

Case Study: Large Garden Re-modelling

Brief

The property sits at the back of the plot, with the drive leading to a large area of tarmac outside the house, which was used for car parking. The client's requirements were:

- to provide alternative car parking for themselves and for guests;*
- create a welcoming entrance to the property;*
- provide screening from the surrounding houses;*
- create a useable enclosed space for entertaining and eating outside;*
- create defined areas for children's play, a vegetable garden and garden workspace.*

Design Explanation

The design capitalises on dual entrances to the property and provides a gravelled link from one entrance to the other. This is hidden from the house by a low stone wall, which was built in reclaimed stone to achieve an instant “aged” effect. The wall is continued around to form a raised bed, which is used to define an enclosed garden space in front of the house. A trellis along the back of the raised bed will provide a frame for climbing plants and helps to screen neighbouring properties. This is further augmented by black bamboo, which will provide a tall evergreen screen.

A cobbled terrace, edged with reclaimed York stone provides a pleasant area to sit and entertain, conveniently located outside the kitchen French windows. The materials have been chosen to appear old, thus blending with the character of the house.

A path winds from the front door to the visitor parking area, but is lower than the grass level to facilitate mowing and to allow the whole area to be used for play.

A larger children's play area is provided on a second lawn on the far side of the gravel link. This is large enough for football, volleyball or badminton, and is itself screened by a newly planted shrub border.

A working area to the rear of the garden has been defined, where the owner keeps chickens, composting and other garden paraphernalia.

Additional parking has been achieved at the side of the house, which accommodates two cars and a caravan. A vegetable garden is tucked away behind an existing yew hedge, with additional trellis providing further screening.

Costs:

Design fees £800 (excluding planting plan)

Materials cost £6,000

Labour @ plant £7,000

Plants £1,000

Client feedback:

We were delighted with the plans, we felt that Flourish had achieved all our requirements and had made the best use of the existing features within the garden. They were able to work with us to find suitable contractors to undertake the work and were able to help with specifying and sourcing the materials.