

GCE A Level Advanced Art and Design

Photography Component 1

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Total Mark 44 (37+PS7)

	AO1 Develop	AO2 Explore and Select	AO3 Record	AO4 Realise	Personal Study
Mark	9	9	10	9	7
Performance Level	3	3	4	3	3
				Total out of 90	44



Introduction

My focus area is how man-made objects can change landscape. When I take photographs I see the landscape and how man-made objects change the landscape by enhancing it and making the landscape more beautiful. I will also be looking how pathways and how other man-made structures change the landscape and what effect it has on the landscape. I would start by looking at bridges and pathways and how they enhance the landscape and I would develop this to show the change and how it enhances the landscape over the natural landscape.

I have looked at Ansel Adams who was born in 1902 and took amazing photographs of the landscape. He took all of his photographs in black and white. There was colour around at the time but he chose black and white. I have also looked at Charlie White who takes very linear photographs of the landscape and has lots of pathways and impressive man-made structures. I have looked at Edward Burtynsky who takes very industrial and manufactured landscapes. They are mostly man made showing how amazing the manufactured landscape can be. I am most interested by Edward Burtynsky and how the huge man-made structures enhance the landscape and break it up making it more ascetically pleasing.

Other areas I wish to explore is the manufactured landscape and how it looks compared with the natural landscape. I might also look at how nature can also influence man-made structures and how and gradually over time reclaim them.

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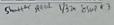




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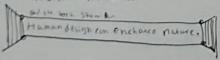


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Joel Sternfeld is an American photographer who focuses on urban landscapes in flux. I Particularly like his photographs of abandoned area were nature is reclaiming man-made structures.



At Tintern abbey the ruin is a very exiting place as it stand alone in a rural landscape unlike Sternfeld it is looking at the decline of monastic life in England. It would seem that the landscape is constantly being changed by building that represent periods of social change. For example Sternfeld is really interested in the decline of certain industry's. Tintern abbey was about the decline of the power of the church a ruined building is a powerful metaphor and creates a striking image. The whole of the forest of dean is about an industry in decline.











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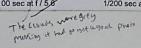
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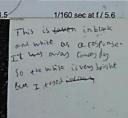
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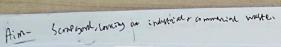














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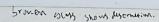
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The environment is always changing and constantly in flux, sometimes this can be good or bad. Most of the time it changes due to the humans impacting it. So far I have explored scrap yards and I find them interesting. They have negative aspects because they show humans wastefulness but are still beautiful because the shapes and colours created are incredibly visually attractive. They show how objects impact on the landscape. I have also looked at scars in the landscape and how they affect it. I went to Clearwell Caves and saw how it has changed over time. I took photographs in the nearby Magic wood which had lots of large holes which used to be caves but have collapsed over time. These were interesting as they showed how the landscape is constantly changing due to human activity.

I have done artist evaluations on both Edward Burtynsky and Mathew Merrett. I like Edward Burtynsky photograph of a highway as it explores how the environment has been split up by humans and how visually impacting this is. It shows a manufactured landscape. An envy industrialisation. Edward Burtynsky says that by destroying nature we are destroying ourselves. Mathew Merrett looks at beauty in decay within the landscape. I find his work interesting as it shows a landscape that is being destroyed and ruined but is still beautiful. Docks has become my focus as they are constantly changing and show this.

Change is good and exciting. The industrial landscape continues to interest and inspire me. The structures within them are exciting and create dynamic photographs. I am aware that the message of pollution and destruction could be followed at this point. Nevertheless, I want to focus on the positive aspects such as how industry shows progress, inventiveness and how it enhances the environment. Bristol suspension bridge is a prime example of this. Seeing the different phases of industry in one picture is intriguing because it shows the progression of human endeavour and design. For this reason I have been constantly drawn to docklands. They are visually interesting and are places where industry is still happening. Humans look tiny with huge boats and next to man-made structures. Scale is something that also appeals to me. For these reasons, I want to look at Ansel Adams as he captures huge landscapes and his techniques communicate the power of these environments. To communicate the positive aspects of the power of the industrial landscape in flux is a major part of my project. I would plan to look at JW Turner because of the way he deals with the death of a man-made structure and how he creates romance around its demise. I am going to continue to use docks as my places of interest. There are many in the surrounding area, all with different histories and purposes.



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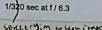
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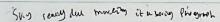
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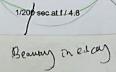


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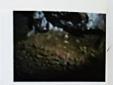
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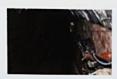
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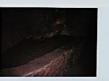


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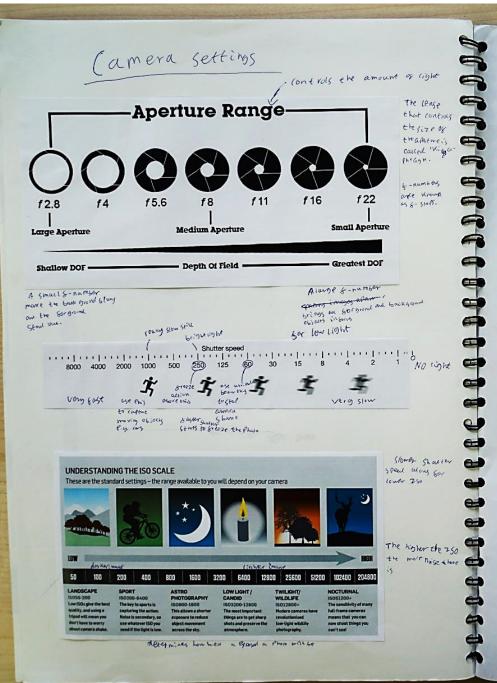


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Gregory Crewdson

Bedroom tree from Twilight 2001-2002

Gregory Crewdson was born September 26, 1962 in New York. Crewdson photographs scenes of American homes and neighborhoods.

In the picture you can see a tree hanging by some rope that has come from the roof. There is a hole in the floor were a man is going down holding some rope. It looks like he is trying to leaver the tree out from his house using the rope. It think the focal point is the tree because it is straight down the middle and catches your eye first when looking at it.

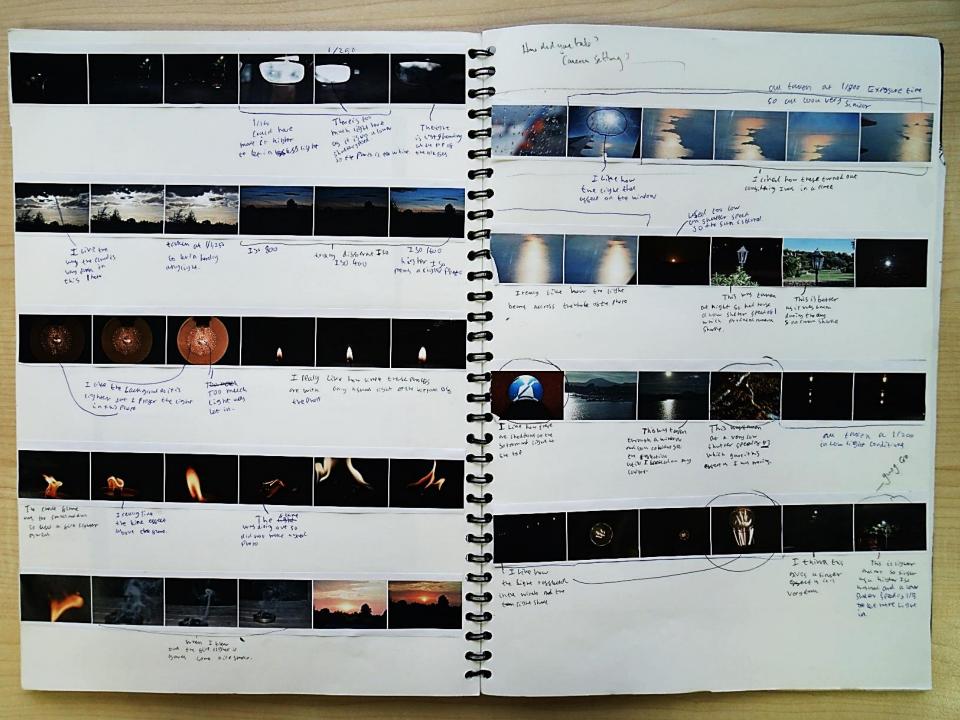
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There is very little light in this photograph. There are only four sources of light that come from two lams and a wall light that is also reflected in a mirror. One of the lamps in lying on the floor which suggests an unhappy or glum mood because the tree has crashed through the roof. The light in the mirror is brighter than the light on the wall, this suggests that the image of him is brighter than the dark glooming room and the mess he is in at the moment. It could suggest his life is or was brighter. By the window is a lamp that is still standing whereas the lamp on the floor has fallen over. This might be because outside is better than inside.

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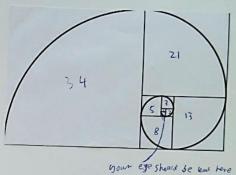
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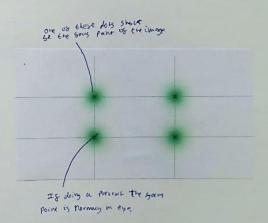


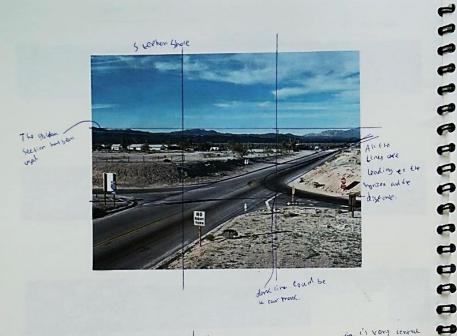
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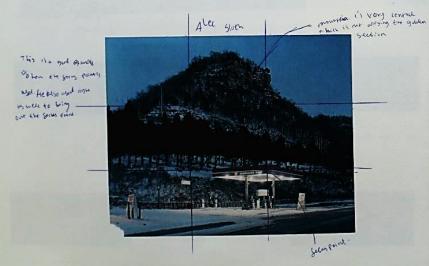
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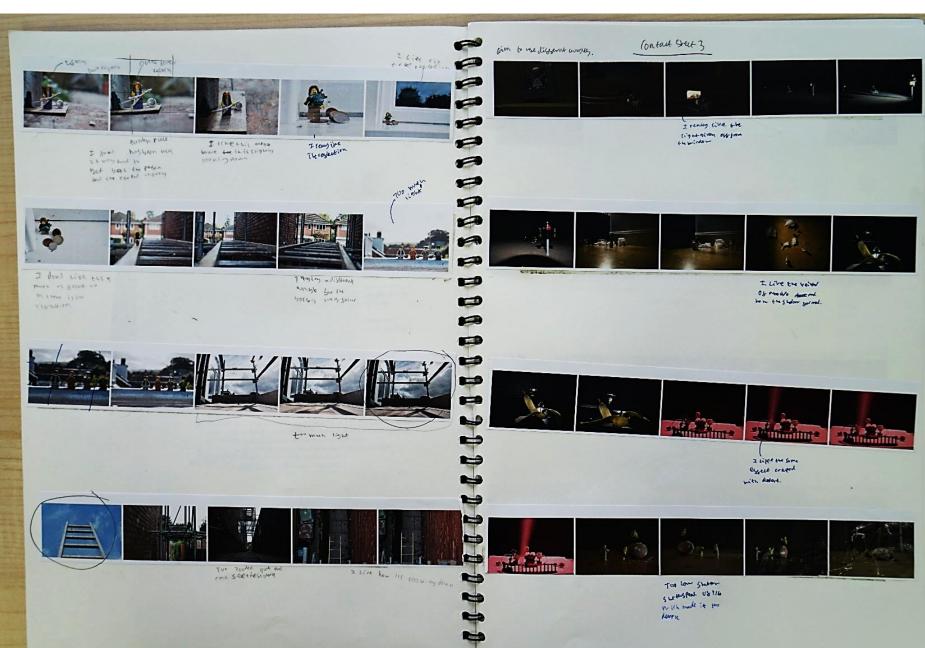
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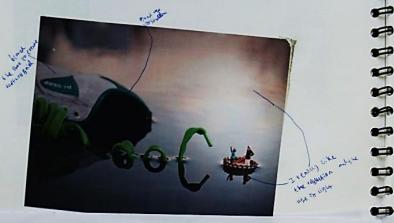
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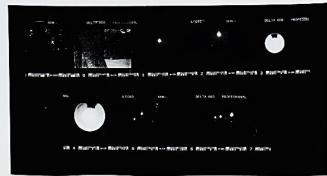
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I made this video using stop motion and video.

These are just some of the photos I used to make the stop motion I moved the cars a tiny bit each time and took a photo, making sure I didn't move the camera until the cars had moved out of the short. There was a total of 128 photos. Some of the photos are blurred because it was very hard to focus on the cars sometimes without moving the camera. My had is also in a few photos as was taking them quickly and didn't realise until after and couldn't red o them as the cars would be very hard to get right again.









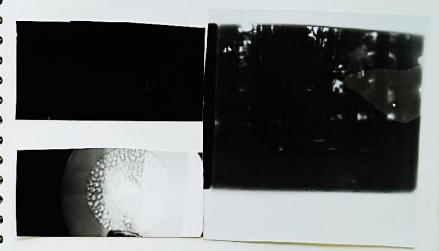
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This took about § hours as it took ages taking the photos for the stop motion and editing the video but overall it was enjoyable. One problem is editing the video on different devises as you need the media on both devises to be able to edd it. This was ok to start with using drop box and syncing the files but I quickly run out of space and could only edit it on my pc.

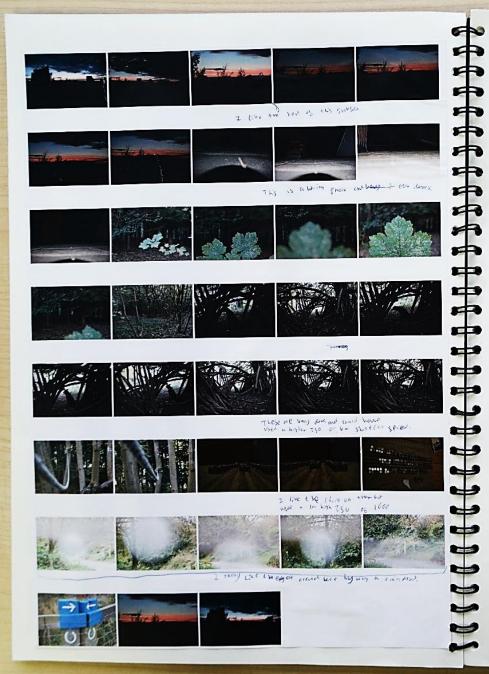
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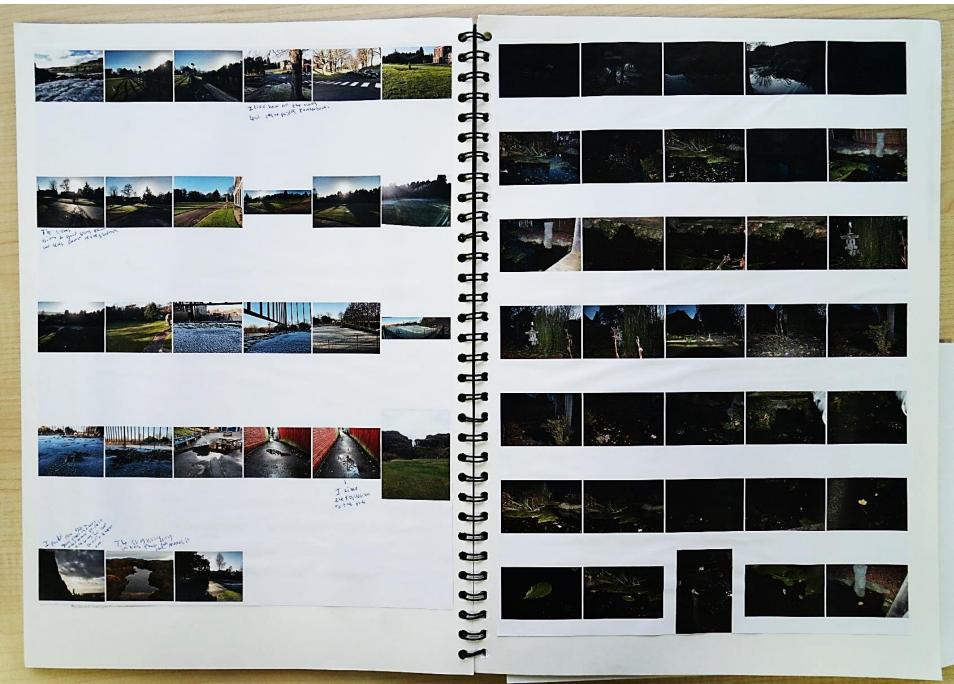
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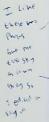








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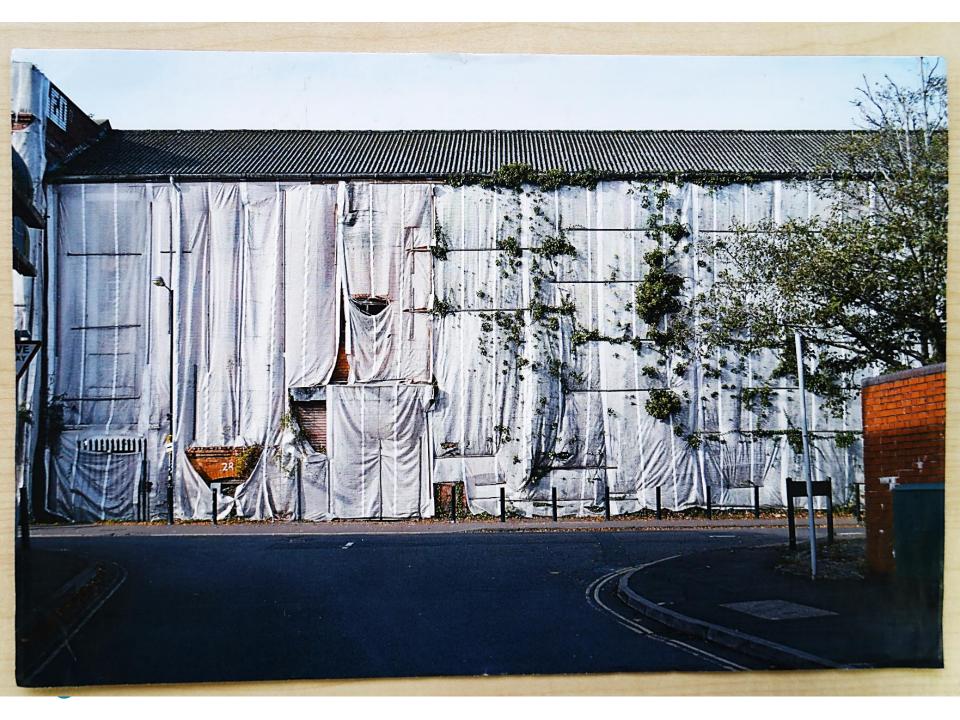




















Digital Submission



Industrial Flux within the Landscape

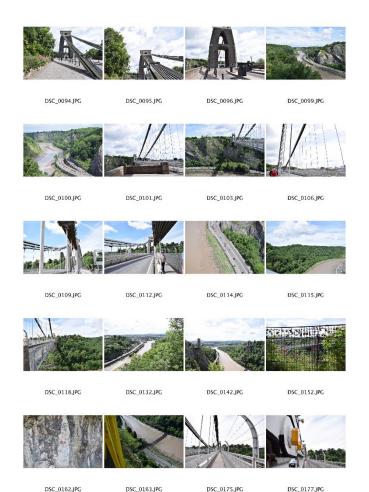
Introduction

My focus area is how man-made objects can change the landscape. When I take photographs I see the landscape and how man-made objects change the landscape by enhancing it and making the landscape more beautiful. I will also be looking how pathways and how other man-made structures change the landscape and what effect it has on the landscape. I would start by looking at bridges and pathways and how they enhance the landscape and I would develop this to show the change and how it enhances the landscape over the natural landscape.

I have looked at Ansel Adams who took amazing photographs of the landscape. He took all of his photographs in black and white. I have also looked at Charlie White who takes very linear photographs of the landscape and has lots of pathways and impressive man-made structures. I have looked at Edward Burtynsky who takes very industrial and manufactured landscapes. They are mostly man-made and show how amazing the manufactured landscape can be. I am most interested by Edward Burtynsky and how the huge man-made structures enhance the landscape and break it up making it more ascetically pleasing.

Other areas I wish to explore is the manufactured landscape and how it looks compared with the natural landscape. I might also look at how nature can also influence man-made structures and how and gradually over time reclaim them.

Photoshoot 1





Perfect starting point

Bristol Suspension Bridge by Brunel would have seemed undoable in its time. Brunel's industrial designs are legendary and are seen as object of beauty creating balance between made-made structures and natural environment. It was very easy to create good photographs and this is party due to Brunel's good design and the stunning environment.



I like this as it has dramatic angles and a low view point, it is part of the design and has a visual impact





Negative aspects of industrialisation on the landscape

Graffiti on a natural gauge showing less respect for nature and is a result of industrialization.



Suicide hotspot

This is a known landmark for people committing suicide. Is this is a result of modern society, industrialisation has made us loose concepts of family, with a rise in metal health issues which could be caused by capitalism.

Edward Burtynsky

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Photoshoot 2

Forest of Dean

Area of post industrialisation.
Lots of structures in decline.
Balance being fought between nature and manmade structures. To do with wood/river/Industry.



These photographs show nature reclaiming a man-made church.



Amazing how structures survive over a period of time and the use of stone in building works in balance with the environment. When a building is in decline it sinks back into the landscape. Derelict stone buildings are seen as fairytale or romantic.

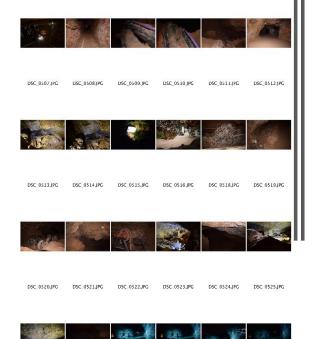


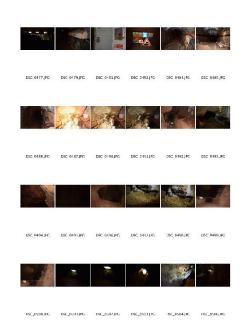
River Severn. In
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Docks would have
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Lichen growing over stone reclaiming it. Texturally more interesting than brand new shiny stone.

Photoshoot 3 Clearwell Caves

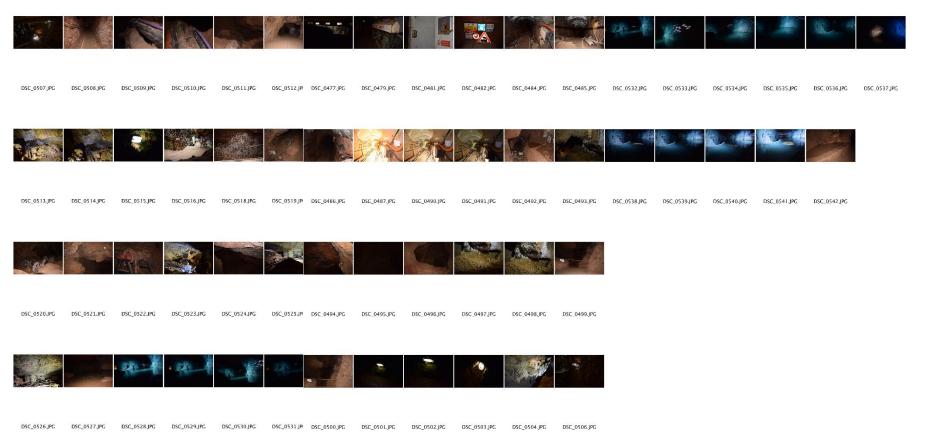




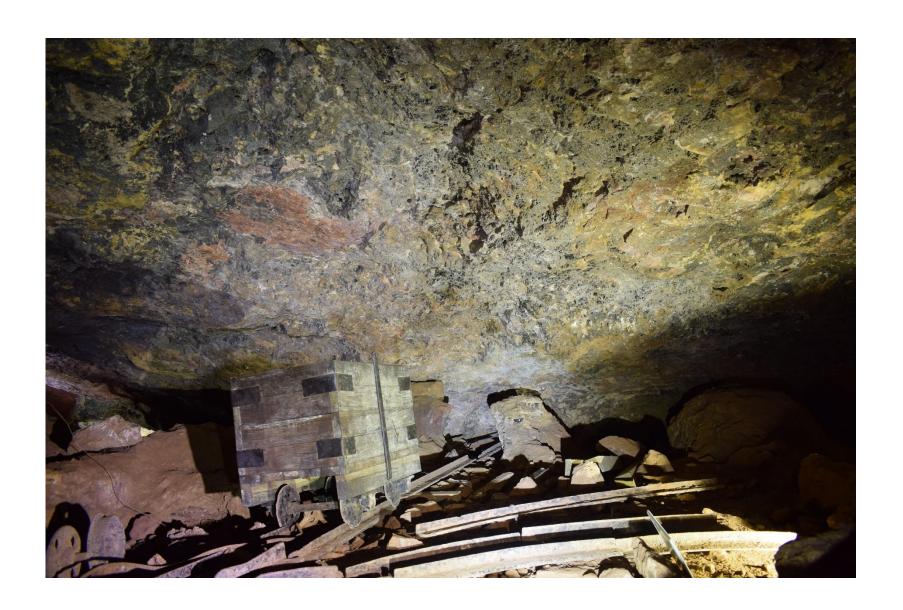


Used for mining since bronze age. I found some colours very dark and dull; but others were very vibrant and bright. The caves shows scaring from the mining process.

Photoshoot 3











Some parts beautiful and some are brutal.

The underground environment is claustrophobic and makes you crave the sky and greenery. It is very overwhelming down there.

That's why balance is really important to create interesting photographs of industrial landscapes.

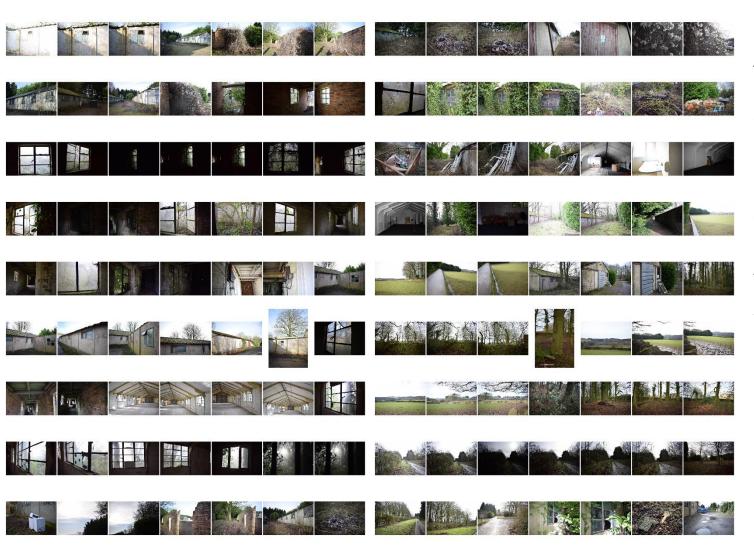


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I will use this in my work by looking at how the nature has control and how it impacts items in the landscape. And to look at objects in the landscape and negative objects that are also beautiful.



Photoshoot 4

This used to be old RAF barracks and is seriously in decline.

It is a decaying building that makes a more interesting statement about industrialization, the modern world and temporary structures used during World War 2.













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Photoshoot 5 - scrapyard

Another result of industrialization which is visually interesting is scrapyards.

Narrative, sad and full of human wastefulness.









Turner

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The bright colours coming from the modern ship are also making it beautiful and not just usual black smoke. It was painted in the romantic period which glorified of all the past and nature and focused its emphasis on emotion and individualism. He has used golden section well and positioned the boats to the left not straight down the middle. It is very romantic especially with the sky and how bright it is. He has used bright colours that make it beautiful. The sky is full of smog mixed with the colours of the setting sun which is extremely symbolic. The colours and style of the painting add to the drama and mood of the piece. Turner was the first artist to do this. Hence why he is known as the father of impressionism. It shows how light and dark and very effective in creating a dramatic image with an exchanged dialogue.

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I plan to look at the sky in my own work and how it can add a different quality to an image.







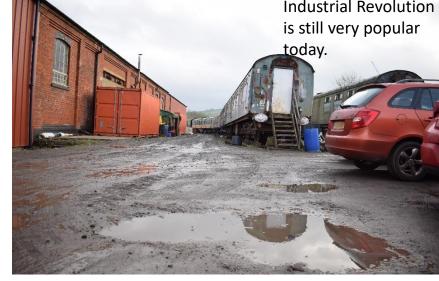
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Photoshoot 6

Very nostalgic. People become obsessed with objects from the past. They pay a lot of money for train rides. Objects from the Industrial Revolution is still very popular





This is showing the industrial decline in the landscape. Weather not suitable to capture skies I was after.



I tried turning up the curves in Photoshop to make the sky more dramatic and then added different coloured filters. The change in colour makes it more appealing by adding mood. It is in a very similar style to Turner's romantic approach to the landscape.

Interim

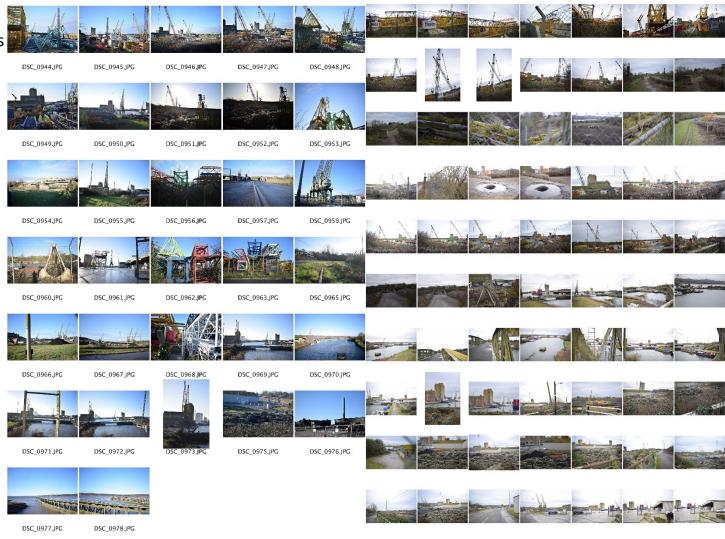
The environment is always changing and constantly in flux, sometimes this can be good or bad. Most of the time it changes due to the humans impacting it. So far I have explored scrap yards, docks, derelict places and I find them interesting. They have negative aspects because they show humans wastefulness but are still beautiful because the shapes and colours created are incredibly visually attractive. They show how objects impact on the landscape. I have also looked at scars in the landscape and how they affect it. I went to Clearwell Caves and saw how it has changed over time. I took photographs in the nearby Magic Wood which had lots of large holes which used to be caves but have collapsed over time. These were interesting as they showed how the landscape is constantly changing due to human activity.

I have done artist evaluations on both Edward Burtynsky and Mathew Merrett. I like Edward Burtynsky photograph of a highway as it explores how the environment has been split up by humans and how visually impacting this is. It shows a manufactured landscape. Edward Burtynsky says that by destroying nature we are destroying ourselves. Mathew Merrett looks at beauty in decay within the landscape. I find his work interesting as it shows a landscape that is being destroyed and ruined but is still beautiful.

Docks has become my focus as they are constantly changing and show this.

Change is good and exciting. The industrial landscape continues to interest and inspire me. The structures within them are exciting and create dynamic photographs. I am aware that the message of pollution and destruction could be followed at this point. Nevertheless, I want to focus on the positive aspects such as how industry shows progress, inventiveness and how it enhances the environment. Bristol suspension bridge is a prime example of this. Seeing the different phases of industry in one picture is intriguing because it shows the progression of human endeavour and design. For this reason I have been constantly drawn to docklands. They are visually interesting and are places where industry is still happening. Humans look tiny with huge boats and next to man-made structures. Scale is something that also appeals to me. For these reasons, I want to look at Ansel Adams as he captures huge landscapes and his techniques communicate the power of these environments. To communicate the positive aspects of the power of the industrial landscape in flux is a major part of my project. I plan to use JW Turner work because of the way he deals with the death of a man-made structure and how he creates romance around its demise. I am going to continue to use docks as my places of interest. There are many in the surrounding area, all with different histories and purposes.

Photoshoot 7 Sharpness docks







Ansel Adams was born in 20 February 1902 and took black and white landscape photographs. This photograph of a road shows something in the distance going along the road. He developed the zone system which meant he could adjust the contrast of the final print to make it more dramatic.

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The sky with its clouds are also essential. They create depth and drama leading us ultimately to the horizon line. On that plane skies are very dramatic. Adams only took photographs of truly dramatic landscapes. Many demonstrate the qualities of the American landscape. The wilderness

gradually being tamed by man.

Route 66 has been famously photographed and documented. The photographic book 'The Americans' by Robert Frank is about the people documented on a road trip through the road. Landscapes with human occupation is interesting. The documentation makes it interesting and romantic. The road has brought human occupation and industrialization. It has bought life to an otherwise barren landscape.

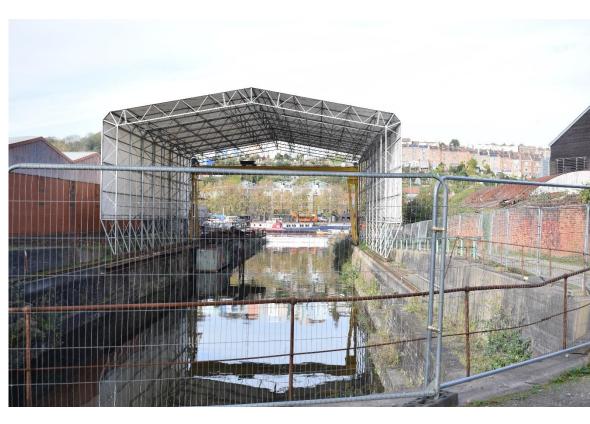


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Photoshoot 8 – Bristol docks







Photoshoot 9 – return to Bristol suspension bridge





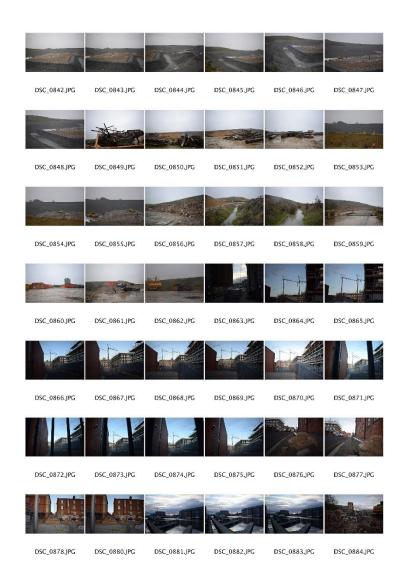
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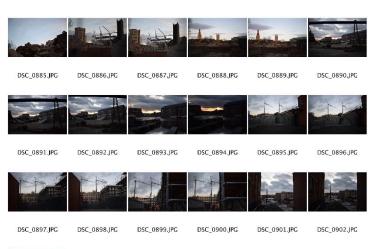






I am very happy with these last photographs. They clearly show the industrial landscape in flux, but I want to add more drama to my work. I am going to work more on dramatic weather to produce a final piece.





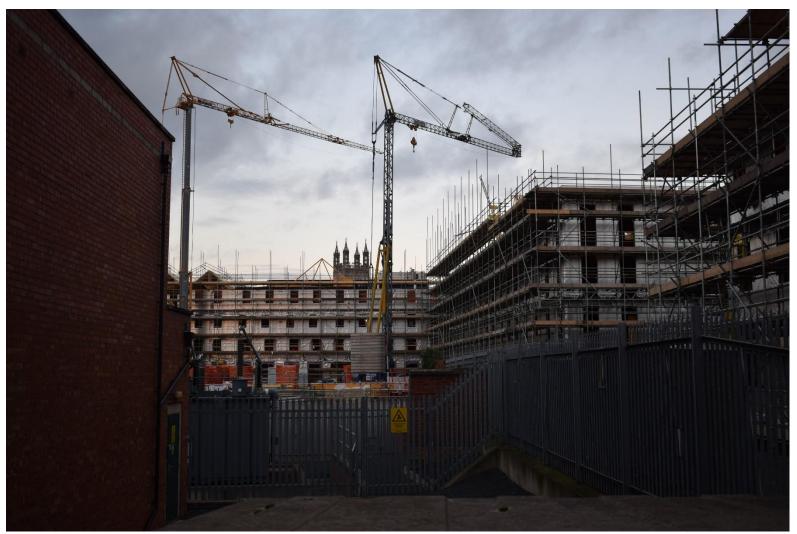


Photoshoot 10 Gloucester

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Looking for a site with is combination of decay, history, landscape, design and industrialization

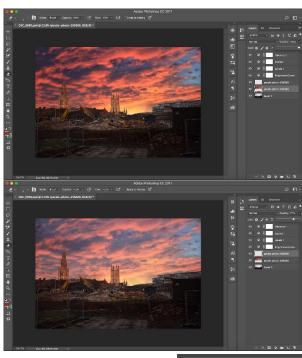
Needed a day with dramatic sunset or weather to record natural flux.



A great deal of linear construction in this piece but is more about building and does not show complete cycle of construction, destruction changeability of industry over time.



I tried editing the sky by layering an image on top I turned down the opacity to make the sky blend more.



When zoomed in on some parts are a little white were I removed to much of the sky leaving some of the old sky, but was able to tidy this up. I tried this as the sky was boring and very grey



To do this I took the image and out it on top. I turned down the opacity so I could see the image under it and used the eraser tool to remove the sky were it covered a building or anything that was not the sky





Sums up all work It has drama, shows different phases of industrialization in the landscape. The sky adds interesting colour.

Final evaluation

The study of industrial flux within the landscape has taken me to many sites. It became clear that a sense of decay created a powerful image, but one that also showed redevelopment and gave an ever continuing cycle to the flux. This I felt was most representative of the modern world. In my last piece the dramatic sky added another layer of meaning. Showing the turning of the days and how the natural flux in the world is part of life. Not scary or destructive but beautiful and romantic. My most influential artist was Turner because he adds drama through colour and made me think about the landscape in a different way.

Industrial flux within the landscape

The industrial flux within the landscape is an area that really interests me. I have found that in many places there is evidence of past industrialization and I wish to explore whether this adds to the beauty of the landscape or changes it irreversibly for the worse.

It could be said this is all down to personal point of view but increasingly industry past and present is used to create artwork. For example Turners ground breaking romantic paintings of boats in decline or Mathew Merrett's obsession with beauty in decay. Both comment on an industrial and changing landscape. I want to look into how the artist can romanticise a destroyed landscape and how they help us to see the effects of human endeavour. I find it fascinating that a place can be so ugly can be transformed into a thing of beauty. Is there really beauty in decay or does it simply just make a boring landscape more interesting. Does the natural light from the sun transform even the dullest place and does this give nature the ultimate power over man constructions. Industrialization is a brutal thing and leads to the decimation of the landscape. However mans inventiveness to create machinery and structures can create a new beautiful, or aesthetically pleasing landscape.

Places like Bristol which have structures such as the suspension bridge extending across a natural gorge are exceptionally striking but it status as a suicide platform points out the stark reality of post-industrial Britain. Edward Burtynsky is going to be my first artist because he is a perfect example of how amazing photographs can be taken of industrial landscapes, showing both enhance beauty while questioning the morality of so much man induced flux.

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Burtynsky's work is a document about large industrial landscapes. They make you question how a landscape is changed by human building. There is a beauty in his work but is raises questions of how mass population growth dramatically changes the landscape. Also how large cites are changing huge aspects of the planet in the name of economic growth. For this reason I want to look at the 'Beauty in Decay' artists next and particularly Mathew Merrett as they investigate the concepts of how the decline of an industrial society can be visually beautiful but also highlight human wastefulness and how nature often fights to reclaim taken spaces.



Matthew Merrett was born in Canada and has been taking photographs over 15 years. He takes urban and decay photographs.

In this particular photoshoot Merrett went to Chernobyl. This is a particularly interesting place because of the nuclear reactor explosion that happened their over 30 years ago. Because of the radiation the town has been sealed off and abandoned for most of this period of time. Despite the radiation levels being dangerously high nature has started to reclaim this ghost town. Merrett and other photographers were allowed in for a short time to capture what this town now looks like. The photographs are stunning and sometimes beautiful as the rust, decay and return of nature combines to make extremely interesting images.

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Mathew Merrett undoubidly shows that industrial decay is beautiful. I would see the original city of Chernobyl as being boring. this work works on many levels it can only be achieved when visiting particular sites. I want to investigate further into how industrialization adds layers of interest and beauty into every day landscapes and whether cities without this are lacking depth and interest. Can somewhere so polluted as a city be beautiful and can the witness of the destruction of the landscape be something that can be is romanced. Flux in the landscape adds a narrative which would otherwise not be there.



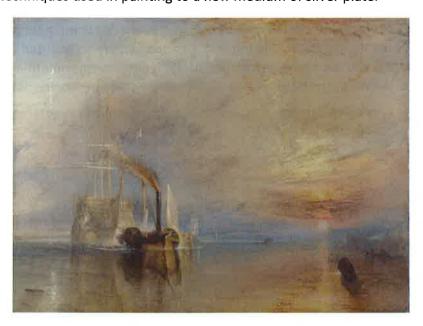
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In this photograph of a road it shows the road cutting down though the trees on each side and is almost perfectly straight showing man trying to take over the landscape. The road has 4 bright white lines going dead straight down it and shows its boundaries compared to the dull dark black trees on the side, the 2 white lines on the edge of the road are showing the change between landscape and man made roads. You can also see white on the side of the road on the grass were it might have been snowing as if it is starting to be taken over by

mankind and it is slowly taking the trees away. In the picture it makes you focus you attention straight down the road with the tress forcing it all the way down until you see the white object. It could be a human or some kind of vehicle. This photograph works well on many levels. In some ways it is just a boring everyday road but its pure length and straightness makes It dramatic with the flat landscape. The lines give a symmetrical quality, it makes us what to travel along it. It strikes me that this would be a very boring landscape if it wasn't for the road.

The sky with its clouds are also essential. They create depth and drama leading us ultimately to the horizon line. On that plane skies are very dramatic. Adams only took photographs of truly dramatic landscapes. Many demonstrate the qualities of the American landscape. The wilderness gradually being tamed by man.

Route 66 has been famously photographed and documented. The photographic book 'The Americans' by Robert Frank is about the people documented on a road trip through the road. Landscapes with human occupation is interesting. The documentation makes it interesting and romantic. The road has brought human occupation and industrialization. It has bought life to an otherwise barren landscape.



I think that industrialisation adds to the beauty of the landscape I have proved this by the artists I have looked at. Burtynsky shows this as without industrialization it would be a boring barren landscape but industrialization has made it more interesting. I find the colours attractive in the photographs especially the sky and how romantic it is, this is shown by the photographs and artwork I have looked at and how a lot of them focus on the sky. Turner has got amazing beautify sky's in his paintings which use vibrant colours, Ansel Adams also has a dramatic sky which creates impact and adds to what could be a boring photograph without the sky. We need to be able to read the history of a place and wonder at human endeavour to understand it.

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