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THE CHAIRWOMAN

CHARLOTTE COOTE RETURNS TO THE FAMILY SEAT

Australian-born Charlotte Coote, 26, has returned to Bellamont Forest, the gorgeous 18th-century estate that once belonged to her antecedents (gambled away in the 19th century by a reprobate relation), and reclaimed when Charlotte was just seven by her father, the well-known international interior designer, John Coote. She's back to run Coote & Co, a new enterprise that offers classical-style furniture with proportions and detailing adapted to modern-day living. Bellamont's stable buildings are currently being converted to a fabulous showroom, though those who can't wait can access the website which goes live this month. Over 80 pieces - from bedside tables, dining chairs and hall tables to peat buckets and benches and daybeds - are designed by John Coote and made from sustainable hardwoods in Sri Lanka, Holland, India and Indonesia. After working in London for four years, Charlotte loves to combine country living with lots of travel, a family trait. With siblings Angus and Amelia in Singapore and London, mum in Melbourne and dad working on projects all over the world, Co Cavan represents real home. Checking out the website will result in a long wish list ... furniture with all the qualities of antiques, yet groomed for contemporary living. Cool. www.cooteandco.com

Charlotte wears "Here's a Little Teapot" dress by **VIVIENNE WESTWOOD**; green patent courts by **MIU MIU**. Furniture by Coote & Co.

