

CAPABILITY BROWN IN KENT

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“Let us applaud Kent Gardens Trust researchers who have pieced together remnant evidence to re-evaluate his major contribution to the liberating design story of the English landscape in Kent.” Steffie Shields

“The details that emerge about the five commissions that he undertook in the county present a thought-provoking microcosm of his enormous oeuvre and illustrate themes that resonate throughout his career.”
George Plumptre



Commemorating the 300th anniversary of Capability Brown's birth, this book tells the story of the great 18th-century landscape gardener's commissions in Kent. He worked at Ingress, Leeds Abbey, Valence, Chilham Castle and North Cray Place. Although most of these sites have changed greatly since his day, the authors demonstrate clearly how a detailed look at what he achieved in Kent provides valuable insights into his remarkable output throughout the country.

The book describes the social context of the time and shows how Brown was adept at moving amongst the aristocratic and professional landowning classes. This allowed him to apply his genius as a landscape gardener and his acumen as a businessman to the creation of five harmonious landscapes in Kent, and over 200 throughout England.

This book will interest garden historians and anyone with an interest in our landscape, its history, and the work of one of our greatest and most influential landscape architects.

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