

Stoke Park, Bristol: feasibility study

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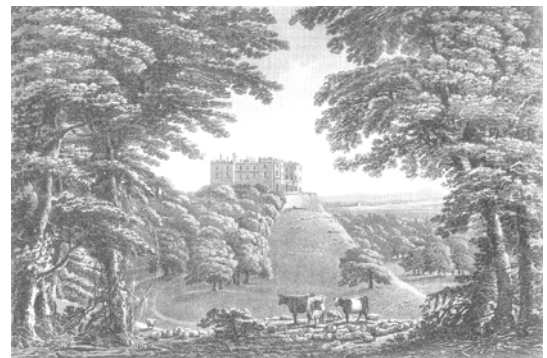
In 2009, the opportunity arose for Bristol City Council to acquire Stoke Park, an 18th century historic landscape (Grade II*) which has survived, remarkably intact, within the growing framework of Bristol City.

Stoke Park as it exists today was created by Norborne Berkeley, Lord Botetourt. He remodeled the house and then gradually designed the parkland landscape with the help of Thomas Wright of Durham. Wright was an astronomer, gardener, architect, antiquary, mathematician and occasional drawing master. He worked on the landscape of Stoke Park for a period of over 35 years, between 1750 and 1786.

Bristol City Council commissioned a study to examine the feasibility of continuing to restore the historic landscape, of re-introducing beef cattle to graze the open grassland but of also ensuring that the park would provide Bristol residents with an attractive green space to use and enjoy. The project entailed reviewing the condition of the historic landscape, examining the feasibility of managing the site as farmland and engaging the local community in order to explore ways in which they might become involved with the project.



Stoke Park House today



Stoke Park House, 1802



English Longhorn cattle

