



HMS Garden Design

Affordable landscape gardening in Derbyshire and South Yorkshire

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THE SITE

Please fill in as much of the questionnaire as possible see it as a 'wish list', measure the dimensions of the site and draw a simple sketch of the area, considering the points some listed below.

- Aspect. Which way is north? (very important)
- Any existing manmade features?
- Any major trees and shrubs in the garden?
- Low retaining walls, steps, paths etc
- Any existing water features?
- Any drainage problems. Is there any standing water after rain?
- Existing flower beds
- Changes of level. Does you garden Slope?
- Areas of shade created from within or outside your garden
- Drains, manhole covers, drainpipes, meters, taps, bins.
- What is the access into the garden
- Any features outside the property that affects your garden/view?
- What type of soil do you have?

Remember the more detailed the information the more the final design will reflect your dream garden, so please send lots of photos of the site from different angles and feel free to send any additional material, magazine cuttings, pictures of plants and structures you really like. I can't have too much information.

One of the final questions is about your soil, it looks scary! Plants thrive in different aspects, light conditions and types of soil; this is measured as a 'ph'. You can buy soil testing kits cheaply from a garden centre or larger DIY stores. These quick and easy tests will tell you your soil ph. Try to take samples from different places on the site and mark these on the sketch, this will help your plants thrive.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US, WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

SITE DETAILS

Style of house	When was your house built?			
	What's it built of?			
Practical requirements (What do you need and what would you like?)		Need	Want	Comments
	Parking-garage access			
	Storage needs			
	Access Routes			
	Screening			
	Windbreaks			
	Bins How many?			
	Compost Bins/Recycling			
	Washing Line Rotary or line			
	Irrigation system To help watering the plants			
	Raised beds			
	Provision for pets			
	Wildlife area/ provision			
	Vegetables in:- - containers - raised beds - special area - amongst flowers			

Uses (What's the main function of the garden?)	Terrace (Entertaining; Sitting;dining)	For how many
		Permanent BBQ
		Built in seating
		Shading
	Lawn	
	Children's play area (Must include?)	
	Lighting	For seating
		For house access route
		To illuminate garden
		To illuminate house
Preferred boundary material	Natural/Hedge	
	Fence panels	
	Rustic fence	
	Metal	
	Brick	
	Other	

Structures (to be included)	Greenhouse					
	Pergola					
	Statues					
	Mirrors					
	Water features	Still pond				
		Moving water/fountain				
		Pond and fountain				
		Cascade				
Other						
Favoured material		Yes	Maybe	No	Comments	
	Brick					
	Gravel					
	Stone					
	Concrete					
	Setts					
	Cobbles					
	Timber					
	Iron					

	Metallic				
	Glass				
	Mirrors				
	Decking				
	Other				
Privacy (is there any areas that need to be screened?)	From which side(s)				
	Left hand side				
	Right hand side				
	Back boundary				
	Other				
	Security issues				
	Views from the house to be emphasised				
	Positive elements to be retained or enhanced				

Aspects that definitely need to be changed				
Soil (Dig 30cm down, What type of soil is there?)	Clay		Sandy	
	Chalky		Crumbly soil	
	Ph (A)	Ph (B)	Ph (C)	Ph (D)
What is your level of DIY experience or what work would you feel comfortable doing?				
Other comments/notes				
<p>NB It is assumed the garden is a DIY project and the budget does not cover contracting a landscaper. If you wish us to quote for the landscaping please visit our website for details. It is advised that all electrical work is undertaken by a qualified electrician</p>				