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The Country Life Top 100

Our who's who of architecture, interiors and gardening



The renaissance of Castle Howard

David Hockney on the 'infinite variety of Nature'

Plus toad SOS, the great tulip contest and very rare terriers

recently, for one-off houses in the Classical tradition. In 2025, the practice achieved planning permission for a new country house in the vernacular tradition of the Berkshire Downs, which will achieve Passivhaus standards of energy efficiency. *01935 83543; www.stuartmartinarchitects.com*

Tom Turner Architects

Based in East Sussex, Tom Turner Architects specialises in the design of timeless country houses and the sensitive restoration of historic buildings. Drawing inspiration from the traditions of English architecture, from vernacular farm buildings to refined Georgian houses, the practice is known for combining elegant simplicity with a deep respect for place, craft and history. Current projects include the remodelling and extension of a historic home on the edge of the South Downs, as well as a pool house and loggia extension at a listed property in London. A finalist in the creative conservation category of the BD Architect of the Year Awards 2025, the practice received a commendation from the Traditional Architecture Group in 2025 for an extension to a 17th-century listed farmhouse. *01273 044795; www.tomturnerarchitects.com*

Yiangou Architects

For more than 40 years, this Cotswold-based practice has been designing new country houses and restoring listed buildings. Recent projects include the transformation of a Victorian villa on the banks of the River Test in Hampshire into a comfortable lodge-style property more than twice the size of its 19th-century incarnation, including a new wellbeing centre and thatched fishing hut, and a new Classical country house on an estate near Cirencester, Gloucestershire. *01285 888150; www.yiangou.com*

Interior designers

Eadie & Crole

Known for elegant, understated and harmonious interiors, Eadie & Crole was founded in 2019 in Hampshire by Sophie Eade and Fi Crole. Their ability to pair subtle hues and natural textures with antiques and contemporary art is evident in London townhouses and an impressive portfolio of country-house projects. The pair has also recently launched a debut upholstered-furniture collaboration with Lorfords Contemporary, rugs with Jennifer Manners and their second fabric and wallpaper collection. *01264 738768; www.eadieandcrole.com*



An elegant bathroom designed by Cotswold-based interior designer Sean Symington, which was part of a top-to-toe restoration of a Grade II-listed townhouse in Bath

Edward Bulmer

Edward Bulmer is an interior designer and architectural historian specialising in the restoration of heritage buildings. As the founder of Edward Bulmer Natural Paint, he is an exponent of environmental sustainability, moving his shop to a new address on London's Pimlico Road, SW1, in 2025. Recent work has included the revival of a long-forgotten country mansion, finishing the fitting-out of a ducal room first begun in 1830 and the first phase of the restoration of a great neo-Classical house, which had previously been given a minimalist makeover. *01544 388535; www.edwardbulmerinteriordesign.co.uk*

Grenney Greig

Having previously run Veere Grenney Associates, distinguished designer Veere Grenney has partnered with long-time creative director Natasha Greig to form Grenney Greig. Interiors are rooted in the classical tradition, balanced by contemporary elegance and tailored comfort. Recent projects are a Switzerland chalet, a Singapore apartment and a London townhouse. Mr Grenney's debut online video course, *A Life in Design*, is now on Create Academy. *020–7351 7170; www.grenneygreig.com*

Guy Goodfellow

For more than two decades, Guy Goodfellow has been designing timeless interiors, →