability Brown Structures

Features for ideas about a possible 'Capability' structure at Kirkharle.

Column dedicated to 'Capability' Brown

Wrest Park in Bedfordshire has an early eighteenth-century garden. It is spread over 92 acres (37 ha), probably originally laid out by George London and Henry Wise for Henry Grey, 1st Duke of Kent, then modified by Lancelot "Capability" Brown in a more informal landscape style.

Within the grounds is a column in dedicated to Capability Brown:

"These gardens, originally laid out by Henry Duke of Kent, were altered by Philip Earl of Hardwicke and Jemima Marchioness Grey with the professional assistance of Lancelot Brown Esq. in the years 1758, 1759, 1760."



Lord Cobham's Pillar, Stowe

The Cobham Monument at Stowe in Buckinghamshire. The tallest structure in the gardens, it is 104 feet (32 m) high. Built of stone, 1747-49, probably designed by Capability Brown. It consists of a square plinth (base) with corner buttresses surmounted by Coade stone (an artificial stone) lions holding shields, added in 1778. The column is octagonal with a single flute on each face, with a moulded doric (style of the design) capital (top part of the column) and base. On the capital is a small belvedere of eight arches with a dome supporting a sculpture of Lord Cobham.

A belvedere - from Italian for "fair view" - an architectural structure placed to take advantage of a view. A belvedere may be built in the upper part of a building and can be a turret, a cupola, or an open gallery. It could also be a separate pavilion in a garden, just a paved terrace with a good viewpoint, but no actual building.



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'Capability' Brown's North Park at Wimpole

The Gothic Folly

Capability Brown was asked to work for Philip Yorke, 2nd Earl of Hardwicke and his wife Jemima, Marchioness Grey at Wimpole in 1767. Twenty years earlier a ruined castle or folly, had been designed and never built. Capability included it in his plans the Prospect Room has panoramic views of the parkland and countryside.



'Capability' Brown's Bridge, Burton Constable

Bridge across the lake in the grounds of the Elizabethan country house, seen from the western side.



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'Capability' Brown's Grotto at Croome Park

Designed by Capability Brown in 1765, originally this Grotto was decorated with crystals, fossils, shells and corals, though over the years these have been plundered.



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Capability Brown's Palladian Bridge, Scampston Hall

The Palladian Bridge is built in the style of the great Renaissance architect, Palladio and makes a superb statement at the end of the Lower Lake at Scampston Hall.



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Blenheim Palace - cascade

The Grand Cascade was designed by Capability Brown in the 1760s. The flow of the River Glyme is augmented by pumps. There are bridges above and below the cascade; neither gives public access to the woodland beyond.



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