

Nearbook

Class of '23







A Word from Caroline Tatham, School Principal:

As another academic year closes there is so much to celebrate and be thankful for. The class of 2023 have shown fantastic commitment to their studies and to each other. So many private tutorials have centred around excitement for the future and bright ideas to find each unique voice in our wonderful profession.

I would like to thank our students for their relentless hard work and cheerful good humour, and our visiting lecturers for sharing their hard earned expertise. Andy Ball of Big Fish Landscapes for his industry experience and the excitement of all the gardens that he built at Chelsea this year and Paul Willavoys from Landscapeplus for sharing his amazing industry insight and practical expertise on lighting, ponds, irrigation and so much more.

Eleanor McArdle kept us on the straight and narrow with marking advice and great tips on running a new business while Richard West came back as a previous year's top student to share his amazing portfolio and inspirational 3D drawings. Nick Leitch inspired with even more landscaping delights and show garden building insights while Steve Williams, who graduated a few years back now, talked ecology, Photoshop and SketchUp, Instagram, contemporary design and oh yes, building a Main Avenue Show Garden at this year's Chelsea Flower Show - and rocking it.

Sarah Thomas took time out from her busy architecture practice to do a great job with explaining technical specification drawings and Pip from Genus Plant Sourcing came by to talk all things gorgeous plants. The irrepressible Gary Bristow shared his experiences since graduating and running his design business and building a gold medal winning RHS show garden.



I would also love to thank the guys behind the scenes making the magic happen.

Charlotte for marking the huge volume of reading involved in 18 plant portfolios of 50 plants each with such gusto and enthusiasm. Thanks Charlotte it's a good job that you are plants crazy like the rest of us.

Rebecca kept us in check with her laser accurate moderating of the marking and we all know that Helena and Topsy in the office make the magic happen and keep the whole show on the road. Finally I would like to thank all four clients of this year's live projects as well as Adrian at Wyevale Wholesale Nurseries, Simon & Matthew at Readyhedge and Andy Ball at Wetland Plants for hosting us for a highly informative nursery visit.



This year's projects, and what our clients said:

"I was absolutely delighted to attend the school last week and to see the incredible work of your students; the presentations were thoughtful, accomplished and thought-provoking."

"Thanks a lot to all the students who worked on designing our garden, it is hugely appreciated and we really enjoyed taking part. There were so many great designs!" "Thanks again for choosing our garden as a project, we've got so excited and want to get stuck right in with choosing the final plan (or a slight mix)."

Out and about this year



Congratulations to our graduate Emily Crowley-Wroe for winning a silver gilt medal for "The HomeAway Garden" at the RHS Malvern Spring Show this year. Photos by @spencercollection





Congratulations to graduate Heather Sowter for her planting design "The Country of My Heart" featured at The Belvoir Castle Flower and Garden Show this year.



Congratulations to graduate Helena Whall, whose planting design 'Ceredigion Coastal Garden - Capturing the Spirit of the Place' featured at the Belvoir Castle Flower Show.

SANCTUARY GARDEN

The RSPCA Garden

Designer Martyn Wilson, pre-registered SGD member Sponsor RSPCA, supported by Project Giving Back Contractor Landscape Associates



FOR HIS CONTEMPORARY

wildlife garden, preregistered SGD member Martyn Wilson has commissioned a Corten steel interpretation of a 'dead hedge' from Stark & Greensmith. 'Not everyone wants the more

traditional "pile of twigs" in their outdoor space, so we're demonstrating an alternative approach that has the same benefits,' he says. And as a nod to his sponsor, the RSPCA, which last year helped save some 4,000 animals that were trapped in or injured by waste, the garden includes a rill that is being prefabricated using recycled consumer waste.

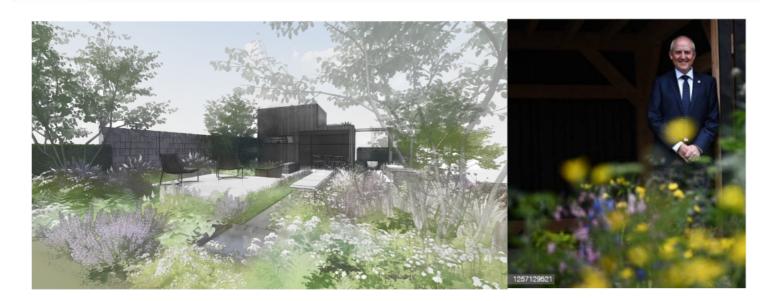
PLANTS TO SPOT: a woodland-style layering of trees and hedging (supplied by Deepdale), shrubs and plants (supplied by Hortus Loci). The latter will include umbels such as Angelica dahurica, Cenolophium denudatum, Chaerophyllum hirsutum 'Roseum', and



Myrrhis odorata contrasted against the strong leaf structure of Rodgersia pinnata, R. 'Bronze Peacock', Kirengeshoma palmata and Asarum europaeum.

MARTYN'S TAKEAWAYS: 'This contemporary take on a wildlife garden demonstrates that even if you are a fan of modern, clean lines and want a "tidy" approach, you can still create a haven for wildlife. Rewilding and an informal look are great for some people, but it's important we encourage all gardeners to embrace wildlife, no matter what their style.'

'EVEN IF YOU ARE A FAN OF MODERN CLEAN LINES YOU CAN STILL CREATE A HAVEN FOR WILDLIFE.'





Congratulations to graduates Steve Williams and Martyn Wilson for their beautiful gardens at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. Steve's Main Avenue garden was sponsored by Center for Mental Health and Project Giving Back, whilst Martyn's garden was sponsored by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Project Giving Back





SHOW GARDEN

The Balance Garden

Designer Steve Williams, pre-registered SGD member, and Jonathan Davies Sponsor Centre for Mental Health, supported by Project Giving Bar

actor Stewart Landscape Ltd

SOME 4,000 WILDFLOWERS are being grown by Palmstead for pre-registered member Steve Williams and his Wild City Studio partner Jonathan Davies' show garden, which will be planted into a waste substrate of crushed concrete, brick and recycled sands. 'We've sourced large concrete pieces from local waste facilities – O'Donovans in particular – and these will be repurposed across the garden to create a unique urban canvas,' says Steve. 'After the show, the garden will be rebuilt as a pocket park in Markfield Park in Tottenham, an area troubled by antisocial behaviour, and we hope it will be a poster child for what is possible for our urban futures.'

WE WANT OUR SHOW GARDEN TO PROMOTE AN OPTIMISTIC VISION FOR URBAN LAND STEWARDSHIP.

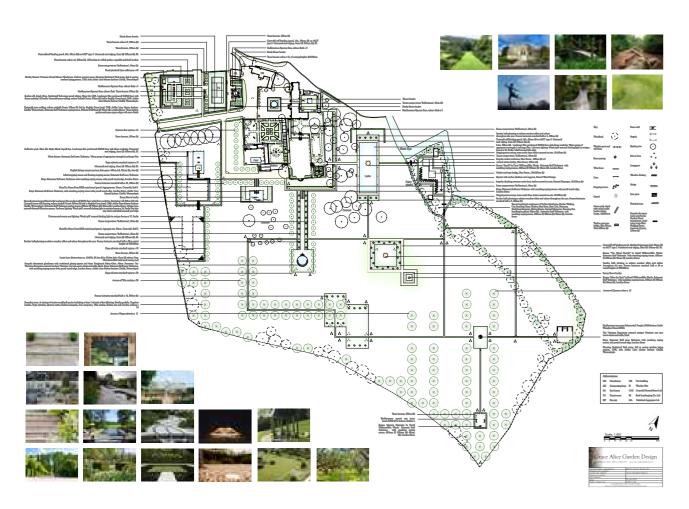
PLANTS TO SPOT: several mushroom varieties including reishi, lion's mane, cordyceps, shittake and oyster, grown by Caley Bros, will fill the garden's mushroom den, and a selection of 'edimentals' from Paul Barney at Edulis and Mandy Barber of Incredible Vegetables.

JONATHAN AND STEVE'S TAKEAWAYS:

'Rather than a horticulture-heavy "how to" approach, we want our show garden to promote an optimistic vision for urban land stewardship, with affordable and tactile ways to create and connect with the urban land



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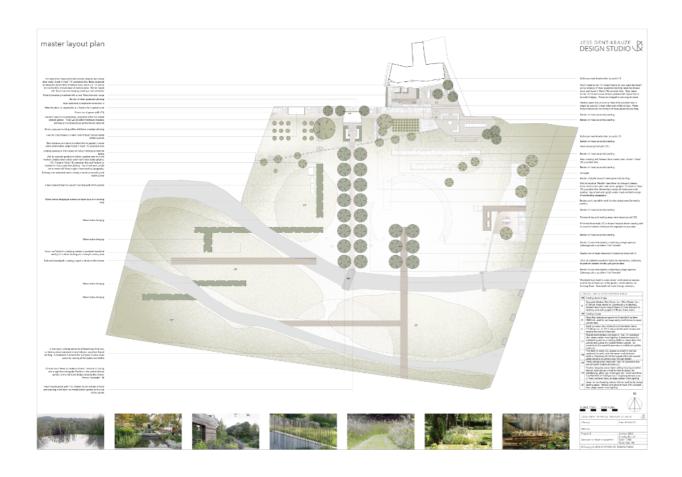
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What a whirlwind year! This course has been both a lot of fun and also very challenging. I've been continually pushed to learn more and improve the quality of my output, resulting in work that I'm really proud of.

Grace Alice Garden Design is based in West Oxfordshire.



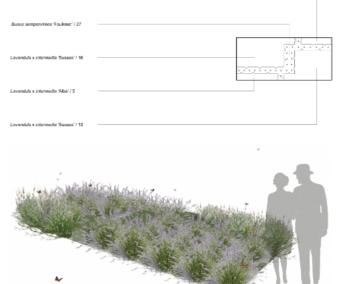


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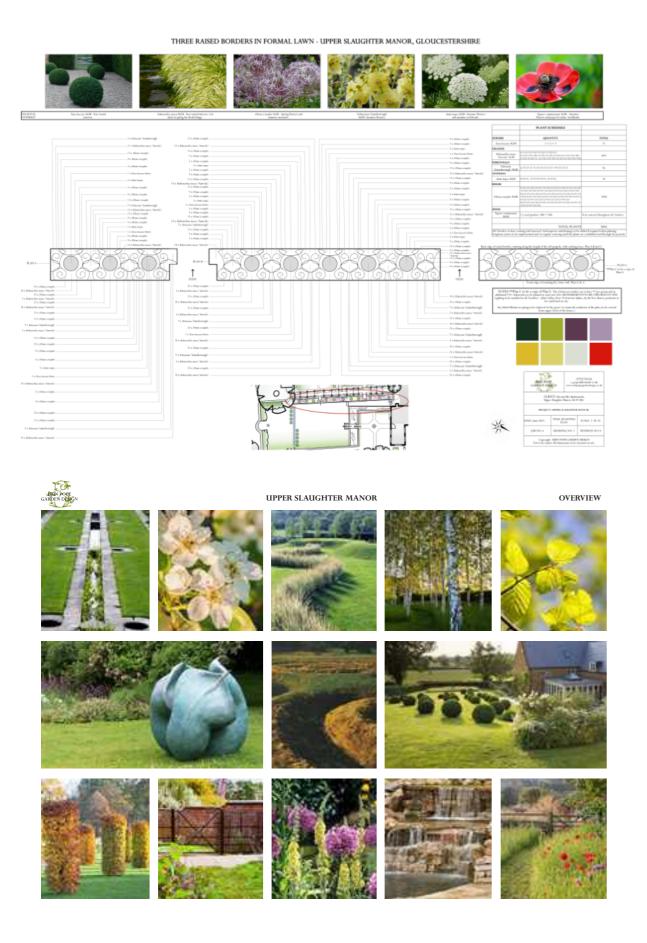


I started this course with a fair amount of trepidation; how on earth would I ever be able to produce those monster Master Layout Plans, how on earth would I be able to produce a 3D render, how on earth would I be

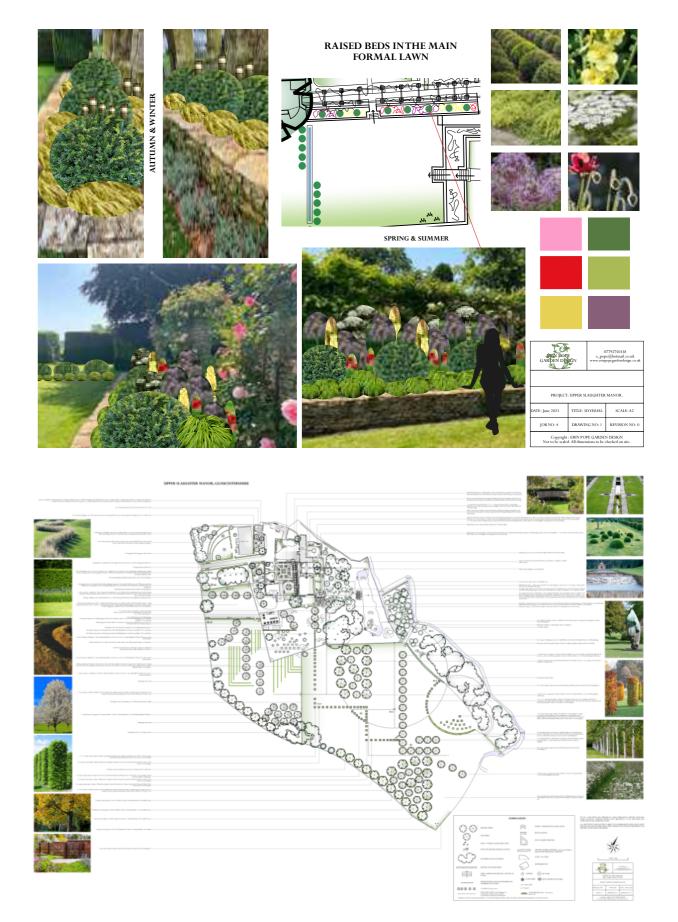
monster Master Layout Plans, how on earth would I be able to produce a 3D render, now on earth would I be able to manage my time effectively?

But, an academic year on and I'm over the moon that I took the plunge. Not only can I do those monster Master Layout Plans and 3D renders, but I have absolutely loved every minute of this course. The learning curve is undoubtedly steep, but so too is the level of personal development.

I will be leaving with some of the same trepidation as when I started; what next, and what on earth will I do with my Tuesdays?! But I also leave with confidence, knowing I have all the skills to progress a much - needed career change and the realisation that designing gardens is not only something I absolutely love doing, but something I fool totally at ease doing. I cannot wait to get stuck in! I feel totally at ease doing. I cannot wait to get stuck in!



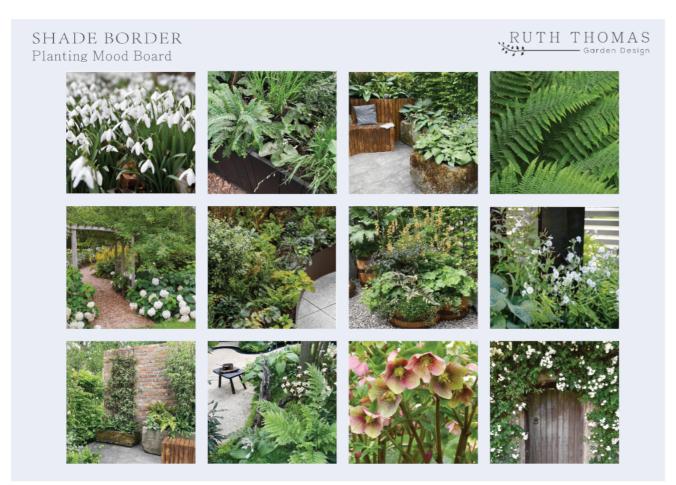
Erin Pope



Reigniting my passion for art has been an unexpected bonus of this course. Using art to create the foundation of my designs has been so much fun and has resulted in me being able to create gardens that I would never have thought possible before doing the course.

My design for project one was chosen by the clients and gave me a huge confidence boost so early on, in what proved to be a very challenging and rewarding year.

Caroline has been incredibly supportive and helped me achieve designs I thought were beyond my capabilities.





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MODERN CONTAINER GARDEN

Planting Plan







Plant Name	Number Required	Total
Grasses		
Calamagrostis × acutifora "Karl Foerster" AGN	3	3
Deschampsia cespitosa 'Goldschleier' AGM	2+2	- 4
Hakonechioa macra AGM	3+7	10
Miscanthus sinensis Yakushima Dwarf	3	3
Stipa fonulssima AGM	2+2	4
Perennials		
Anomone × hybrid Honorine Jobert AGM	4	4
Bergessia 'Bressingham White' AGM	5	5





RUTH THOMAS



'I have had the most amazing time on this course. The work has been both enjoyable and challenging and has stretched me to think about my designs from every angle. Caroline's concept of using art as a starting point for creative design has been really helpful as a way of unlocking my creativity and learning to play with creative ideas again has been very liberating! My best moments on the course were definitely being shortlisted by the clients for projects 1 and 3, it is wonderful to get this level of client feedback on a student project. I am very excited to really get my own design business up and running after graduating from the course. I've been lucky enough to pick up two projects for

my own business already and with the teaching I've received on the course I feel ready to tackle these new challenges head on.

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Master Layout Plan

Upper Slaughter Manor

Gloucestershire Manor

Productive Garden



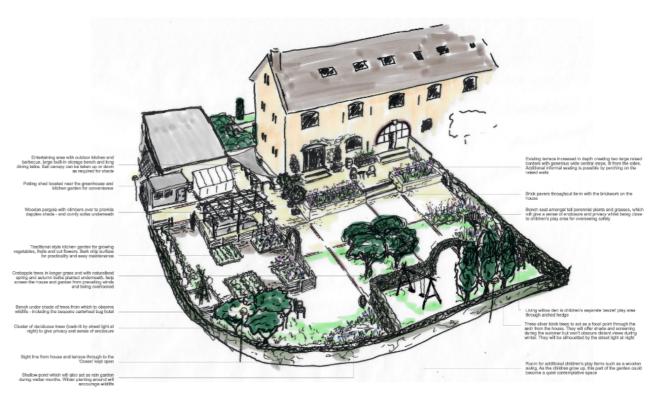
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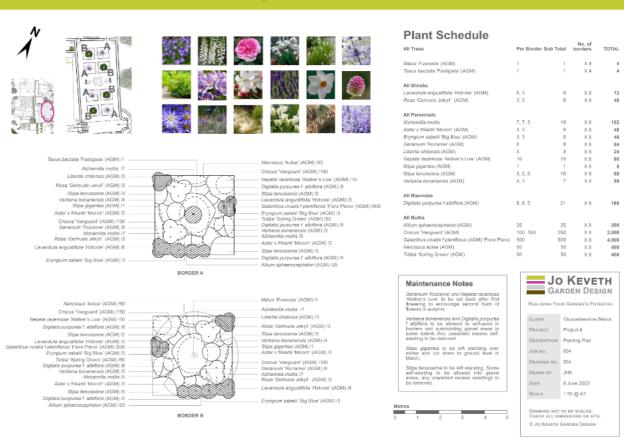
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Stonehouse - Rear Elevation

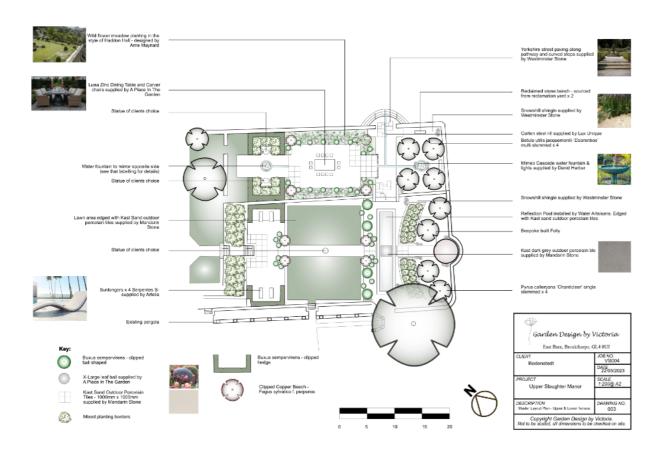




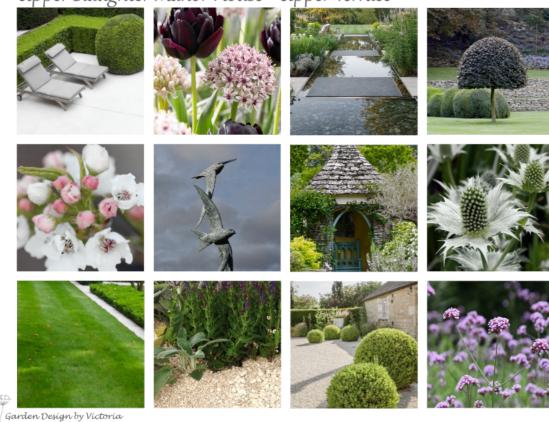
Planting Plan - East Walled Garden



This course has given me a very solid foundation on which to build my garden design business. The opportunity to practise our skills on real-life clients' gardens, from the very beginning, has been invaluable and, for me, has been one of the biggest highlights. Thank you to everyone involved in running the course, from lecturers to office staff, and especially to Caroline for continuing to share her passion for gardens and design to us budding future designers. I hope to do you proud!



Upper Slaughter Manor House - Upper Terrace



Victoria Smart

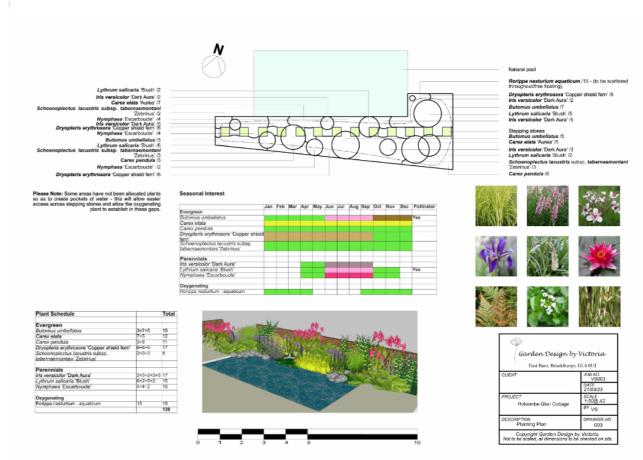
Garden Design by Victoria



Upper & Lower Terraces

Entertainment Area

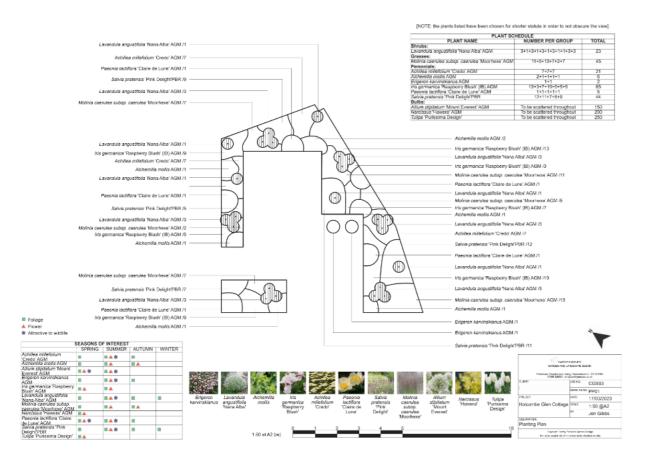
Garden Design by Victoria



I can't believe how quickly this year has gone. It only seems like yesterday when I was trying to decide whether to do the course and I am so glad I did. I have met some amazing people along the way –I hope I can now call friends! I'm sure we'll keep in touch and it'll be so exciting to see what everyone does.

I've really enjoyed the lecturers and have learnt so many new things. I came to the course feeling like I didn't know anything and now I am leaving with not only an increase in knowledge but also confidence. Thank you to everyone who is part of the Cotswold Gardening School team – for all your support along the way. I have not regretted one single moment of signing up and am excited to see what the future may hold.





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View Through Pergola to The Side of Property



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It has been on a very steep but rewarding journey of learning. I come away with not only a greater appreciation and understanding of the Garden Designer role but also of how I learn, work and design personally and I feel much better equipped to be able to run my design business successfully in the future. One of the rewarding parts of the course has been the clients choosing my design for their garden as it is confirmation that I was able to understand and interpret their brief and communicate a design that inspired them.

Another lovely part of the course has been the wonderful connections I have made. Everyone has been so friendly and supportive.

Project 1

























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Project 2 - Beech House Mood Board





















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Front garden and driveway 3D visual.

The existing gravel is in good condition so the current border would be removed up to the wall ad the gravel would be extended so that the car port sits under the trees.

The boundary wall needs repointing and I've added gates for more security. By adding a carport to the area, it creates and tidy space that allows clear access to the front door. Cubed Taxus at each end gives the structure a boundary.

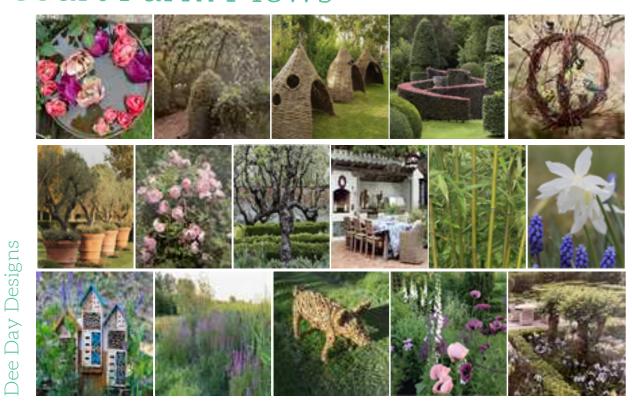
The boundary borders are 1m deep and have Mahonia M. x media 'Charity' for winter colour and scent, it is also tolerant of shade so will work also in the back garden to create a cohesive planting scheme. Spring bulbs of daffodiles and snowdrops. In the summer Saivia nemorosa' Caradonna' AGM and Geranium maculatum 'Chatto' which are repeat flowering right up until the first frosts.

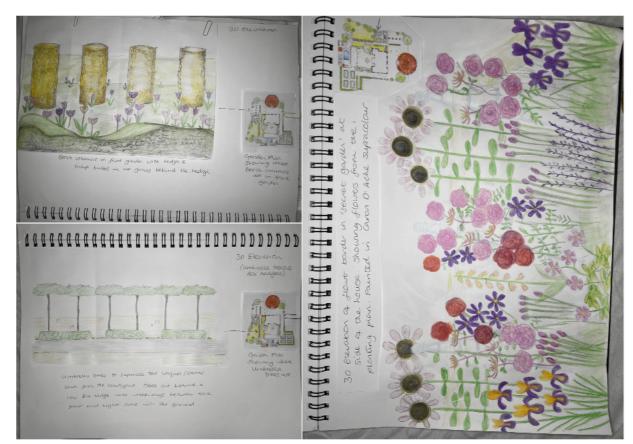


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Court Farm Mews

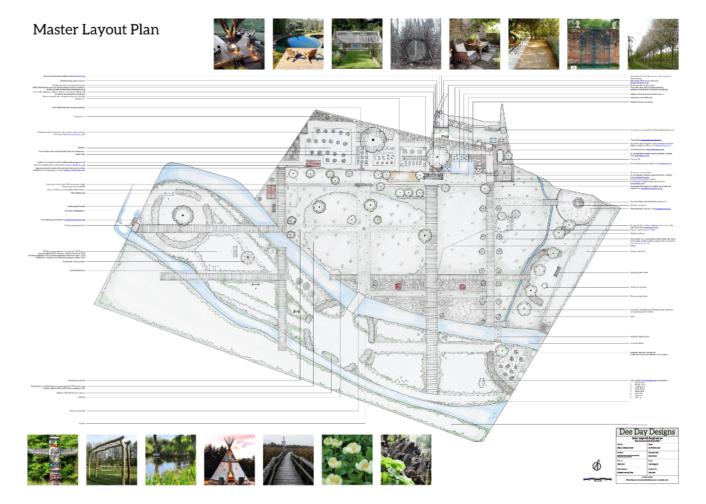




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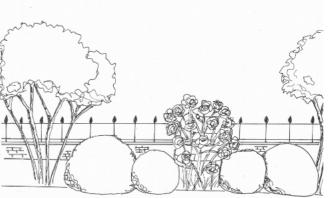
3D Visuals



One point perspective drawing - Rill with overlay of house



Photo montage - Driveway & front of house

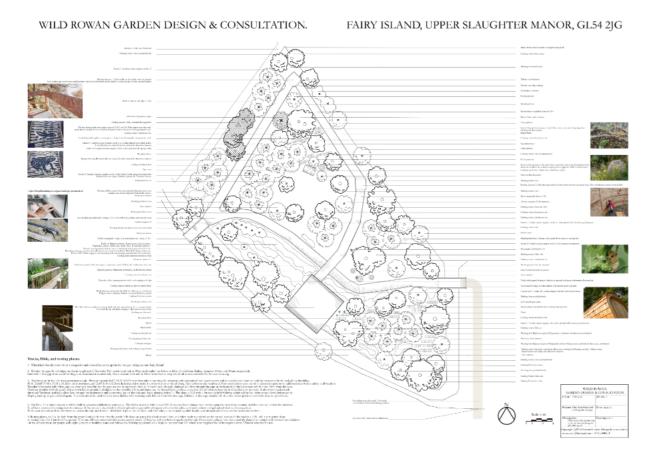


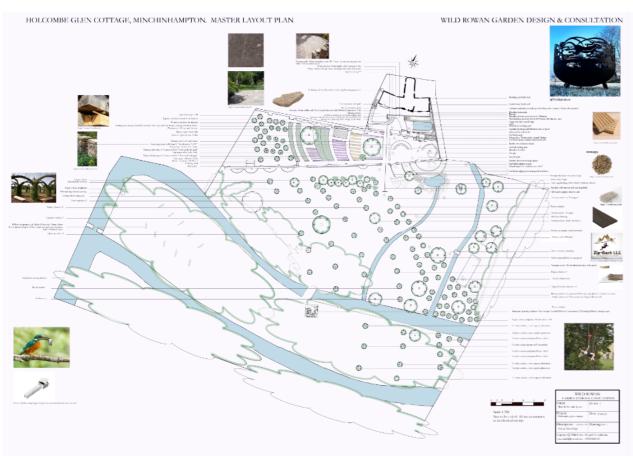
Elevation - Border in butler's kitchen



Axonometric drawing - Events and zen garden

I particularly enjoyed the creative side of the course, especially the 3D visuals and mood boards. The live projects provided me with a wide range of experiences of different types of gardens and their respective challenges, such as gradients, size, use, etc. My highlight of the year was being selected in the top 5 students for project 2. I am looking forward to starting my own business and have already found my first client!

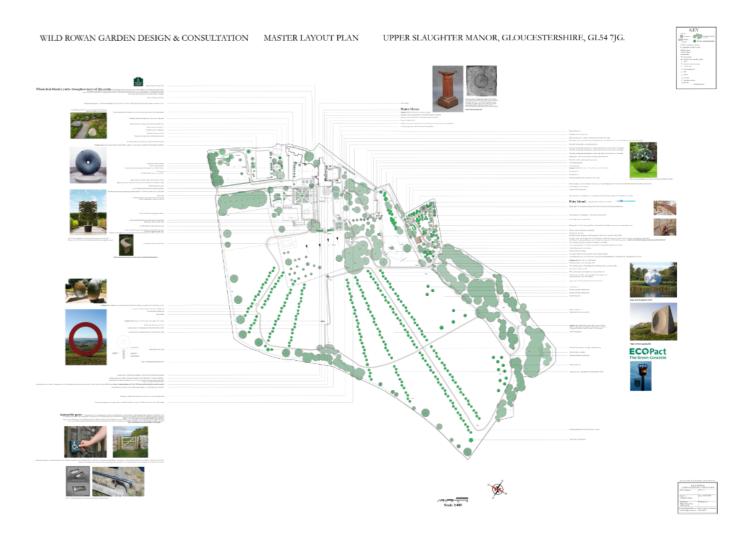


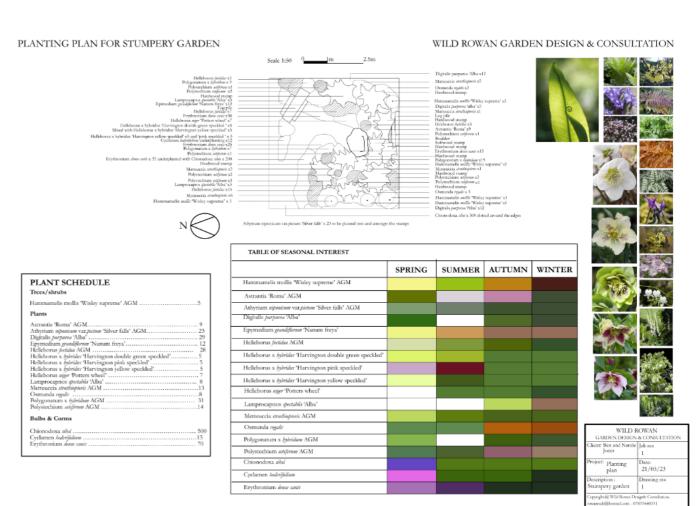


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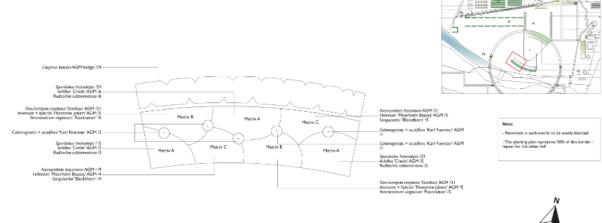
Upper Slaughter Manor | 3D image of hedged scultpure area





Holcombe Glen Cottage | Planting plan





















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Holcombe Glen Cottage | vibe







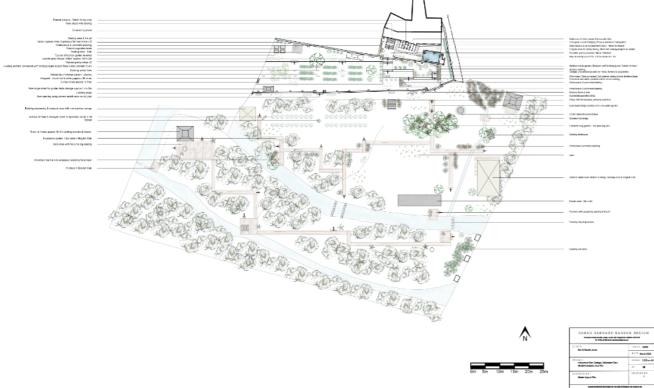
I came on the course having run my own garden maintenance for around six years and was very keen to evolve my work into garden design. Over the years I'd seen examples of planting plans and master layouts on social media and thought, "I could never do that." Well, having finished the course, now I can! Along the way I learnt lots of skills but perhaps most important was about being more creative, using mood boards to gather inspiration and using shapework to generate more interesting and effective designs. Another crucial aspect was the ready-made network of student garden designers the classroom provides. A lot of us have the same aims but also face the same issues in our young businesses. It's incredibly useful to bounce ideas and work through issues with my fellow students informally over a cup of coffee. Even before graduating, I've started to evolve my business and I'm putting lots of things I've learnt at The Cotswold Gardening School into practice. I've got lots more to learn but now have the building blocks in place to create a business that is creatively engaging, enjoyable to run...and of course pays the bills!

Holcombe Glen Cottage - Mediterranean Terrace



Sarah Barnard Garden Design

Holcombe Glen - Master Layout Plan

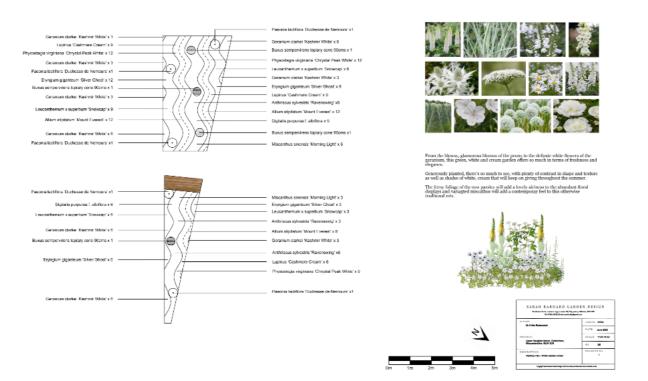


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Upper Slaughter Manor - White Garden

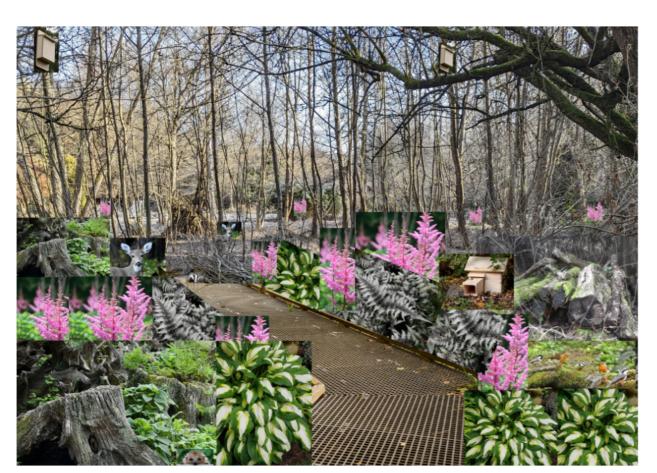




"The White Garden"

I've thoroughly enjoyed the last year, and working on live projects has given me a good insight into what life would be like as a garden designer. It's definitely a path I'm glad I chose to take, it's been challenging at times and a really steep learning curve for me, but it's all been worth it and it's been especially good to share the journey with so many lovely people. This last year has flown by and I'm very excited about starting my own design business in the coming months.





Steven Screen

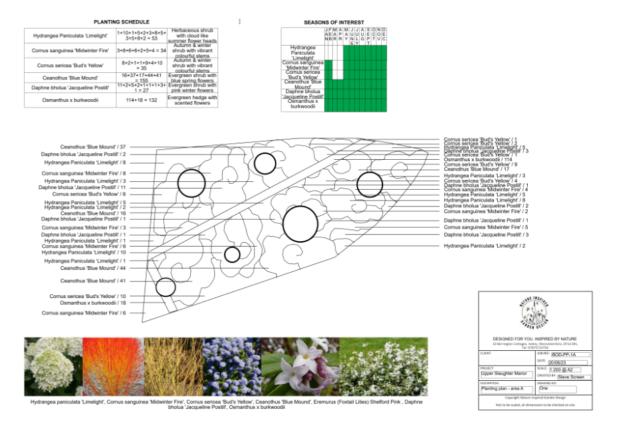


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The course brought back my inner child of creativity with no boundaries. It has given me the confidence to design and work in the industry with leading experts. I had the most amazing experience volunteering on main avenue at Chelsea flower show with Manoj Malde. My ambition is to design full time either for myself or in an established studio.



Rose Garden



Front Door



Tea Garden

Upper Slaughter Manor

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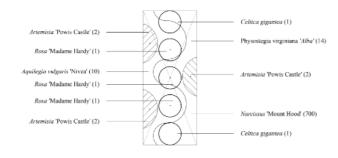




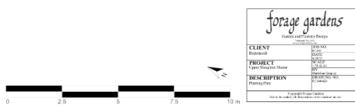


Plant Schedule		Total
Shrubs		
Rosa 'Madame Hardy'	1+1+1	3
Artemisia 'Powis Castle'	2+2+2	6
Perennials		
Stipa gigantea	1+1	2
Aquilegia vulgaris 'Nivea'	10	10
Physostegia virginiana 'Alba'	14	14
Bulbs		
Narcissus 'Mount Hood'	700	700









Madeline Quigley



Tea Garden for Upper Slaughter Manor



forage gardens









Zoë Clarke



A Aclea rosea 'Charter's double' B Rosa "Climbing Iceberg"

Rosa 'Climbing Iceberg' Clemitis cartmanii 'joe'

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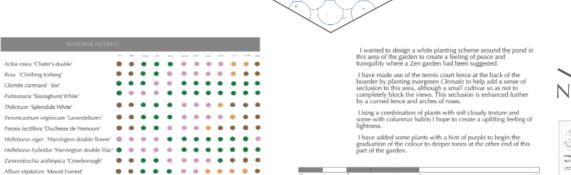
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Bulbs to be evenly and randomly planted throughout

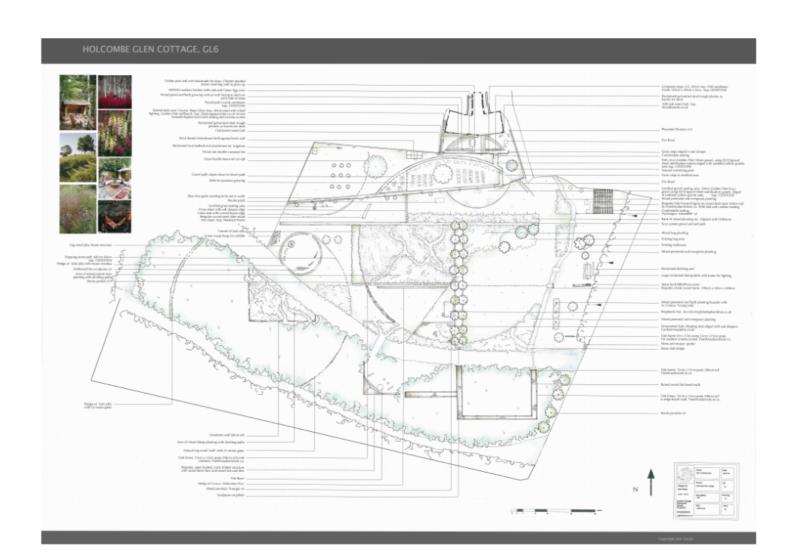
Allium amplectens 'Graceful Beauty' Tulipa 'Shirley'



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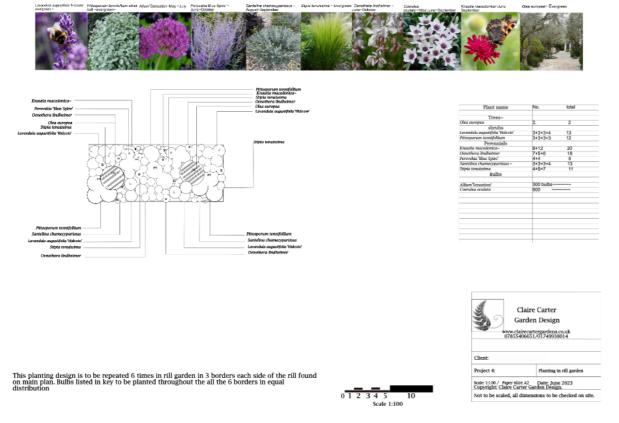






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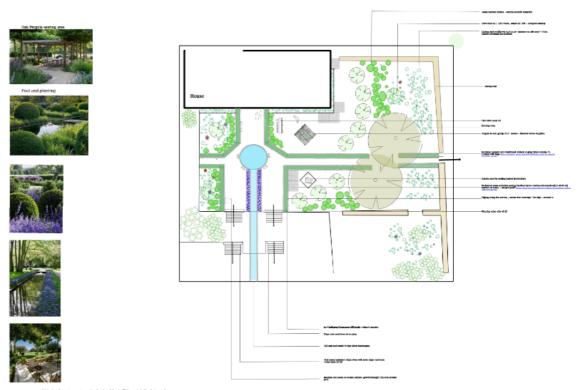
Claire Carter Garden Design, June 2023



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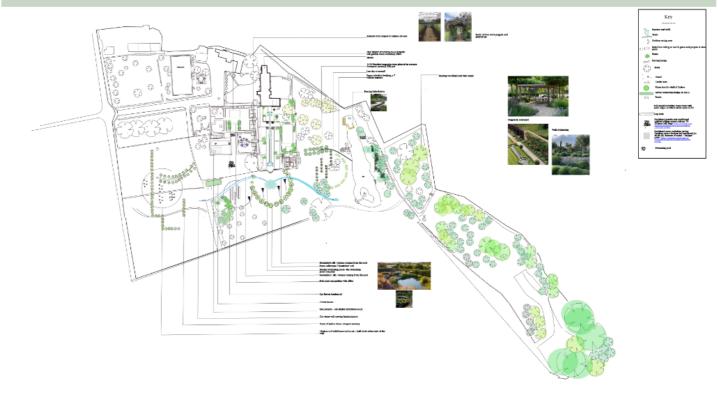
Upper Slaughter Manor, Courtyard Plan







Upper Slaughter Manor Garden Plan

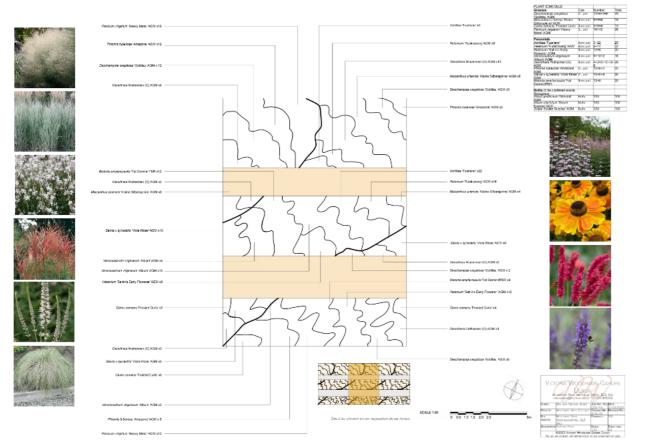








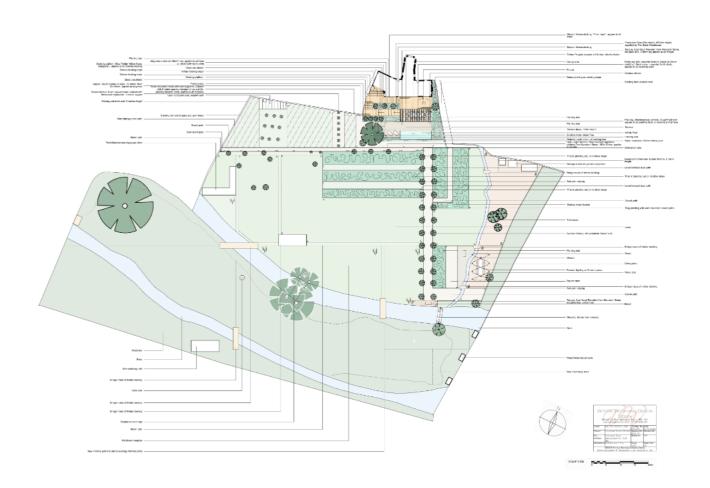


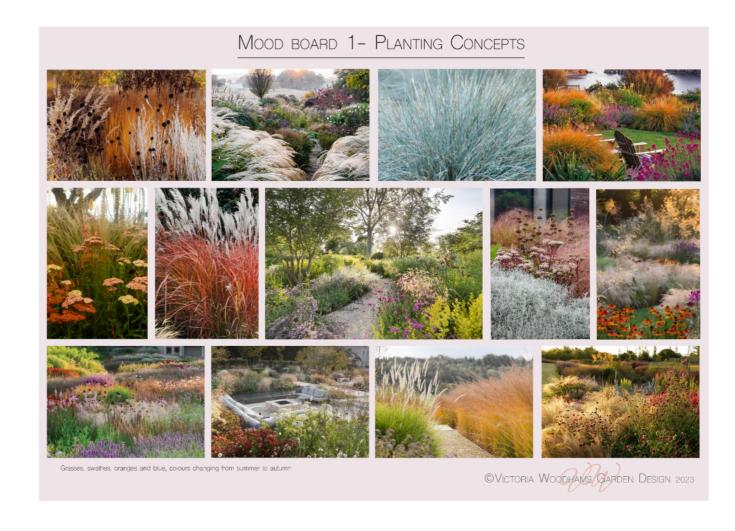


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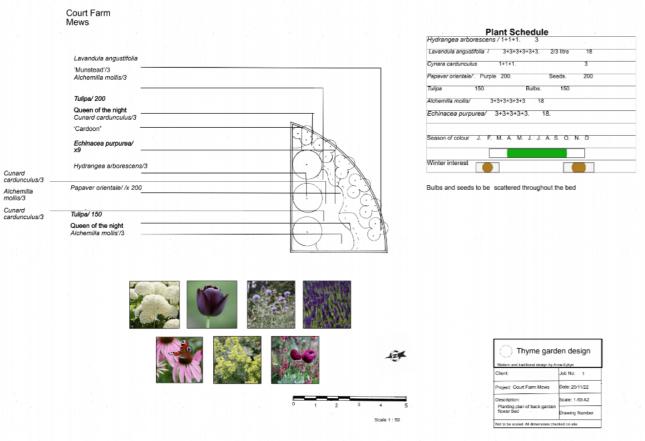
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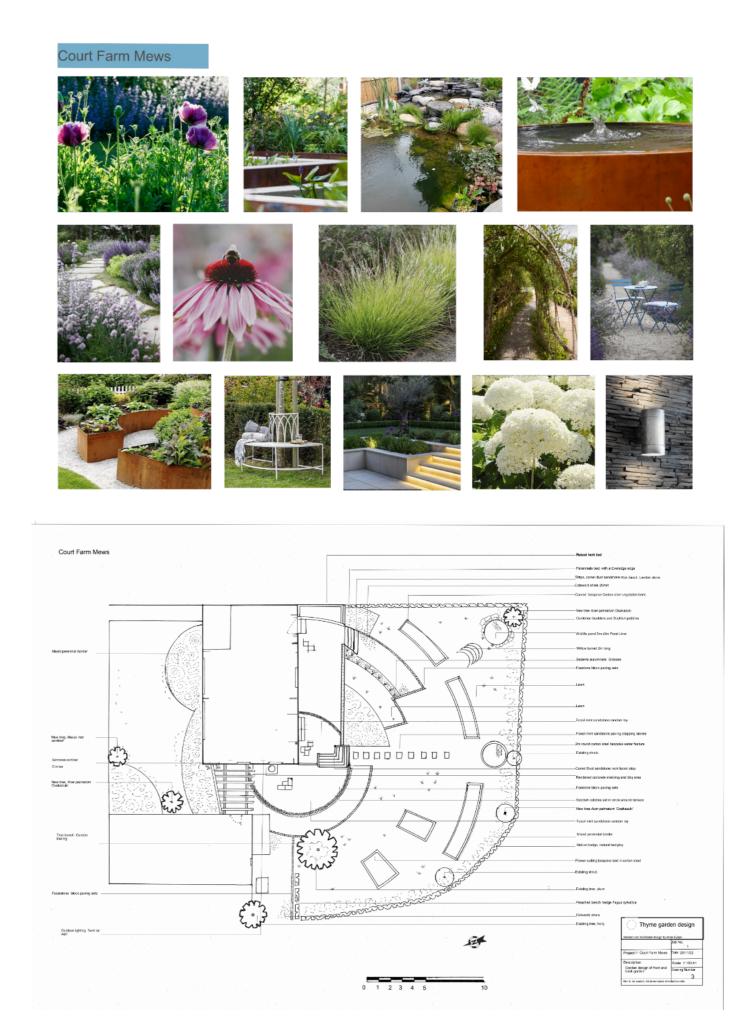








Anna Eykyn



It's been a brilliant year, I've learned so much and will continue learning through study and practical projects.