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Filming for *Wolf Hall*, the six-part BBC drama adapted from Hilary Mantel's award-winning novels *Wolf Hall* and *Bring Up the Bodies*, took place at five places we look after including Barrington Court and Montacute House in Somerset.

Filming on location lent an authenticity to *Wolf Hall* for its producer Mark Pybus. 'The advantages of filming in a historic location are massive,' he said. 'It also helps the actors. If they're stepping into the buildings that Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell walked around in, it helps bring a realness to the project.'

'The National Trust has been very supportive and around 40% of our overall shoots have been at Trust places,' he added. 'It will be a big part of the overall programme, the locations that people see.'

Location fees help us to continue our work caring for special places, and thanks to *Wolf Hall* we'll be able to carry on protecting the five sites involved in the BBC drama, for ever, for everyone.

Wolf Hall is a Company Pictures and Playground co-production for BBC Two and MASTERPIECE in association with BBC Worldwide.

Find out more about filming *Wolf Hall* at nationaltrust.org.uk/moviemap



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1 Montacute House

Montacute, Somerset, TA15 6XP

Montacute represents Greenwich Palace, Henry VIII's main London seat and the site of Anne Boleyn's arrest. The Elizabethan mansion's extensive grounds provided a spectacular backdrop to jousting sequences and hosted the dazzling Royal Tent. Montacute has previously been used for filming for *The Libertine* and *Sense and Sensibility*.

'Montacute is fantastic, it's probably the most beautiful house we're filming in... It has superb architecture.'
David Johnson – Location Manager

nationaltrust.org.uk/montacute-house



2 Lacock Abbey

Lacock, Wiltshire, SN15 2LG

Founded early in the 13th century by the Countess of Salisbury as a nunnery of the Augustinian order, Lacock Abbey and the surrounding village is a prime site for film and television productions including *Cranford*, *Harry Potter* and *The Other Boleyn Girl*. Following the dissolution of the monasteries, Henry VIII sold it to Sir William Sharington, one of his courtiers, who converted it into a house. In the drama the exteriors and medieval cloisters were used to represent Wolf Hall, the Seymour family seat. The Great Hall was used to portray the King's Lodgings in Calais.

nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock



3 Barrington Court

Barrington, Somerset, TA19 0NQ

Free from collections and furniture, the spacious interiors of Barrington Court were dressed for *Wolf Hall* as York Place (later Whitehall), the home of Cromwell's mentor and friend, Cardinal Wolsey. Saved from ruin and restored by the Lyle family in the 1920s, this rambling Tudor manor house features a mid-16th century minstrels' gallery within its Great Hall.

nationaltrust.org.uk/barrington-court



4 Great Chalfield Manor and Garden

near Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 8NH

The interiors of Great Chalfield Manor stood in for Thomas Cromwell's home, Austin Friars, a happy place teeming with in-laws and wards, nieces and nephews, and artists. A moated manor house built between 1465 and 1480 for Thomas Tropenell, Great Chalfield has been used to film *Lark Rise to Candleford*, *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*.

nationaltrust.org.uk/great-chalfield-manor



5 Chastleton House

Chastleton, Oxfordshire, GL56 0SU

Chastleton's small stone courtyard provided the location for dramatic scenes from Cromwell's miserable childhood in Putney, while the interior represented Wolf Hall itself, the place where Jane Seymour first catches Henry's eye. Built by a rich wool merchant between 1607 and 1612, the house has remained relatively unchanged for nearly 400 years.

nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton



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National Trust places featured in the novels themselves and other locations which appear in the TV adaptation of *Wolf Hall*

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Reading

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Basingstoke

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Winchester Cathedral

Hampshire, SO23 9LS

One of the largest cathedrals in England, with the longest medieval nave in Europe, it was used to film scenes at Chapuys House and the interiors of St George's Chapel.

winchester-cathedral.org.uk



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Penshurst Place and Gardens

Kent, TN11 8DG

Built in 1341 and described as 'the most perfect example of a defended manor house', Penshurst Place regularly attracts film scouts looking for historical architecture and authentic interiors. The property was once owned by Henry VIII and has barely changed in 600 years. The Long Gallery, one of the locations used to film scenes at Whitehall, remains historically accurate to the Tudor period.

penshurstplace.com



3

Dover Castle

Kent, CT16 1HU

Spectacularly situated above the White Cliffs of Dover this magnificent castle has guarded our shores from invasion for nine centuries. In the series it doubles up as the Tower of London and Calais Castle.

english-heritage.org.uk



5

The Great Hall

Hampshire, SO23 8UJ

One of the finest surviving medieval halls which contains the legendary Round Table, for *Wolf Hall* it became Westminster Hall.

hants.gov.uk/greathall



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The Hospital of St Cross

Hampshire, SO23 9SD

The Hospital, which is England's oldest continuing almshouse, comprises a group of grade I listed medieval and Tudor buildings, including a medieval hall and tower, Tudor cloister, Norman church and gardens reflecting early plant collecting. In *Wolf Hall* the Hospital provided a number of locations including Hampton Court, Windsor Castle and Grays Inn.

hospitalofstcross.co.uk



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Sutton House

2 and 4 Homerton High Street, Hackney, London, E9 6JQ

Sutton House in Hackney doesn't feature in the television series but it was built in 1535 by Ralph Sadler, who rose to be a prominent member of Henry VIII's court and also served Edward VI and Elizabeth I. Ralph Sadler is an important character in *Wolf Hall* (and its sequel *Bring Up the Bodies*) and is educated as a member of Cromwell's household where he meets his wife Helen Barre.

nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house



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The Vyne

Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9HL

Although not featured in the television series, the Vyne is mentioned in *Wolf Hall* during a conversation between Thomas Cromwell and Mary Tudor. Built for Lord Sandys, Henry VIII's Lord Chamberlain, Cromwell tells Mary that the King intends to visit Lord Sandys to see the 'handsome new gallery' which remains as Henry VIII would have seen it today.

nationaltrust.org.uk/vyne

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1 UWC Atlantic College

South Wales, CF61 1WF

St Donat's Castle, which dates back to the 12th century, is today an international college. The castle provided a number of locations for *Wolf Hall* with interiors doubling up as Tower of London, Westminster, Calais, Blackfriars and Hampton Court. And while the college isn't open to the public, it can be hired for events and weddings.

atlanticcollege.org

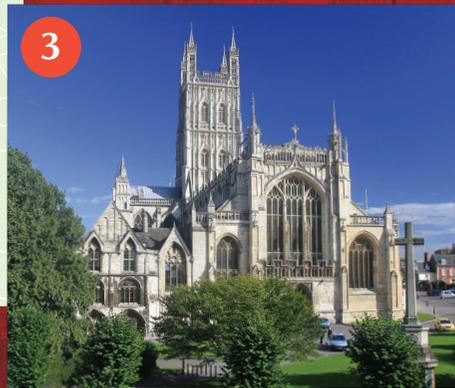


2 Caerphilly Castle

South Wales, CF83 1JD

Caerphilly Castle is one of the largest and most striking moated medieval castles in the land. The walls and much of the fabric of the 13th century fortress are intact, and the south-east tower leans over as if it were about to collapse. In *Wolf Hall* the castle was one of many locations which doubled up as the Tower of London.

cadw.wales.gov.uk



3 Gloucester Cathedral

College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LR

All periods of medieval church architecture are represented at Gloucester Cathedral, making it the perfect place to represent multiple locations, including the interiors of Blackfriars and Calais Castle, and the exterior of the King's Lodgings.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk



4 Stanway House and Fountain

Gloucestershire, GL54 5PQ

Stanway House is a beautiful example of a Jacobean manor house, owned by Tewkesbury Abbey for 800 years then for 500 years by the Tracy family and their descendants. In *Wolf Hall* it doubled up as Lambeth Palace, with scenes showing the Elizabeth Barton and Thomas More interrogations and flashbacks to Cromwell as a boy meeting Thomas More.

stanwayfountain.co.uk



5 Broughton Castle

North Oxfordshire, OX15 5EB

Broughton Castle is a moated and fortified manor house near Banbury in North Oxfordshire. Set in parkland and built of the rich local Hornton ironstone, in the drama it represented a number of locations including Windsor Castle, the bank of the river Thames, and Kimbolton Castle, the final home of King Henry VIII's first queen, Catherine of Aragon.

broughtoncastle.com



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1 Wells Cathedral

Cathedral Green, Wells, BA5 2US

Described as 'the most poetic of the English Cathedrals' Wells Cathedral was chosen to represent multiple locations including the interior of Gray's Inn, one of the four Inns of Court, which Cromwell was elected a member of in 1524.

wellscathedral.org.uk



2 Chavenage House

Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8XP

Chavenage House appears as Antonio Bonvisi's house in Bishopsgate, where Cromwell takes supper along with Thomas More. This wonderful welcoming Elizabethan home offers guided tours by the owner or his family.

chavenage.com

3 Sherborne School & Town

Sherborne

Sherborne School and the surrounding area was used to portray a few different locations, most notably York Place – later known as Whitehall – where Cardinal Wolsey, Cromwell's mentor and friend, lived before his fall from grace. The school is not open to the public but its arch and cloisters are visible from the town where filming also took place.

Please note that Sherborne School is not open to the public.



4 Berkeley Castle

Berkeley, Gloucestershire, GL13 9BQ

Berkeley Castle stands in for Esher where Cardinal Wolsey is banished to after falling from the favour of King Henry VIII. The Berkeley family re-built the castle in 1154 and have transformed it from a forbidding fortress to a comfortable family home, with beautiful gardens and a tropical butterfly house.

berkeley-castle.com



5 Cothay Manor & Gardens

Greenham, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 0JR

Said to be the finest example of a small medieval manor in England, Cothay dates back to the 14th century, and has been lovingly restored with period furniture and fabrics by the current owners. In *Wolf Hall* it appears as Thomas More's house.

cothaymanor.co.uk



6 Bristol Cathedral

Bristol, BS1 5TJ

Bristol Cathedral doubles up for Westminster Abbey for the coronation of Anne Boleyn - a key scene in the six part drama. Eagle-eyed viewers might be able to spot a completely transformed Chapter House in the guise of the Duke of Norfolk's residence. The Elder Lady Chapel and Eastern Lady Chapel also feature.

bristol-cathedral.co.uk

