

DESIGN

BEAUTIFUL, SUSTAINABLE, BIODIVERSE GARDENS

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ABOUT ME

Having grown up between the Caribbean, the US and the UK, Kiera is a London-based designer with a background in literature, art and publishing. She is drawn to beautiful and practical garden design schemes that take their cues from nature and maximise joy, utility and sustainability.

From her previous career, she brings strong client and supplier relationship-building skills, a keen interest in making even the smallest details beautiful, and experience in highlighting and furthering equal rights, diversity and inclusion. She brings this passion to creating gardens - from tailored residential spaces that improve habitat and biodiversity, to larger projects that meet the needs of diverse users.

In her free time, she enjoys printmaking and climbing.



EDUCATION

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and

Development 2024-present

Eden Project

Garden Design Diploma 2023 - 2024 KLC School of Design West Dean

Introduction to Garden Design Level 1 Certificate 2022

Capel Manor College

MA (Cantab) English, 2.I 2005 - 2008

University of Cambridge

EMPLOYMENT

Senior Commissioning Editor 2014 - 2022

Icon Books

Commissioning Editor 2009 - 2014

McGraw-Hill Education

EXPERIENCE Volunteer 2024

'Strive and Thrive' Resilient Pocket Planting, RHS Hampton

Court Garden Festival

Volunteer 2023

'Centrepoint Garden', RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Work Experience 2023

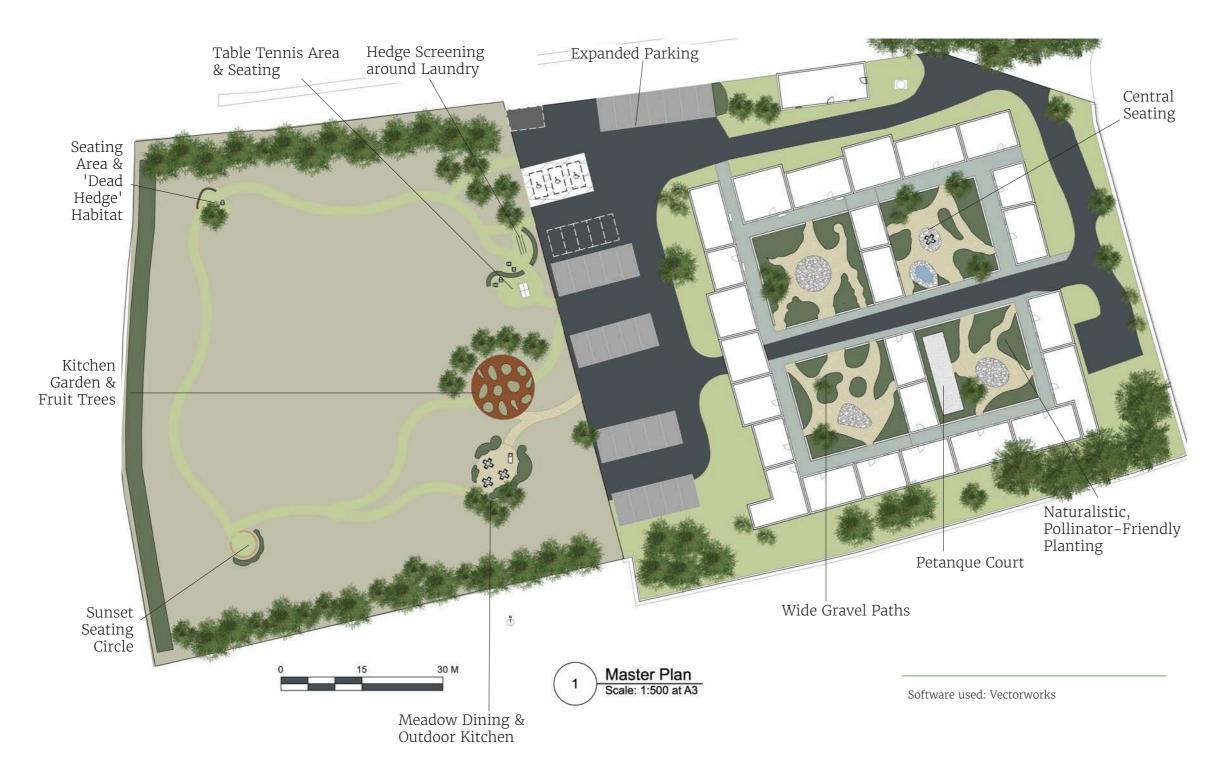
Hampton Court Palace Gardens

Volunteer 2022

Castle Garden Project, Castle Climbing Centre

SKILLS

- · Digital and hand-drawing techniques
- Vectorworks
- SketchUp
- Photoshop
- InDesign
- Client and supplier relationship building
- Communication, copwriting and editing
- Visual and oral presentation
- Budget and schedule management





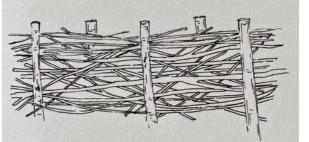




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BRIEF

The residents desired social spaces to be used individually or communally, while increasing seasonality and biodiversity.

CONCEPT

The design explores archaeological horizons – layers and fragments of treasure from across the ages discovered in a dig around the site.

DELIVERY

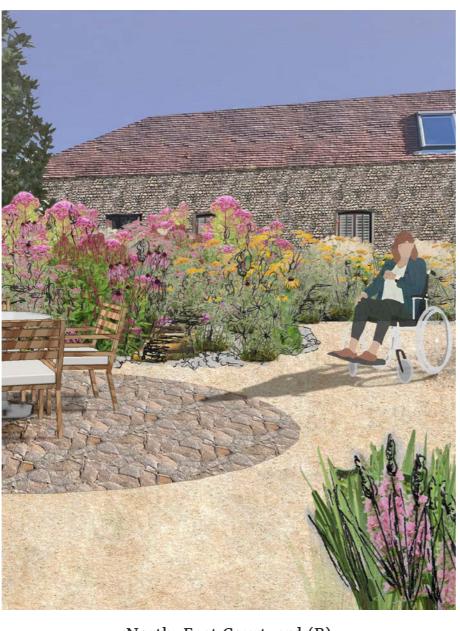
Habitat-creation, pollinator-friendly planting and open meadow deliver biodiversity goals. Myriad spaces to socialise, garden, play and relax increase opportunities for gathering and individual daily rituals.



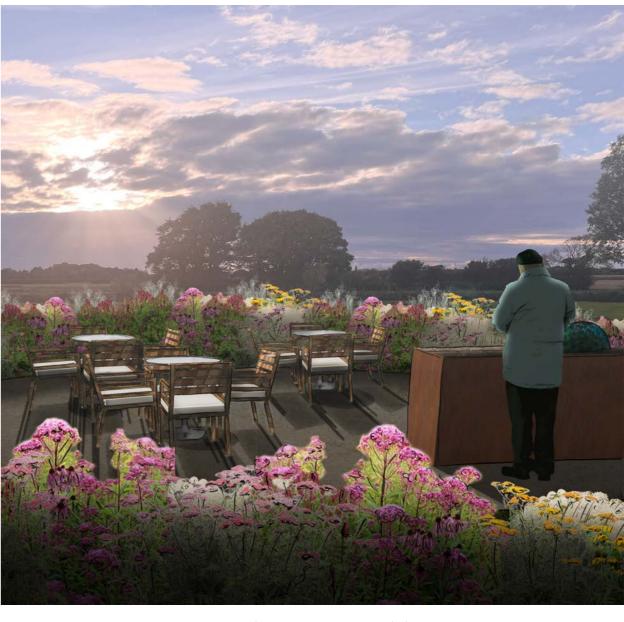
Meadow Sunset Seating Circle (A)

Dry-stone wall seating circle, inspired
by Instar's 'Cocolith'

Positioned for the best sunset views



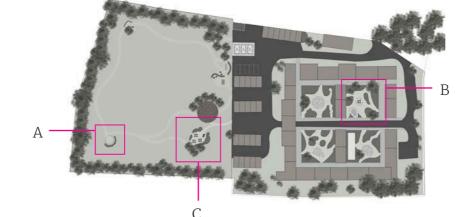
North-East Courtyard (B)
Great morning coffee spot
Wide compacted gravel paths & re-used paving
Planting in drifts using Mixes 1 & 2



Meadow Dining Area (C)

BBQ area & flexible seating

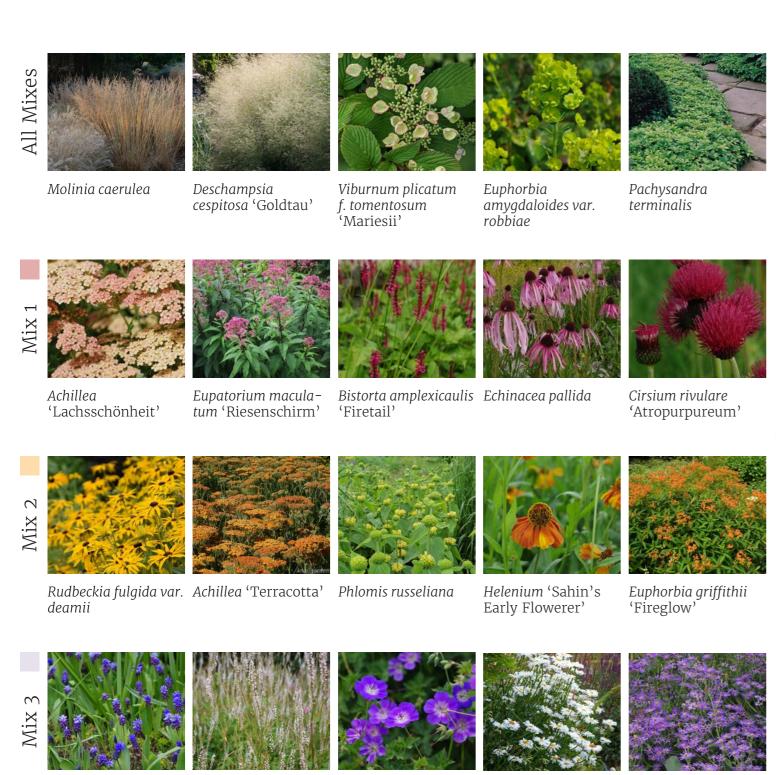
Encircled by perennial planting, with fruit trees providing midday shade



Software used: Vectorworks, Photoshop, hand drawing

HORIZONS | PLANTING PLAN & PALETTE - NORTH-EAST COURTYARD

The 'Strata' concept features 3 pollinator-friendly planting mixes of different colours overlaid across the Master Plan, gently demarcated by log stacks in the planting beds.



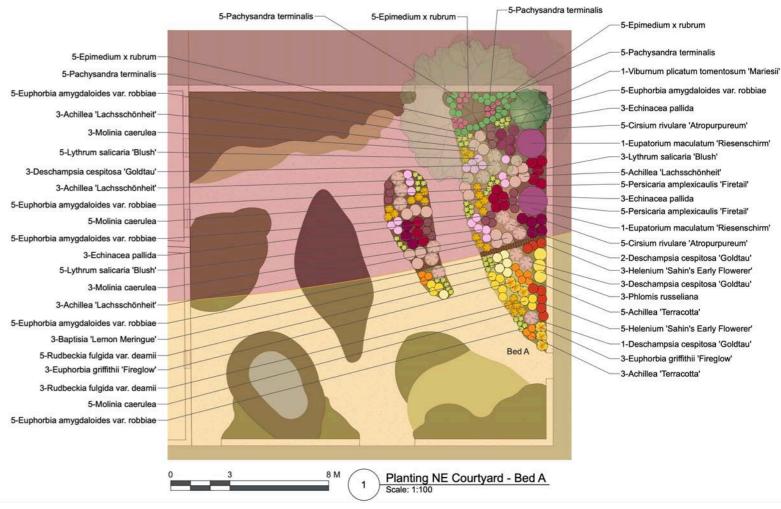
Bistorta amplexicaulis Geranium [Rozanne] Leucanthemum x

superbum 'T.E.

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Eurybia x herveyi



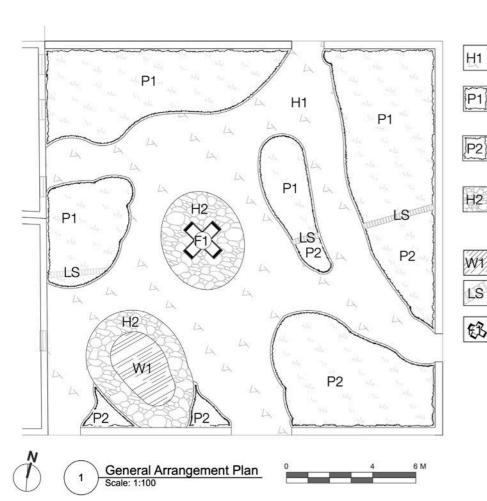
Software used: Vectorworks; hand drawing in Photoshop



'Alba'

Muscari latifolium

VECTORWORKS GENERAL ARRANGEMENT & CONSTRUCTION



Compacted gravel to a final compacted depth of 50mm depth, encased by curved Corten steel edging to a height of 25mm above gravel bed

Planting bed, encased by curved Corten steel - no steel division between P1 and P2. Planted with Planting Mix 1. Mulched with composted bark mulch to 75mm thick. Subgrade decompacted.

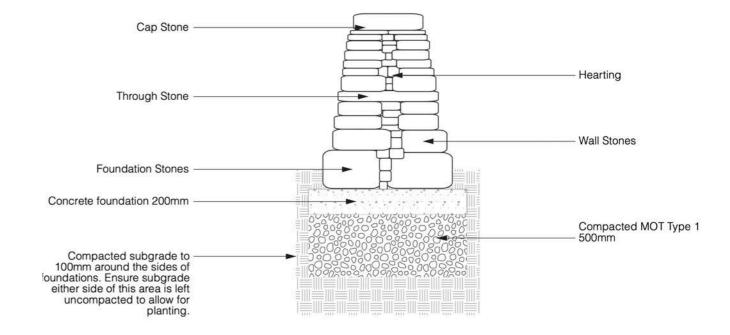
Planting bed encased by curved Corten steel - no steel division between P1 and P2. Planted with Planting Mix 2. Mulched with composted bark mulch to 75mm thick. Subgrade decompacted.

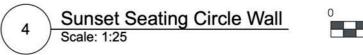
Re-used crazy paving, laid flush to the Corten steel edging, laid with tight joints (max 25mm) on a 50mm thick bed of 10:1 semi-dry grit sand and cement, above a 100mm thick bed of MOT Type 1. Compact subgrade below paving and paths.

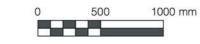
Existing wildlife pond. Pre-fabricated pond safety grid to be sunk to 10mm below water line.

Log stack - undulating stacks to varied heights of 250-750mm, laid cut ends facing East-South-East

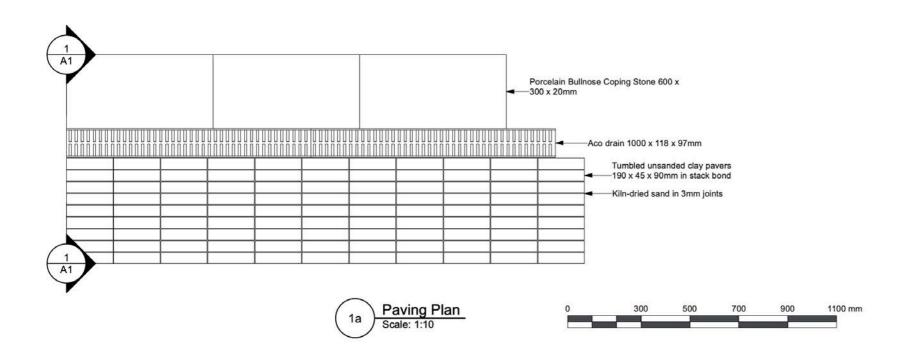
Casual dining furniture

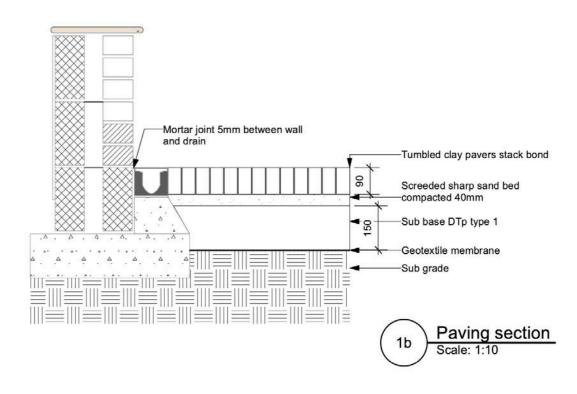




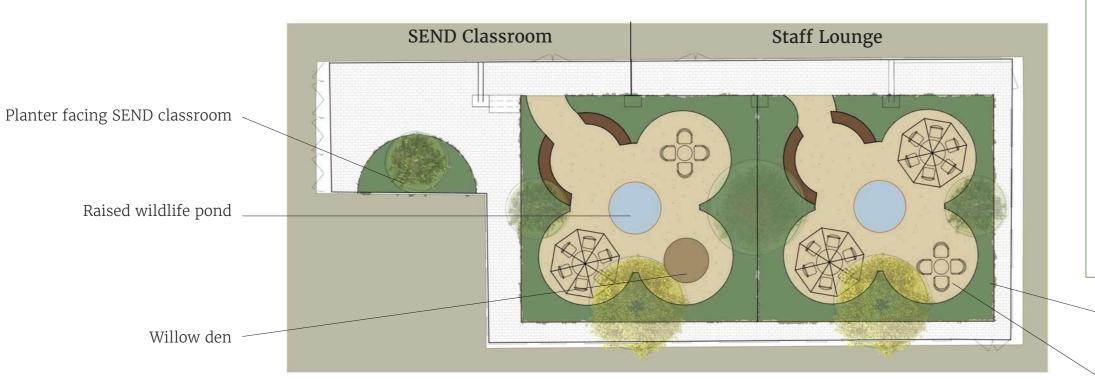


To be constructed by a dry stone wall specialist in a circular formation - internal diameter of 4300mm and entrance opening, facing due west, of 2000mm





PRIORY PAST - PRIORY PRESENT



BRIEF

Secondary school's Quad; Courtyard shared between Staff & SEND students; and interventions across the campus

CONCEPT

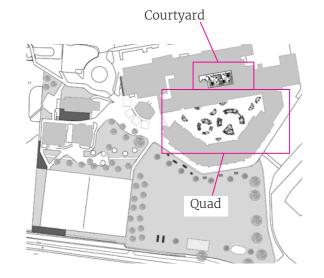
Ecclesiastic motifs reference local history, bringing harmony and calm to staff and students.

DELIVERY

Sustainable material choices and seasonal pollinator-friendly planting prioritise student and staff well-being.

Weathering steel privacy screens

Seating in sun & shade



Gabion habitat benches

3 Courtyard Masterplan
Scale: 1:100 at A3







Planting for pollinators, with interest through the school year

Permeable resin-bound gravel

Weathering steel arch details reference the Priory's history

Outdoor classroom/ lunchtime seating





QUAD – Model. North-facing view from upper classrooms.

Outdoor classroom surrounded by planting & weathering steel arches



STAFF COURTYARD – South-facing view from Staff Lounge door.
Calming planting, weathering steel pond, with tables & bench seating









Software used: Vectorworks, SketchUp, Photoshop



RAIN GARDEN

Rain garden in the playing fields helps to manage groundwater in an area prone to water-logging



KITCHEN GARDEN

Edible, sensory & dye plants

Rain-water planter & water butt to capture run-off from the chapel roof



SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN

Wooden posts with bee habitat holes

Allows students to build dens & shelter from the rain

Software used: Photoshop, hand drawing







Top-right photo by Kiera Jamison

BRIEF

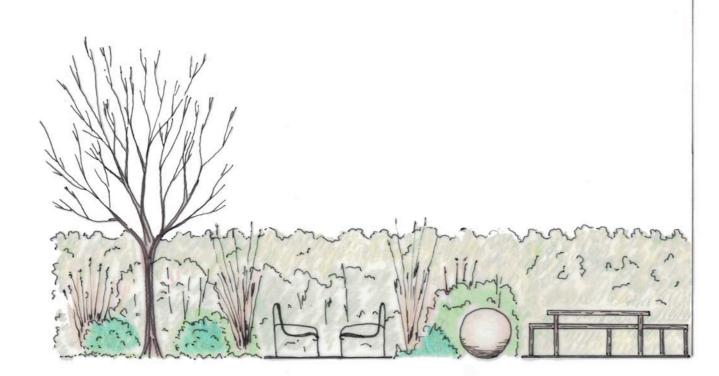
Garden for a family of three, providing Scandinavian chic, art and a place to switch off

CONCEPT

Achieving work/life balance through a design that invites relaxation and play

DELIVERY

A wooden boardwalk, stone patios, generous borders and water bowl fill the garden with natural elements in a modern Japandi design. 3 inviting spaces in which to socialise, relax, and play or do pilates.



GARDEN ELEVATION

A mix of evergreens and grasses with strong winter structure Seating areas enclosed by planting and scultpure



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