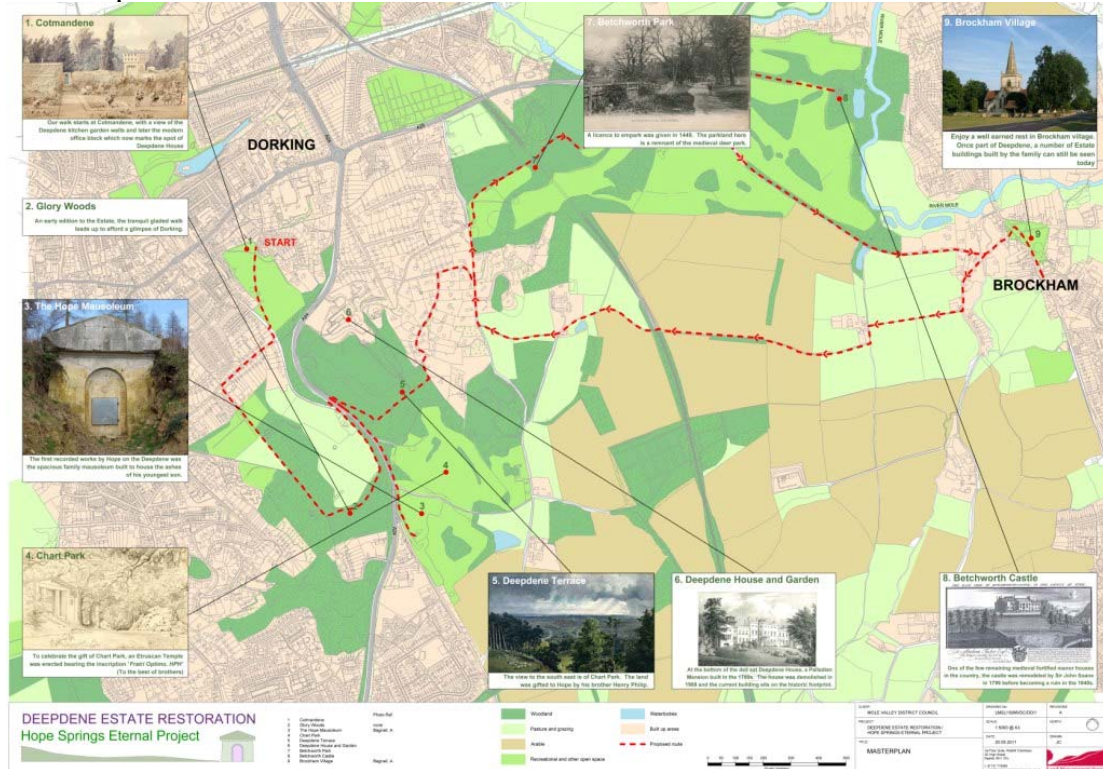




Thomas Hope of the Deepdene Circa 1799

The Deepdene Trail



The Deepdene Trail is a circular walk taking in the rise and fall of one of the Country's most significant lost landscapes through a hundred years of history. At the heart of the trail is the Hope family Mausoleum. Built in 1818 this structure is the last surviving remnant of the estate and final resting place of the Thomas Hope, famed Regency arbiter of taste.



Starting at Cotmandene the walk goes from the centre of Dorking looking onto the site of the Deepdene. Following on from here the walk takes a Southerly direction into the Glory Woods. One of the early additions to the estate, the woods offer a

tranquil gladed walk. After a gradual accent the footpath leads back down to the A24 across the road and then up to the Terrace.

Deepdene Terrace offers dramatic views towards the South. The land was brought at the cost of £30,000 by Thomas Hope's Brother Henry Philip Hope, and given to him in 1812 to enlarge the estate. To commemorate this generous gift Thomas Hope built a temple, now sadly demolished, with the inscription *Fratri Otumo – HPH* (To the best of brothers). Henry Philip Hope was also a very rich man who owned the finest private collection of jewels including the Hope diamond.



Henry Philip Hope

The temple (demolished in 1955)



The view from the North portico of the temple, looked down the steps onto Deepdene gardens. The gardens lay claim to being one of the first Italianate gardens in the country and were admired by diarists John Evelyn and John Aubrey in the late 17th Century

The garden looking up to the grotto and temple circa 1925



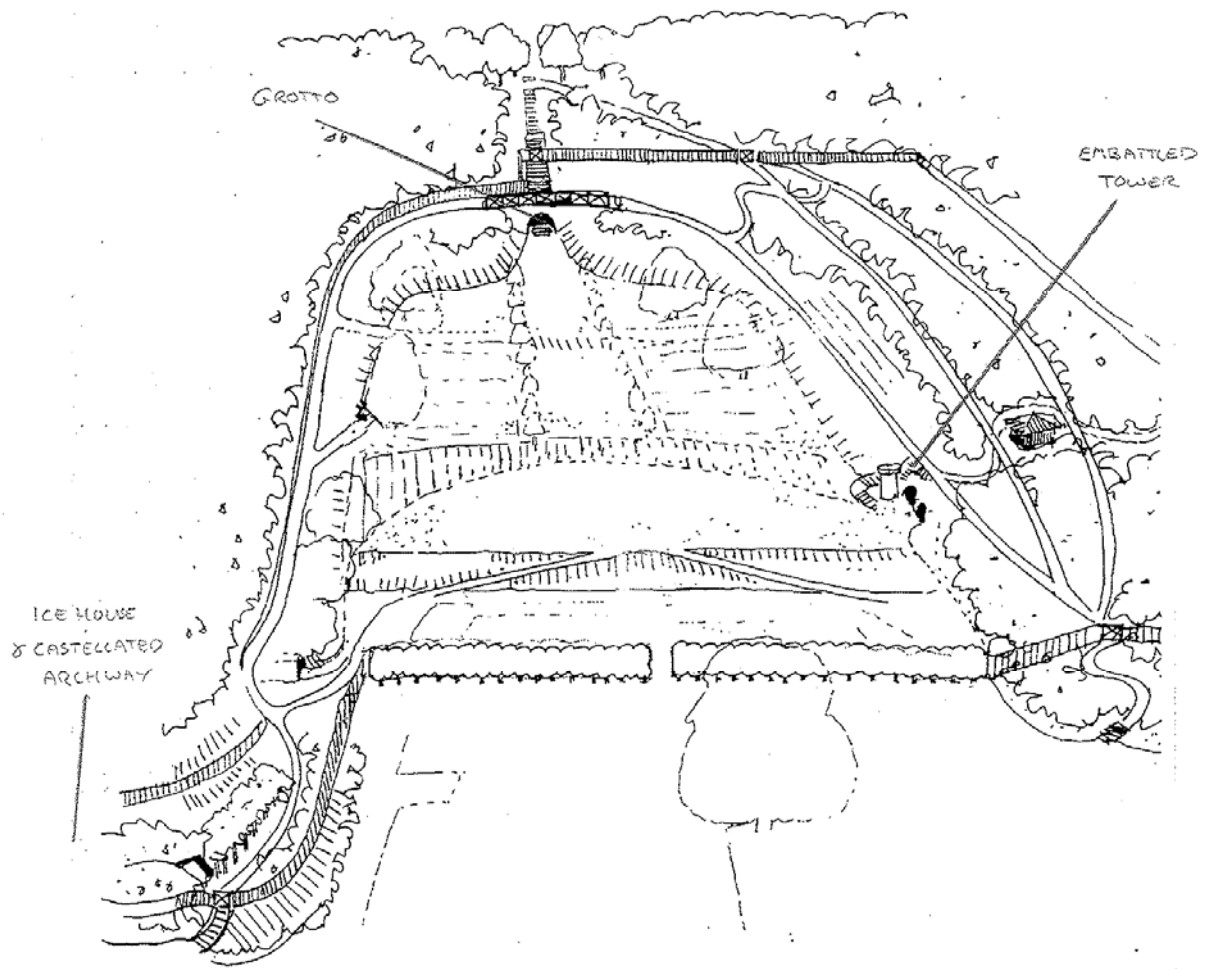
Deepdene Gardens

Fragments of the garden survive and elements such as the grotto have been recently gently cleared of scrub encroachment by the Friends of Deepdene group using old photographs as a guide. This has revealed glimpses of the Deepdene's former glory offering an exciting glimpse of what lies waiting to be discovered.

Before and after photographs of Deepdene Gardens during recent clearance works 2013



View of the temple from the gardens showing the grotto at the bottom of the steps circa 1900.



Garden layout showing surviving elements

The view from the South portico looked out across Chart Park taking in the panoramic views. From here the walk descends down to the site of the Hope Mausoleum.

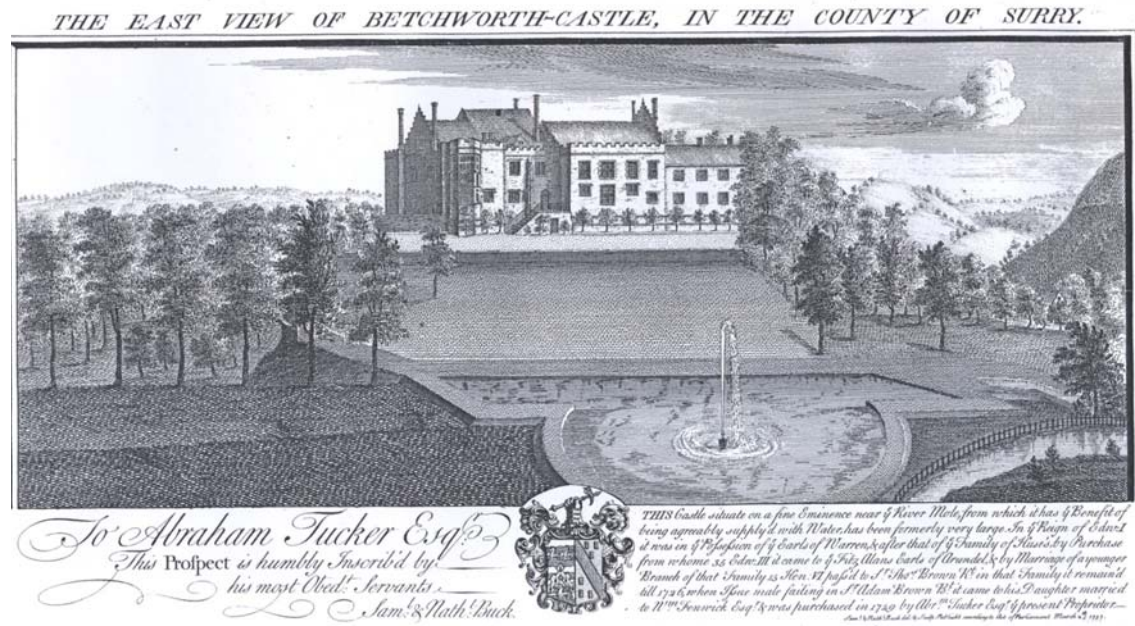
View of Chart Park circa 1825 looking towards the mausoleum



This Grade II* listed building sits towards the Southern most extremity of the estate in recently restored parkland. Buried and neglected for half a century this magnificent structure is the only largely complete remaining building built by Thomas Hope.

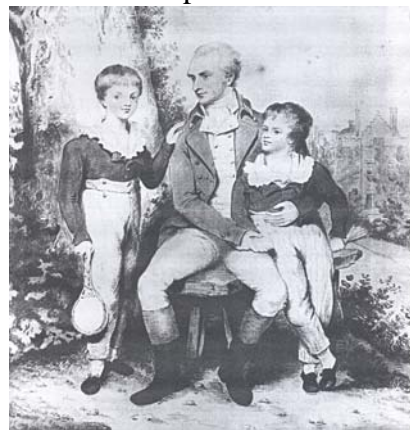


From here the walk cuts through Chart Park and up Punchbowl Lane reaching the final destination of Betchworth Park. The final major addition to the estate purchased by Thomas Hopes son, Henry Hope, for £19,000 in 1834. The site includes the only remaining medieval fortified manor house in Surrey, Betchworth Castle. Whilst little remains of the castle the parkland has a number of magnificent Sweet Chestnut trees which date back to the emparkment of the estate in 1449.



Betchworth Castle Circa 1737

The site is of particular interest as it was remodelled by Sir John Soane from 1798 – 1800 for the banker Henry Peters. The stable block whilst converted to Houses can still be seen at the bottom of the slope, and is considered to be one of Soane’s more important surviving minor works.



Henry Peters circa 1810

Once the estate was purchased by Henry Hope the house was let to the Barclay family of Bury Hill briefly before Hope dismantled part of the house to leave a romantic ruin.

A significant feature of the site of which remnants survive is the ornamental lime avenue.



Whilst much of the avenue was felled in the 1960's some of the trees remain and the new access road largely follows the original route.

Betchworth Castle was recently purchased by architectural historian Martin Higgins, who with money from Mole Valley District Council has been able to secure funding from a number of bodies, such as English Heritage and Surrey Historic Buildings Trust, which has totalled nearly £300,000. He has been able to secure the standing remains which were on the verge of collapse. The Friends of Deepdene are now helping to improve access to the buried cellars and manage the scrub growth in the castle grounds.



Progress so far

The overarching objective of the project is to re-link a significant part of Dorking's history enabling the public to learn and experience a wonderful hidden local landscape. To enable this the Mausolea and Monuments Trust have begun fund raising to support a one million pound heritage lottery bid. The proposal is to create a Deepdene heritage trail from Cotmandene to Brockham, taking elements of landscape back to an approximation of how it as it would have been in Thomas Hope's time and repairing other parts in a sympathetic manner.

A website and face-book page has been created which will enable people to keep up date with progress. This can be found at

<http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/hopesprings>

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/TheDeepdeneTrail>

In the meantime if you would like to support the project financially then donations can be made either to The Mausolea & Monuments Trust or online at:

<http://www.justgiving.com/hopespringseternal>.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a JustGiving fundraising page. The page title is 'Hannah Parham is fundraising for The Mausolea & Monuments Trust - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Mole Valley District'. The URL is 'https://www.justgiving.com/HopeSpringsEternal'. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'How JustGiving works', 'Charity membership', 'Company fundraising', 'Partnerships', 'Help', and 'Your account | GBP'. The main content area includes a 'JustGiving' logo, 'Fundraising' and 'Giving' dropdown menus, and social media sharing options for '+1', 'Tweet', 'Share', and 'Like'. A central banner for 'Hope Springs Eternal!' shows a progress indicator of 63% and a fundraising goal of £50,402.00 (raised of £80,000.00 target) with 25 donations. A 'Donate' button is visible. Below the banner, there are sections for 'My story' and 'My charity'. The 'My story' section describes Thomas Hope (1769-1831) and the Mausoleum. The 'My charity' section identifies 'The Mausolea & Monuments Trust' with Charity Registration No. 1106634 and describes its mission.

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My story

Thomas Hope (1769-1831) is recognised internationally as one of great figures in 19 century taste. His country house, The Deepdene near Dorking in Surrey, was demolished in 1969, but one singular building remains: the Mausoleum he built to house the body of his young son Charles who died in 1817. This massive archaic Greek structure lies in a picturesque dell within the grounds of The Deepdene, but was neglected and then part-buried in the 1960s. It now awaits rescue.

My charity

The Mausolea & Monuments Trust
Charity Registration No. 1106634

The MMT is a charitable trust for the protection and preservation of mausolea and funerary monuments in the UK. Since it was founded in 1997 the MMT has taken six mausolea into its own guardianship.

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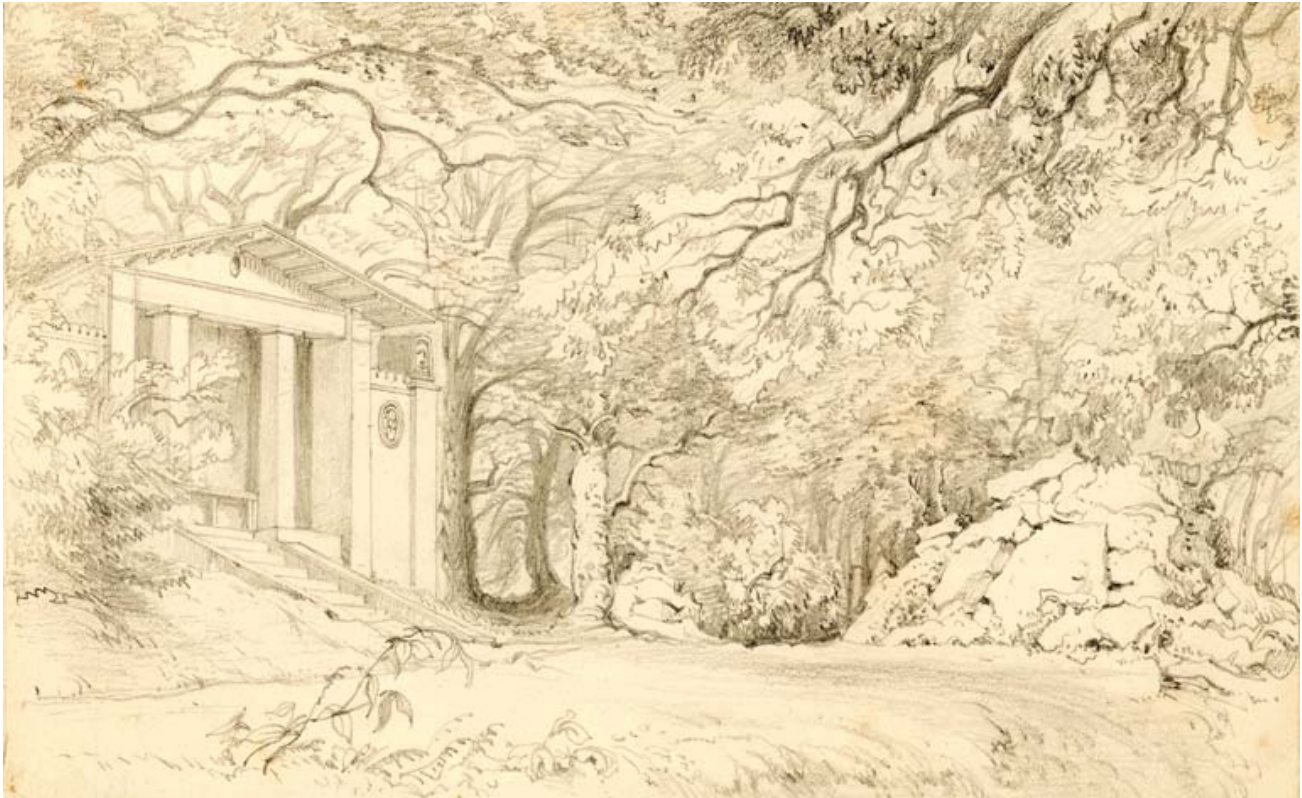
Hope Mausoleum 1919



Hope Mausoleum 2010



View of Chart Park circa 1825 from Deepdene Terrace (the mausoleum is behind the hill in the middle of the picture)



The Temple circa 1825



The Temple circa 1890

The view towards Deepdene Gardens in 1825

