

# 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

**T**HE 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.

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