

## *Design Explanation Domestic Garden, Lincoln*

*The client is having a new house built on an existing plot. The requirement was for a garden which had a naturalistic feel, and didn't feel 'designed', but which incorporated points of interest. The client also requested shade options and to make more use of part of the garden which was underutilised currently.*

*The design provides a formal terrace around the house, which is differentiated between "public" and "private" space by a change in materials and levels. A modern oak and stainless steel pergola across a large part of the house provides opportunities for shade and complements the understated contemporary design of the house. A small water feature at the end of the pergola and in front of the feature window will provide visual interest from a number of perspectives and will also provide a soothing background sound.*

*An outdoor fireplace will provide cooking facilities and also encourage evening use of the garden, creating a cosy outdoor lounge. This area provides a link between the house and the garden, bridging the gap between formal terrace and the lawned area.*

*A gazebo placed opposite a view to the church offers another shaded seating area, with a path which links it to an archway to the second garden. A water feature within the second garden not only provides visual interest from a variety of viewpoints, but also encourages exploration.*

*The air of informality is preserved through maintenance of an existing stand of silver birch trees and an old apple tree and will be further enhanced by a curving island bed, which will provide screening to a potential child's play area towards the back of the garden.*

*A raised lawn terrace, with wide stone steps, provides a focal point when viewed from the feature window within the house and will provide an alternative viewing position from which to enjoy the garden. The use of curved edges and shrub planting around the edges will soften the formality of the terrace and further emphasise the steps as a focal point.*

*Comments from the client:*

*Flourish have provided a new and unique momentum to our project - enthusiasm, creativity and a genuinely pragmatic approach.*

*We were delighted with the designs that Flourish produced for us. We're really looking forward to seeing the planted result.*

*Trust Flourish to treat your garden to a complete makeover - we were delighted with their work.*