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Private Garden Design & Construction — *Newmarket, Suffolk*

"Ruth and her team have totally transformed our external living space. Her attention to detail has produced a stunning garden that has evolved out of what was essentially an area of open grass, which now contains gardens within a garden, with sophisticated terraces and water features; a tennis court, wildlife areas as well as beautifully constructed borders. These borders are brimming with colour all year and it is an absolute delight to behold. ." ***Mr. & Mrs. Bottomley, Owner.***

Naturalistic Lake.

Master Plan.

Herbaceous Planting.

Shrub Borders.

The Rill.

Project Description

An example of ELD acting as lead consultant for an innovative design project, for a private client to demonstrate different design abilities across the portfolio spectrum. This high specification garden design transformed the 2.5 acres of former paddock style garden, from a single view across open grass, into a divided garden, with a series of framed views in different directions leading the eye across different character areas. Terraces were laid with green granite & slate to include a hot tub terrace; a tennis court was introduced along with a 30m long formal rill, weir pool & fountains; large shrub & herbaceous planting areas; native planting areas & orchard trees within swathes of long grass & bulbs, bordered by a naturalistic double pond with aquatics & marginal planting, a waterfall & jetties, linked by a hazel walkway to the new tennis court that overall, add significant wildlife value to the garden.

Retaining the views out of the garden to paddocks beyond were of key importance, therefore views were streamlined by creating a number of avenues & vistas between areas of planting, as shown in the Concept.

Our clients enjoy entertaining & wanted to incorporate a covered outdoor dining area as an extension to their music room, linking the garden with the main terrace that encompasses the rill & more formal elements of the garden. The rill contains a number of fountains & LED lighting for night time illumination, whilst it is bordered on each side by a line of pleached hornbeam trees, under planted with lavender. Adjacent borders comprise predominantly herbaceous perennials & ornamental grasses with shrubs to create structure & year round interest.

Progressing through the sequence of lawns & borders, planting becomes more naturalistic with native & semi native shrubs set within swathes of long grass & bulbs such as crocus, bluebell & snowdrop, again adding visual interest & wildlife value to the garden.

ELD Requirements

- To produce detailed drawings to specify cut & fill volumes, identifying regrading & contour design to ensure all soil could be redistributed across the site, avoiding removal from site, following excavation of the pond & rill.
- Sourcing of alternative consultants for client approval, to provide design & specification of rill & pond.
- Sourcing of alternative architects to design the extension to music room, linking with the weir pool & rill.
- Detailed hard & soft Landscape design for all planting & paving areas with grey water irrigation system.
- Tender of all hard & soft Landscape works, tennis court construction & administration of landscape contract.
- Liaising between various parties & client to programme/build building extension & water features.

Project Challenges

Independent engagement of different contractors by the client, despite best advice from ELD, led to a conflict of works & a 2 year battle with Miles Waterscapes, the water feature consultant, who side stepped responsibility for pond & rill construction following completion. Poor workmanship had led to failure of the rill to hold water & pond water pump failure led to the loss of 100 mature Coy Carp. These failures was then inappropriately blamed on the Landscape contractor, however, all other soft Landscape works ran smoothly, with no further challenges, meeting deadlines & coming in as per the contract costs.

Project Particulars

Client: Private Resident
Landscape Contractor: Fordham Landscapes Ltd
Landscape Construction Value: £250,000

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Waterfall Between Ponds Focussing on Rill Fountain.

Lavender Boarders Framed by Pleached Hornbeam Looking Towards the Rill.

Crocosmia and Hemerocallus in the Herbaceous Border.

Mown Paths Through Long Grass.

Completed Garden Tree Avenue.

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Private Garden Design & Construction — *Debenham, Suffolk*

"The garden looks really good this summer, even the laurels have come into their own! It is becoming a real joy and much admired by everyone who visits us" ***Mr D. Winch, Owner.***

Existing Site Looking North Towards the Barn, Across the Proposed Formal Lawn Area.

Completed Site Looking North Towards the Barn, Across the New Lawn Area.

Existing Site Looking North Across the Proposed Sports Pitch and Orchard.

Completed Site Looking North Across the New Sports Pitch and Orchard.

Project Description

ELD produced the landscape proposals for this high specification garden design associated with a large barn conversion, set in 5 acres of existing lawn. The redesign included a resurfaced parking area adjacent to a small terrace, that in turn wrapped around the house providing easy access for maintenance. The terrace and paths were laid to natural sandstone in a combination of pink and cream tones.

The space around the barn leads into a series of different garden character zones. The main garden area to the south of the building has a more formal circular lawn, surrounded by large shrub and herbaceous borders that become more woodland like in character as they merge with the boundary stream. Pleached trees provide privacy to neighboring properties along the boundary.

Each garden area is varied in size and scale and includes with a secret garden around the outer boundary, interspersed with small woodland and shrub glades, that in turn lead to an orchard with mown paths passing through a wildflower meadow underplanted with spring bulbs. All these garden spaces wrap around a rectangular lawn, designed for a variety of ball sports such as football and cricket for the children.

Masterplan.

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Side Garden with Pleached Tree Screening.

New Bridge into Secret Garden.

Enclosed, Rabbit Proofed Vegetable Garden.

Spring in the Formal Lawn.

Secret Garden.

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Ely, Cambridgeshire

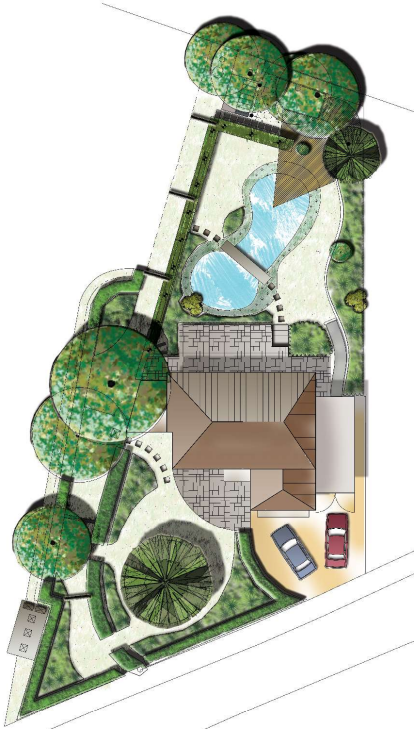
Garden Before Construction.

Garden After Completion.

Project Description
This small garden had an existing pond, but was overgrown and needed renovation. ELD created new linked front and rear gardens, making good use of otherwise unused space.

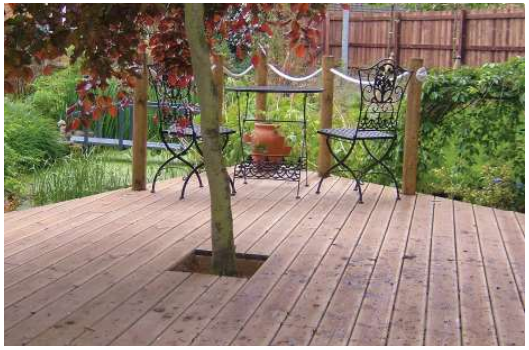
The rear garden incorporated a timber jetty with rope balustrade that extended over the pond, with pleached trees providing privacy from neighboring houses and framing views into the public open space beyond. The pond was cleaned out and new fences erected to create secret walkways with new planting throughout.

New borders bursting with seasonal interest combined with hedges enclosed an otherwise exposed location and increase the available garden space used for family recreation and entertainment.



Master Plan.

Garden Before Construction.



Garden After Completion.

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Stowmarket, Suffolk

Existing Front Garden Currently Laid to Grass.

New Parterre Garden.

New Parking Arrangements.

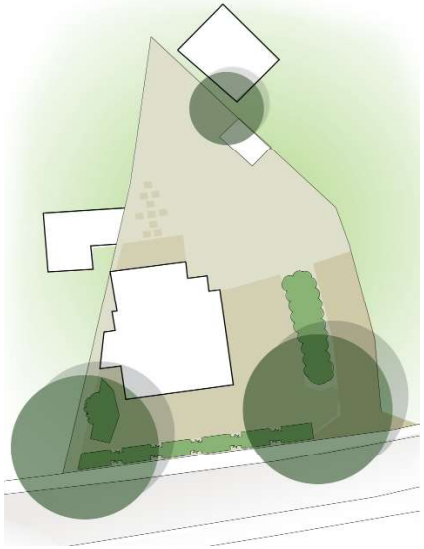
Existing Garden Transformed into New Parking for up to 5 Cars Using No Dig Construction.

Project Description

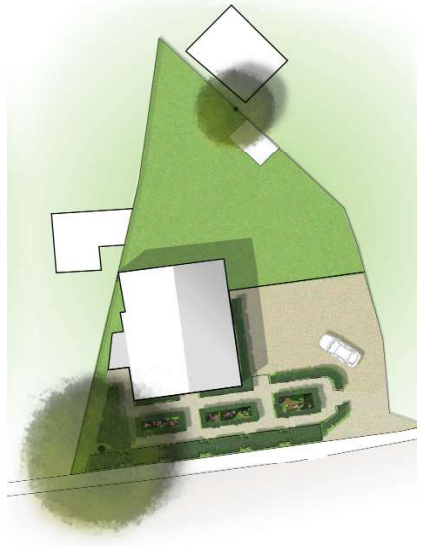
The owners of this property required the remodelling of their front garden to accommodate a new access and parking facilities whilst creating an attractive setting to the front of the house, hidden behind a fabulous, mature Yew hedge. The changes were driven in part, by the need to make good following the removal of a nearby Sycamore tree, that had been condemned by the household insurance company.

This was achieved through widening the access drive, clearance of adjacent vegetation and a low retaining wall. Regraded slopes and no dig construction over other tree roots ensured levels were accommodated for parking of 3 to 5 cars, with careful choice of surface material.

The front garden was transformed from bland grass to a formal Box and Lavender parterre, with gravel surfacing to reduce maintenance and provide new access to the front door



Existing Garden Plan.



Concept for New Garden.

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Lakenheath, Suffolk

Before - Existing Garden Destroyed by 'Luke' the Puppy.

Project Description

The existing garden of this single storey dwelling was predominantly laid to grass; in poor condition due to the habits of the resident's dog 'Luke'. A limited area of low quality concrete paving surrounded the house with direct views into the sun room from neighboring properties.

The design sought to make a pleasant, flexible and robust space, durable enough to withstand the wear and tear of 'Luke' whilst providing privacy and visual enclosure.

This was achieved by replacing the majority of grass with a high quality natural sandstone terrace, retaining only a small strip besides the house for 'Luke'. This formed a significant area for relaxing and outdoor dining. A raised bed along the boundary ensured a dog free planting area, with trellis to the rear mounted on a pergola to provide screening value between properties, with climbers, shrubs and herbaceous plant choices by the client.

After- Completed New Terrace Garden with Pergola.

After- Completed New Terrace Garden.

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Hintleshaam, Suffolk

Garden During Construction.

Garden After Completion.

Project Description

This large garden associated with a working farm required significant restoration, following the invasion of moles across lawns and years of 'patching' over surfaces to terraces and courtyards around the house.

Concrete and asphalt surfaces were removed and relaid with Indian sandstone, linked throughout by new self binding gravel paths leading to different garden areas. New hard and soft landscape were support by a strong framewok of mature trees, that enhanced the setting, to include a weeping ash tree. New lawns were laid in preparation for family weddings, as illustrated below.

New Path Links

Garden Before Construction.

Garden After Completion.

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