

## ***Historic England announcement – 10 December 2025***

**Garden at Tudor Croft, Stokesley Road, Guisborough, Redcar and Cleveland, Tees Valley**

**Grade II registered park and garden ([read the list entry for Tudor Croft's garden](#))**

Tudor Croft's garden, created from 1934 for industrialist Ronald Crossley, is a rare survival of an inter-war suburban garden in a relaxed Arts and Crafts style. Designed to complement the family home, it remains largely intact, with the house overlooking the garden and the North Yorkshire Moors.

The highlight is the Gnome Garden, entirely populated by magical beings including elves, gnomes playing instruments, pixies, birds and animals. These hand-crafted terracotta ornaments by potter and sculptor Walter Scott were all produced at the Comondale brickworks. Their cheeky features have an affinity with the fairytale illustrations of Cecily Mary Barker or Margaret Tarrant which had become popular in the 1920s.

There is also a Secret Garden with a small stone-flagged bridge over a pond with a terracotta fisherman at the opposite end. It also features a rare, roofed fernery and intricate rockwork, likely by the acclaimed Backhouse Nursery of York, a curving rose pergola of Crossley bricks and a water garden.

Unlike the rigid geometries of earlier Arts and Crafts gardens, Tudor Croft's design is one of personal expression.