

Calke Abbey, Derbyshire

Acquisition by the National Trust of Calke Abbey, a baroque mansion, built 1701-3 and set in a stunning landscape park, became famous as a graphic illustration of the English country house in decline. Little restored, the house contains the spectacular natural history collection of the Harpur Crewe family, as well as a magnificent 18th century state bed and interiors that are essentially unchanged since the 1880's. The open parkland is managed for its nature conservation value and the attractive grounds feature a beautiful walled garden and an interesting collection of garden buildings, including a restored orangery.

Region

East Midlands

Grant awarded

£4,500,000

Year awarded

1984