



The COUNTRY LIFE Top 100

Planning to restore, remodel or re-build a country house? Or to establish a new garden? For the sixth year, we have chosen experts with the knowledge, experience and creativity required to get it right

THE country house, in all its successive incarnations, is a shared endeavour between clients, architects and craftspeople. Today, the increasing complexity of both building and restoration projects requires greater collaboration than ever before with experts who share a deep understanding, not only of architecture, gardens and design, but also their interplay with sustainability, thermal

efficiency and ecology. Thankfully, there's a greater choice of experts than ever before. In interior design, architecture, garden design and craftsmanship, new arrivals bring ideas that are creating a growing number of exciting options. That's the reason that this list evolves each year with new additions, many of whom have a track record in bringing a pared-back aesthetic to houses and gardens, both old and new.

New additions

Richard Parr Associates

Founded by Richard Parr in 1994, this architectural practice is known for its 'modern traditionalist' approach to residential and hospitality projects around the UK, with a wealth of expertise in the Cotswolds and a strong reputation for reinventing historically sensitive sites.

The Newt in Somerset. The practice has also transformed a historic barn into an award-winning additional workspace at its Cotswold office, and launched its new studio in London.

01453 860200; www.richardparr.com

Albion Nord

Designers Ben Johnson, Anthony Kooperman, Camilla Clarke and Ottalie Stride met when working at property developer Candy & Candy (now Candy London). Together, they formed Albion Nord in 2017, an interior-design studio that has come a long way in a short time. Particularly noted for the design of two houses at the prestigious Chelsea Barracks and the transformation of the neo-Classical Benham Park in Berkshire, they have also found time to develop a collection of furniture and lighting to celebrate British craftsmanship and launched Our Shop, an online offering of art, furniture, antiques and decorative objects. 'Refined' is a key word in the Albion Nord vocabulary. Interiors have a quiet, but never boring, sense of luxury and soul, with considered choices of both antique and contemporary pieces and clever use of colour and texture. 07834 711945; www.albion-nord.com

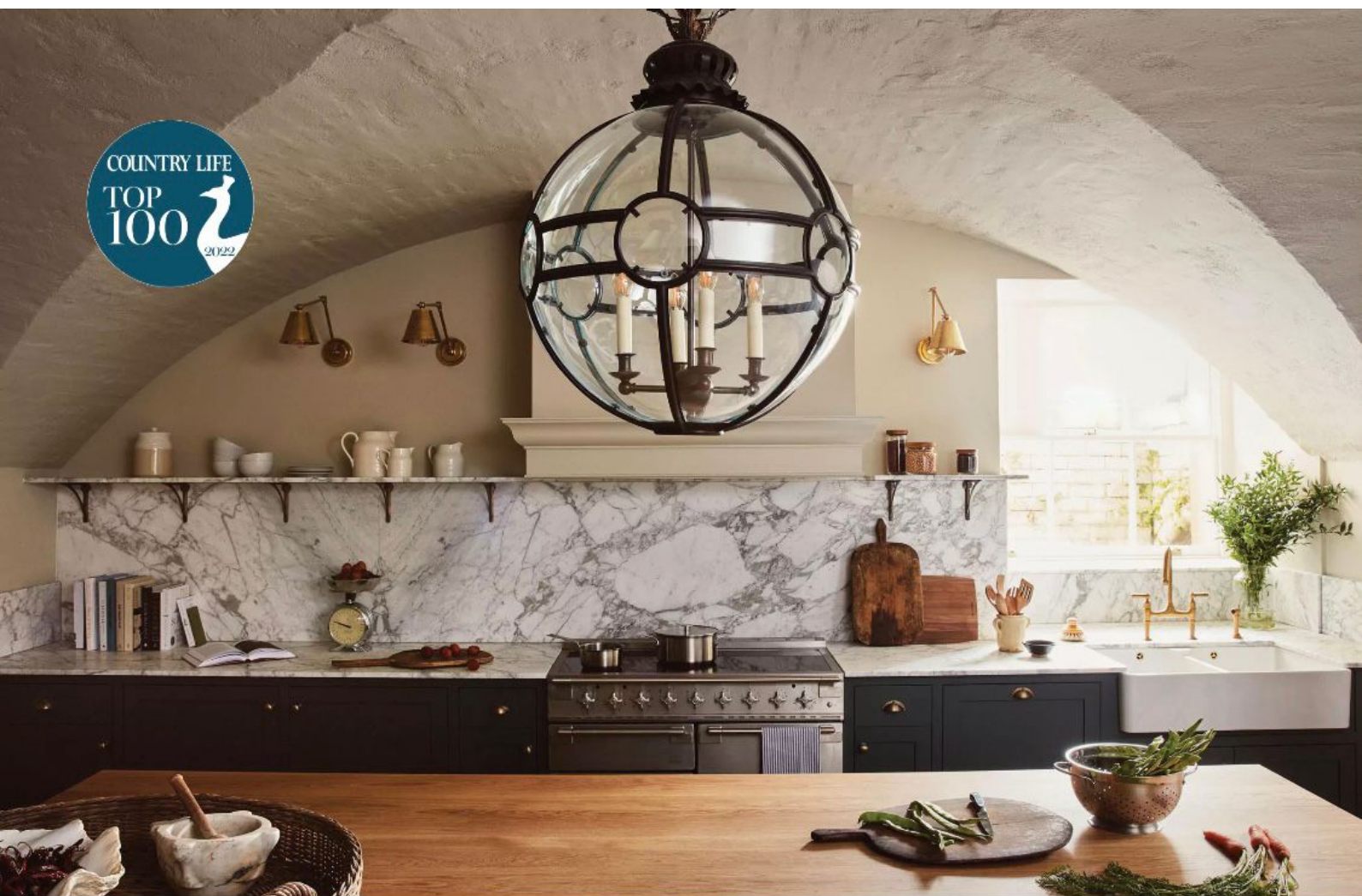
'The country house, in all its incarnations, is a shared endeavour between clients, architects and craftspeople'

The practice has recently completed the refurbishment of a 17th-century manor house, complete with Arts-and-Crafts additions, in Gloucestershire, and sensitively transformed an original farm hamlet into 17 hotel-room suites with a restaurant, indoor pool and spa to become the Farmyard at

Nicola Harding & Co

After studying garden design and working for renowned landscape designer Arne Maynard, Nicola Harding set up her own →

'One of the finest working today': a garden created by lecturer, author and plantsman Arne Maynard



The kitchen at neo-Classical Benham Park in Berkshire was transformed, together with the rest of the house, by Albion Nord

studio in 2008, gradually embracing commercial and residential interiors in addition to gardens. Now, she combines a sensitivity to the link between indoor and outdoor spaces with a playful blend of old and new, carefully chosen antiques and a joyful use of colour to add personality to all kinds of projects, including country houses, historic buildings, hotels and private members' clubs, including the exuberant Beaverbrook Town House in Chelsea, London SW1. Her deep understanding of what it takes to make an inviting home ensures her studio is in demand: recent projects include a Victorian villa on the Thames and a Jacobean manor house in Northamptonshire.

020-8743 6690; <https://nicolaharding.com>

Rosanna Bossom

A fresh take on classic interiors ensures this studio, founded by Rosanna Bossom in 2014, is in demand. Known for her work alongside couture designer Rifat Ozbek on the design of private members' club 5 Hertford Street, in Mayfair, W1, recent projects include London and country houses and a glorious folly in Worcestershire designed by Quinlan Terry Architects. The studio is currently working on a listed house in Regent's Park and other projects in

London, the Cotswolds and New York. The studio offers a capsule collection of made-to-order furniture and pretty accessories, too, from cushions to lampshades.

020-3488 9744; www.rosannabossom.co.uk

Turner Pocock

Bunny Turner and Emma Pocock lead an interior-design studio, founded in 2007, that is admired for its outstanding creativity and confident use of colour and pattern. With offices in London and Geneva, projects include elegant—yet also relaxed—family homes in the capital, across the UK, Europe and Hong Kong, as well as chalets in the Alps. They recently launched the Turner Pocock x Lorfords Contemporary collection of comfortable upholstered chairs and sofas. Other collaborations include The Bobbin Collection of furniture for Chelsea Textiles and painterly table linen for The Sette. A new collaboration with master rug-maker Peter Page launches this month.

020-3463 2390; www.turnerpocock.co.uk

Cleve West Landscape Design

The designer, author and multiple medal winner at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show won best in show at Chelsea two years in succession. He has been creating gardens

with a calm sense of place since 1990 and he has a well-established reputation for designs that experiment with mass and scale, often featuring sculpture. More recently, he has also become known for a more naturalistic approach to gardens and those that celebrate biodiversity. A passionate advocate of a plant-based lifestyle, his dedication to the environment can be seen in his plant and material choices.

The studio undertakes a diverse range of projects from country estates to contemporary urban gardens, currently including a garden surrounding a medieval manor house in the Cotswolds and wild meadows and orchards for a modern house near Chichester in West Sussex.

020-8977 3522; www.clewest.com

del Buono Gazerwitz Landscape Architecture

Italian-born Tommaso del Buono joined forces with American Paul Gazerwitz to set up their landscape-design practice in 2000, after working for the distinguished garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd. Both qualified landscape architects, they now have a leading reputation for thoughtful designs, tailored to respond to the essence of a place. They favour clean lines, often creating →