Having designed around 400 parks and gardens, bringing ornamental flower gardens to the English landscape park, Humphry Repton urged: "Let the Parks and Pleasure-grounds ... be ever open, to cheer the hearts and delight the eyes of all".

Two hundred years later, we are looking freshly at his life, work and legacy. In a very special collaboration, sites, organisations and voluntary groups nationwide are coming together in 2018 to run hundreds of activities for Celebrating Repton, from research projects to special garden openings and conferences, meaning that the spotlight is on Humphry Repton like never before.

It is fitting that the Gardens Trust has also been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a Sharing Repton project to help ensure that parks and pleasure-grounds really can cheer the hearts and delight the eyes of all in the 21st century, working with local volunteers to pilot welcoming and inclusive activities for everyone to enjoy.

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