



Case Study

British oak

Vastern Timber supplies British oak to The Collector Earl's Garden at Arundel Castle – Wood Awards winner for Best Use of British Timber





The Collector Earl's Garden at Arundel Castle

**Two years of planning, 13 months of craftsmanship
and 50 British oak trees supplied by Vastern Timber,
all combined to win a prestigious Wood Award,
for The Collector Earl's Garden at Arundel Castle
in West Sussex.**

For the second year running Vastern Timber, a 100-year old family business based in Wiltshire, was the supplier of choice for a winning project in the prestigious Wood Awards.

Vastern specialises in sourcing and providing the very best quality British and European grown hardwoods. It has one of the largest hardwood sawmills in the country and sources wood from well-managed forests certified by the FSC and PEFC.

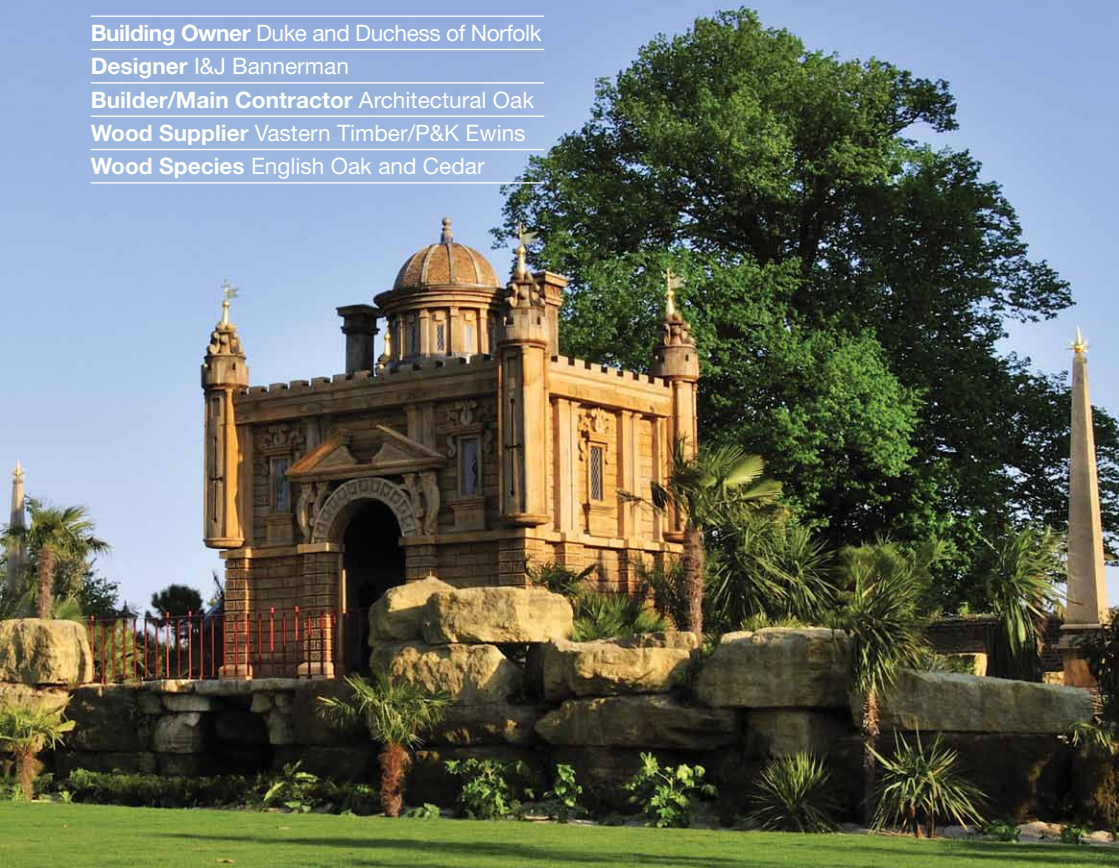
Vastern Timber gets involved in a wide range of projects, but the gardens at Arundel were particularly unique. After supplying British oak to one of

last year's Wood Award winners, having another opportunity to take part in something showcasing the beauty of British wood was too good to miss.

The new garden, at Arundel Castle in West Sussex, was created as a memorial to the 14th Earl of Arundel and contains many monumental structures carved out of English green oak.



Building Owner Duke and Duchess of Norfolk
Designer I&J Bannerman
Builder/Main Contractor Architectural Oak
Wood Supplier Vastern Timber/P&K Ewins
Wood Species English Oak and Cedar



Amongst these is Oberon's Palace – a magnificent structure made from English oak that has been patterned to give the rusticated appearance of stone, yet has the warm, tactile feel of wood. The decorative arch over the door measures 1.8 metres in diameter and was made from a solid piece of oak.

“This wonderfully imaginative project deserves a round of applause.”

Wood Awards Judge

There is also a large pergola comprising 17 metre high arches – topped with a huge, turned oak ball half a metre in diameter, colossal 3.3 metre high carved oak figures, and rows of oak columns and urns lining a water feature.

These incredible works of art are an impressive sight – all the more so for having been hand carved from green oak.

The structures pay great testament to the skills of Robert Hibberd at Architectural Oak Limited, and the wonderful creative design of I&J Bannerman.



“The best creative minds are finding new ways to make the most of this abundant, beautiful, varied and truly sustainable material.”

Wood Awards Judge



The English oak selected by Vastern, provides a perfect material for these gardens. It will soften to a gentle grey and blend in with the stone of nearby Arundel Cathedral and the Church.

For Vastern Timber, being involved in such an unusual award-winning project, for the second year running, is certainly worth celebrating.

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