

Belcher, John 1841 - 1913



John Belcher [also known as John Belcher, Junr.] was born the son of the architect John Belcher (1816?-1890) in Southwark, Surrey [now London], England on 10 July 1841. He trained with his father between 1857-1865, and for a period in the office of Richard Bell (1809?-1874). Belcher was in partnership with his father from 1865 to 1875, with James Walter James (1846-1935); with [Arthur Beresford Pite](#) (1861-1934) from 1882 to 1897; and with [John James Joass](#) (1868-1952) from 1905 [Joass had previously worked as Belcher's assistant 1897-1905].

Belcher was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1879, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1882. He was also President of the Royal Institute of British Architects (PRIBA) from 1904 to 1906) He was a founder member of the Art Workers Guild (AWG) in 1884 and was elected a Royal Academician (RA) in 1909. In 1907 he was awarded the RIBA Royal Gold Medal.

He exhibited frequently at the Royal Academy in London from 1882 to 1913. He also exhibited at the Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts, and at the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh. He participated in the 3rd (1890) and 6th (1899) exhibitions of the Arts & Crafts Exhibition Society in London.

Belcher lived for many years in London and died in Camberwell, London, on 8 November 1913. His son, [Arthur Herbert Belcher](#) (1858-1924) was also an architect.

A biographical file on John Belcher is available on request from the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London

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Works

Architectural works by Belcher included the Institute of Chartered Accountants building in Moorgate, London (with A.B. Pite, 1890); Colchester Town Hall, in Colchester, England (with A.B. Pite, 1902); the Birmingham Daily Post building in Fleet Street, London (with J.J. Joass, 1902); Guildown Grange in Guildford, Surrey (with J.J. Joass, 1902); Tapeley Park in Devon (with J.J. Joass, 1902); Electra House for the Electra Telegraph Co., in Moorgate, London (with J.J. Joass, 1902-03); additions to Cornbury Park in Oxfordshire (with J.J. Joass, 1902-03); the Royal London Friendly Society building in Finsbury, London (with J.J. Joass, 1904-05); Winchester House in Broad Street, London (with J.J. Joass, 1904-05); Ashton Memorial in Williamson Park, Lancaster (with J.J. Joass, 1906); premises for Mappin & Webb in Oxford Street, London (with J.J. Joass, 1906-08); 26 and 28 Margaret Street, London (with J.J. Joass, 1907-08); the Royal Insurance building in St James's Street, London (with J.J. Joass, 1907-08); the Royal Society of Medicine building in Henrietta Street, London (with J.J. Joass, 1910); headquarters of the Royal Zoological Society in Regent's Street, London (with J.J. Joass, 1910), Whiteley's building in Queen's Road, London (with J.J. Joass, 1910); Tatmore Place in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, England (with J.J. Joass, 1910); Holy Trinity Church, Kingsway, London (1910-12); 31 Weymouth Street, Marylebone, London (1912); and The Mappin Terraces, London Zoo, Regent's Park, London (1913).

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