

## **Beresford, Arthur Edgar 1881 - 1952**

Arthur Edgar Beresford was born near Aldersley Edge, Cheshire, England on 27 February 1881. He was articled as a builder's apprentice to Thomas Massey of Isaac Massey and Sons in Aldersley Edge in 1895 and had remained with them as an assistant for some years.

In 1905 he entered the office of [Mackay Hugh Baillie Scott](#) (1865-1945) in Bedford, Bedfordshire as an assistant and worked in that capacity until 1919 when Baillie Scott took him into partnership as [Baillie Scott & Beresford](#). He assisted Baillie Scott in the second edition of his book Homes and Gardens, published in 1933. The book contains details of the partnership's work from 1919 to 1933.

Baillie Scott & Beresford's office was located at 12 South Square, Gray's Inn, London. In 1941 the office was destroyed by bombing and the firm's records were lost. Shortly after Baillie Scott & Beresford closed. Beresford produced little architectural work of note after this date. He died in Newquay, Cornwall on 11 April 1952

Worked in

UK

Works

During the years 1919-39 Baillie Scott & Beresford designed some 130 buildings, most of which were constructed. These included The Tudors, 19 South Park Crescent, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire (1919-20); 'Buckleberry Grange' at Buckleberry Common, near Reading in Berkshire (1919-20); North Point and Wytch House, Old Mill Lane, Bray, Berkshire (1920); 29 Storey's Way, Cambridge (1922); Three Elms, 142 Kippington Road, Sevenoaks, Kent for D.L. Wallis (1923); Casa Patis, 20 Yorrick Road, Mersea, Essex (1923); Blue Bonnets, 138 Kippington Road, Sevenoaks, Kent (1924); Beresford Court, Westerham Road, Limpsfield, Surrey (1924); The Gate House, Ballards Lane, Limpsfield, Surrey (1924); Cory Lodge in the University Botanical Gardens in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire (1924); New Hall at Bembridge School in Bembridge School, Isle of Wight (1924-27); Hadleigh in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, for Professor Sir Frank Engledon (1926); Ashwood, Ashwood Road, Woking, Surrey (1929); Wickhurst, King's Avenue, Sandwich Bay, Sandwich, Kent (c.1929); 'Casey Barn' in Esher, Surrey for Messrs G.E. Wallis (1931-32); Stonerwood Park, Steep, Hampshire (c.1932); Wychden,

Wilderness Avenue, Seal, Kent (1932); 64 Meadway, London (1929-30); and 'Clobb Copse' in Beaulieu, Hampshire, for John Ehrmann (1936-38); 50 Oakhill Road, Sevenoaks, Kent (1937); Bennington, Rectory Lane, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent (1920s); Raspit Hill, Stone Street Road, Ightham, Kent (1920s); Oak End, High Street, Sevenoaks, Kent (1920s); 19 Ashley Drive, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey (1930s).

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