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#### Project Example Nettlecombe Park





Client
Nettlecombe Estate Ltd.

#### Our contributions

- Historic Landscape Survey and Restoration Plan
- Preparation of Higher Level Stewardship agreements
- Feasibility studies and contract administration for capital conservation works and the implementation of Stewardship works

Nettlecombe Park is one of just two nationally important designed landscapes within Exmoor National Park. The fine eighteenth century landscape park is the setting of the grade I listed Nettlecombe Court, now a Field Study Centre, and the medieval parish church. It is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest notified for rare lichens growing on ancient sessile oaks.

We have been working with the owners of the Nettlecombe estate for over twenty years. Following storm damage in 1990, Nicholas Pearson Associates produced a Historic Landscape Survey and Restoration Plan with grant aid from Task Force Trees. This report was revised in 2003 to support a three Countryside Stewardship Agreements held by the Estate, the Field Studies Council, and farm tenants. Recently, we have assisted with the planning and implementation of extensive capital works funded by Natural England, including restoration of the historic ponds and leat for native crayfish, reinstatement of historic parkland railings, and the extension of park and pasture woodland habitat.







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### Project Example



### Clovelly Park and Hartland Abbey





Client
Private owner

#### Our contributions

- Parkland Plans under Higher Level Stewardship
- Heritage Landscape
   Management Plan for part of
   the Clovelly Estate
- Assistance with restoration works in Clovelly Park SSSI

Two poorly recognised but very high quality sister landscapes share a fascinating family history, ecology of coast and western oakwoods, and considered aesthetic designs, each now being managed under Stewardship schemes.

We have helped to secure Stewardship agreements for both parks, and have also implemented a number of capital projects to restore and improve the condition of Clovelly Park SSSI.







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### Project Example



East Quantoxhead





**Client**Private owner

#### Our contribution

- Heritage Landscape
   Management Plan
- Garden Management Review

East Quantoxhead estate in West Somerset has been in the hands of the Luttrell family for more than six hundred years and, by descent, since 1078. Its farmland, hills, gardens and woodlands are of outstanding scenic, historic and scientific interest.

We prepared a Heritage Management Plan describing the principal features of the landscape by reference to its component parts, but also as a coherent historic estate with the boundaries of East Quantoxhead parish unchanged since the Domesday book, and probably earlier.

The estate includes areas of national geological, landscape, archaeological, wildlife, literary and heritage interests. The estate has already implemented a number of schemes to improve public appreciation of the landscape, and our Management Plan identified a number of other potential areas for enhancement.







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## Project Example Hanbury Hall





Client
National Trust

Our ContributionParkland Plan

The park at Hanbury Hall and surrounding farmland are of considerable scenic appeal, providing the setting for the grade I listed Hall and early eighteenth century formal gardens with rarely surviving elements of a formal landscape designed by George London (d.1714). The landscape provides a range of wildlife habitats of local, county and national significance.

Our Parkland Plan set out proposals for a Higher Level Stewardship agreement to restore some of the key historic landscape features including the Lodge entrance gates, the ha-ha, perimeter screen belts, parkland railings and the southern avenue. The plan also seeks to protect veteran and historic trees in a sustainably managed parkland, while introducing more extensive grazing with, ideally Fallow deer. Restoring key historic views, and improving the quality and detail of interpretation, and introducing new circuit paths, viewpoints, and woodland walks are important recommendations.







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## Project Example Trelowarren, Cornwall







Client

Sir Ferrers Vyvyan, Bt.

#### Our contributions

- Historic Landscape Survey and Restoration Plan
- Landscape and environmental assessment in support of the successful planning application
- Formal garden restoration scheme designs
- Securing a Higher Level Stewardship scheme agreement

The Trelowarren estate, on the Lizard peninsula, is leading the way with sustainable, green tourism guided by the **genius loci**.

A landscape survey of the whole estate and long term management plan was prepared for this historic estate which has been in the ownership of the Vyvyan family since the fourteenth century. The study focused on the restoration of the previously unrecognised mid eighteenth century formal pleasure gardens and identified opportunities for integrating improved visitor facilities with the conservation of the historic estate. The historic landscape was registered by English Heritage as a result of the study, and restoration works are being implemented under Stewardship, with gardens open to the public as a visitor attraction.

Subsequently, we helped the estate secure planning consent for the replacement of a caravan site by exemplary, award-winning eco-timeshare accommodation, enhancing the landscape, sustainability and viability of the estate.

We have since helped the estate secure a major Higher Level Stewardship agreement to restore the historic landscape and extensive areas of the Lizard heath.





