



Olivia Southgate Garden Design Portfolio

All About Me...



Having spent 8 years building my career as a Lloyd's underwriter, I decided I needed to pursue my love of plants. Garden Design provides me with a perfect solution. My portfolio demonstrates that I can combine my creative flare, with my analytical experience and love of all things plants, thus creating gardens that are beautiful and functional. I have a strong connection with the outdoors, and find being in nature particularly peaceful. My desire is to create these spaces for others; to realise the positive mental benefits of gardens. My previous experience of a successful team working environment coupled with my ability to say yes and just get stuck into a challenge, puts me in a good position to start my career as a garden designer.



Education

2024

Garden Design Diploma
KLC School of Design West Dean

2013-2016

BA (Hons) Politics with a Minor in Economics,
2:1
Loughborough University

Employment

Beazley plc
2020 – Present

Assistant Underwriter

2016-2020

Underwriting Assistant



Opportunities

2024

Chelsea Flower Show

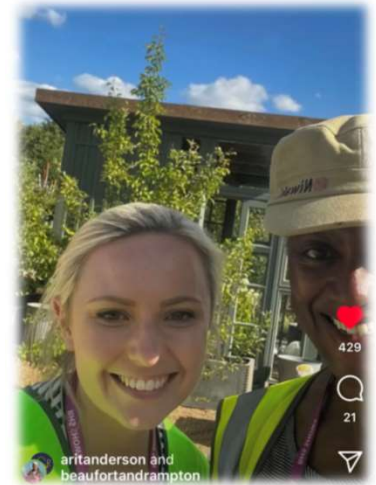
Matthew Childs – Terrence Higgins
Trust Bridge to 2030 Garden
Sophie Parmenter & Dido Milne – The
National Autistic Society Garden
Miria Harris – Stoke Association's
Garden for Recovery

Hampton Court Flower Show

Arit Anderson RHS Peat-Free Garden

West Dean Gardens

KLC work Experience



Skills

Vector works
SketchUp
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe InDesign
Microsoft Office

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Historic Residential Garden – Saxon Meadow Barns



Saxon Meadows Master Plan - Creating Resilient Communities

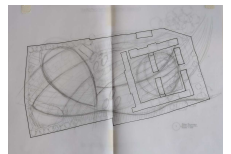
The residents of Saxon meadows are a resilient community.

They have spent many years battling local planning authorities and have a strong desire to protect their community space by creating a garden haven to enjoy, encompassing sustainable materials, water management and enhancing wildlife.

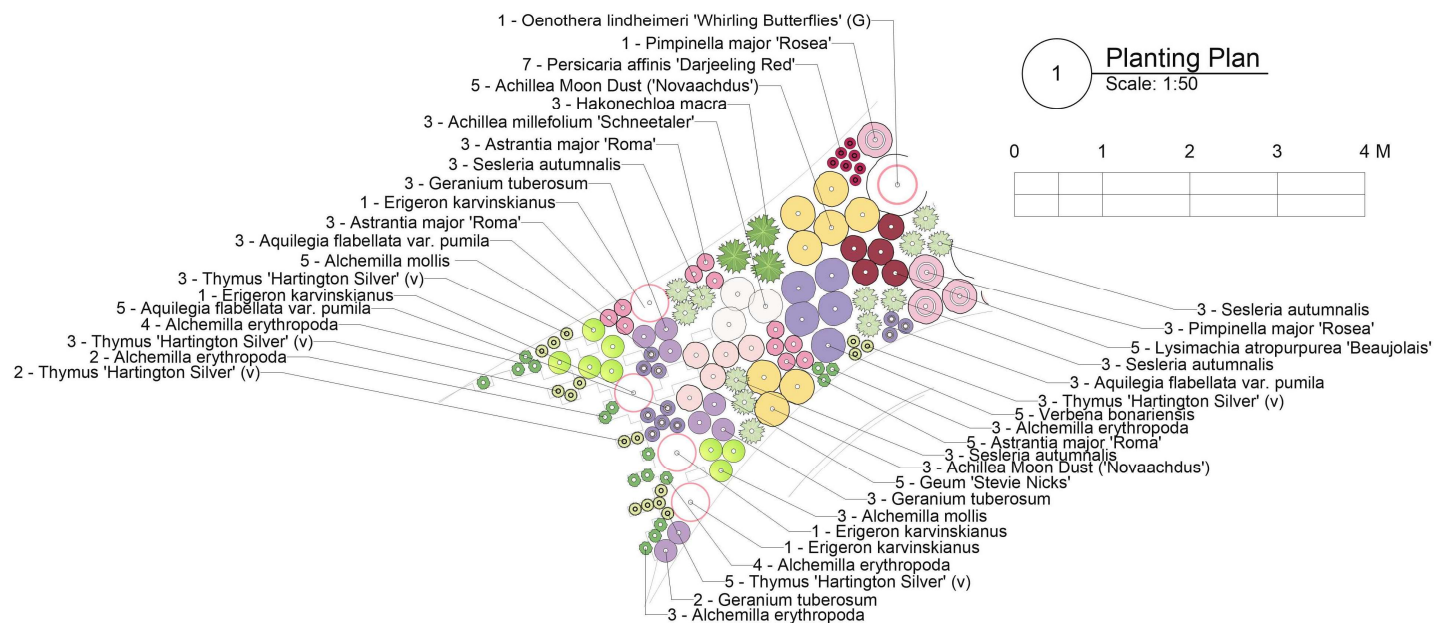
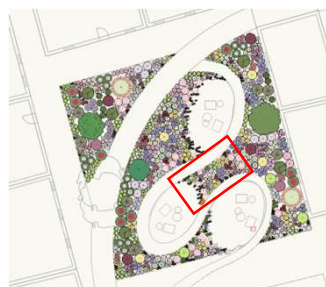
Design based on vapour trails created by World War Two planes.



Concept Images



Saxon Meadows - Planting Plan



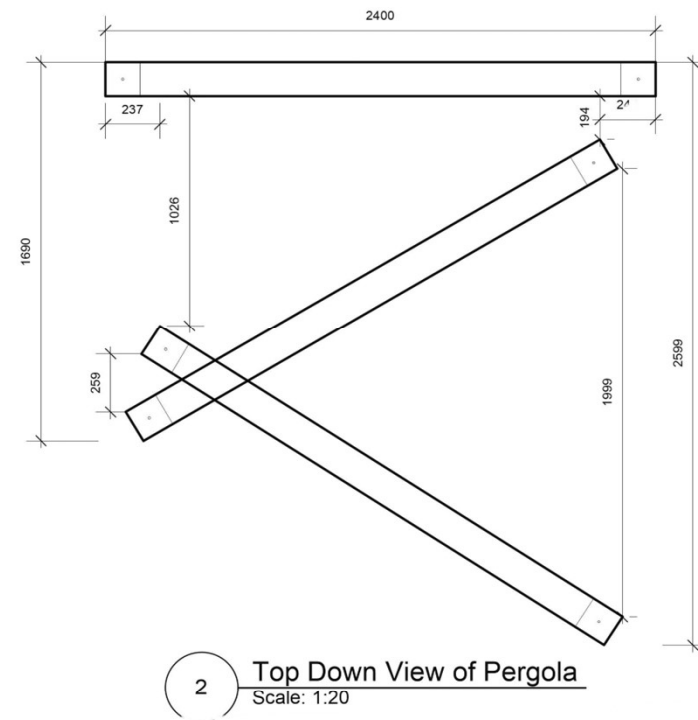
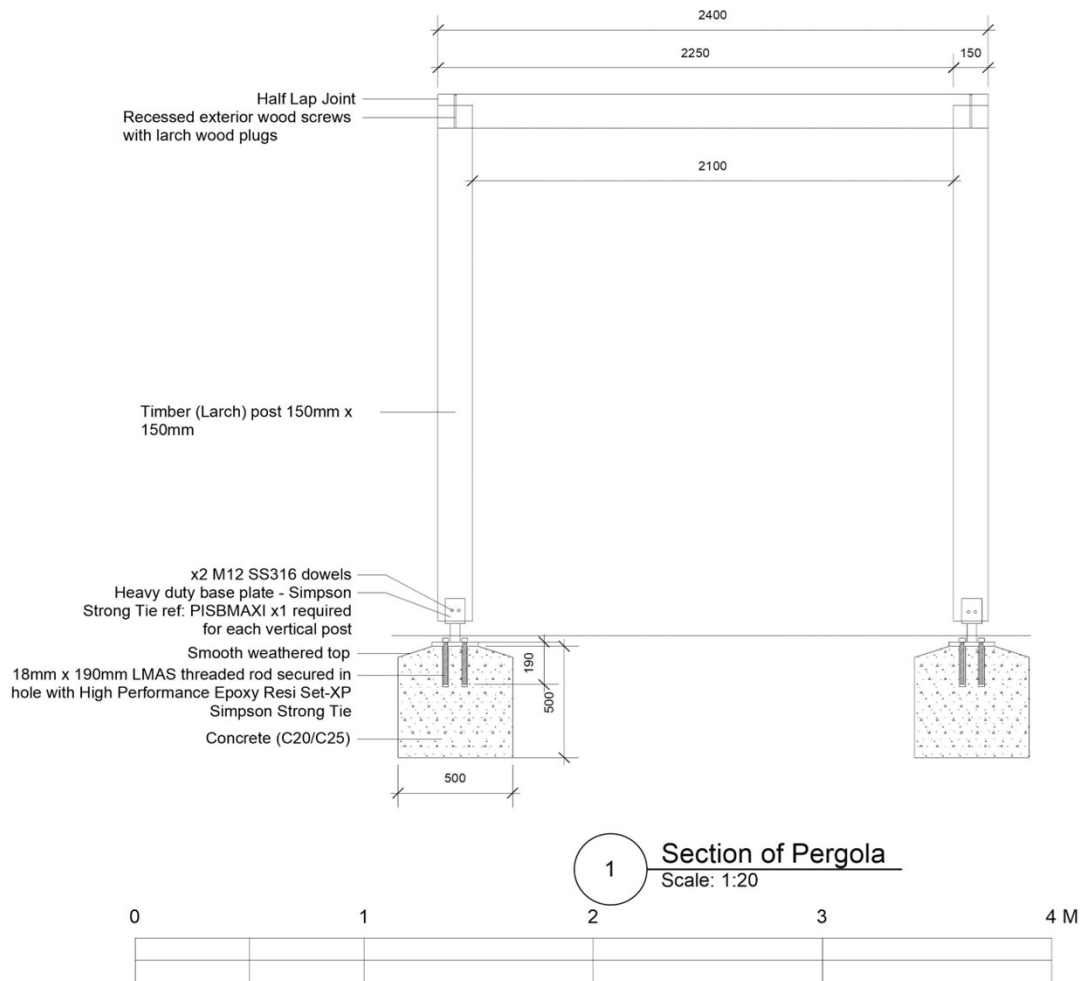
Seasonal Interest – Planting Palette



January

December

Saxon Meadows - Construction Details



Construction Palette



Rubblazzo



Hoggin



Dorset Antique
Clay Pavers



Westminster
Clay Pavers



Current
Courtyard
surface

Saxon Meadows - View across the Meadow



Wolves Lane Centre - A Hidden Horticultural Sanctuary



Wolves Lane - Design Overview

Wolves Lane Centre is a horticultural centre and a fantastic resource to the community and wider area of Haringey. The consortium that run the centre have done an excellent job in securing funding for new facilities in order to provide the community with a thriving space for sustainable growing, education, social enterprise and community engagement. This design has built upon the vision to create community resilience, health and wellbeing through food, education, social enterprise and community collaboration. Design based on the ideal of Wolves Lane being a Sanctuary.



Concept, Design Development & Model Making



Wolves Lane – Planting Design & Influence



The colour scheme of the areas of planting is based on the food eaten when visiting Wolves Lane. A flavour of the planting palette.

Planting contains edible plants, support plants for pollinations and plants that have traditionally been used to heal. The plants chosen create a sanctuary for people and wildlife, supporting each other in a symbiotic relationship.



Malus transitoria
'Thornhayes
Tansy'



Sambucus nigra
'Golden Tower'



Aloysia citrodora



Lycium barbarum



Monarda
'Cambridge
Scarlet'



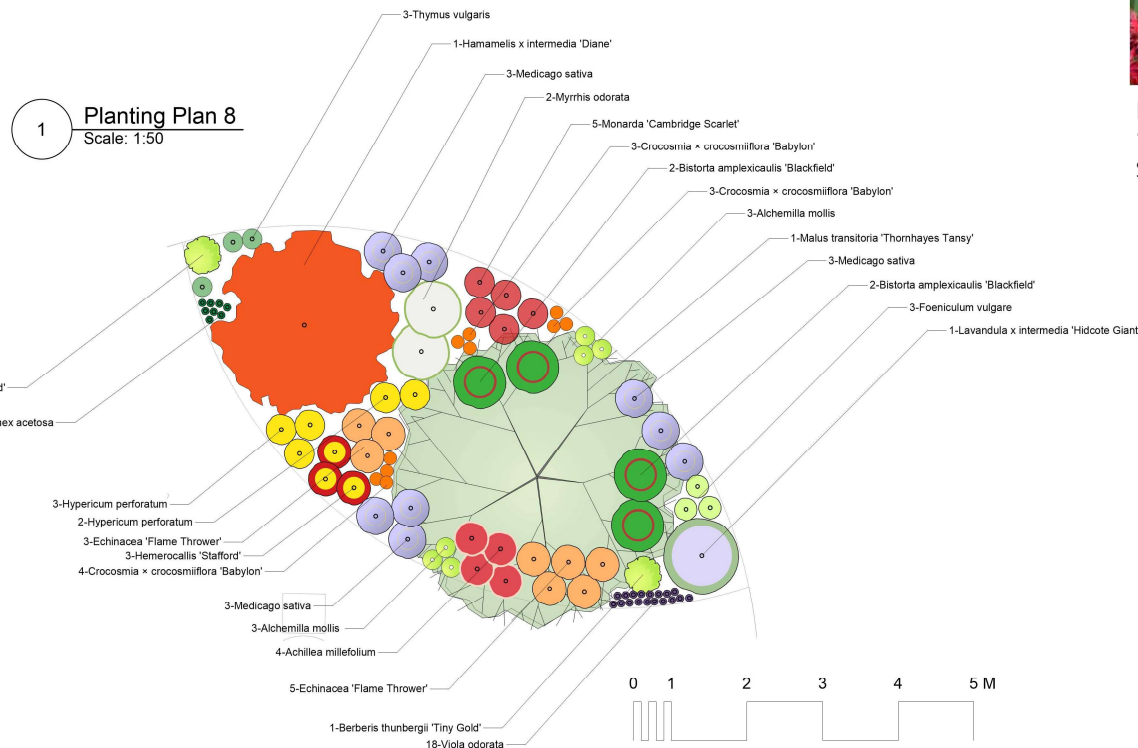
Cynara
cardunculus
Scolymus Group



Crocsmia x
crocosmiiflora



Viola odorata



Residential Garden – Island House



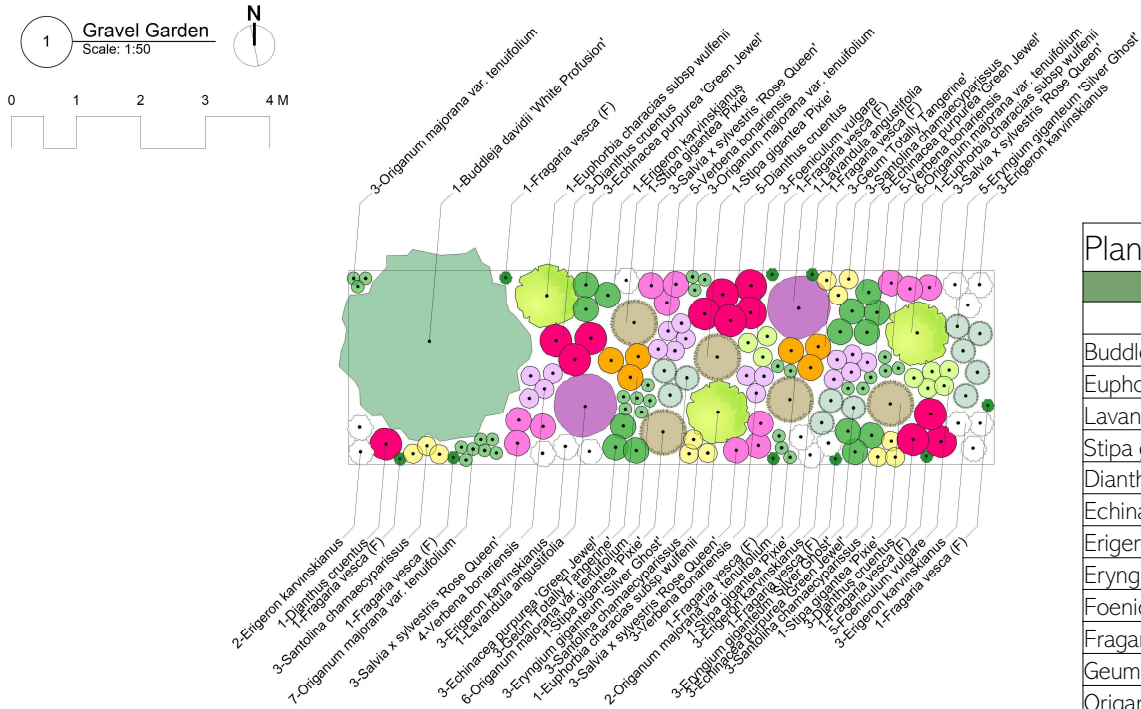
Design inspired by the unique inverted 'butterfly' roof. Cedar archways frame the property providing a much-desired curb appeal. Planting is Mediterranean, inspired by the clients love of Mykonos.

Hampton Court Concept Garden - Global Impact

The garden begins in a waiting room, replicating that of a typical doctor's surgery. Beyond the door, where you would expect to find a doctor's office, sits the outdoor therapy room, a garden that provides a space for healing through talking, in an unexpected, refreshing setting.



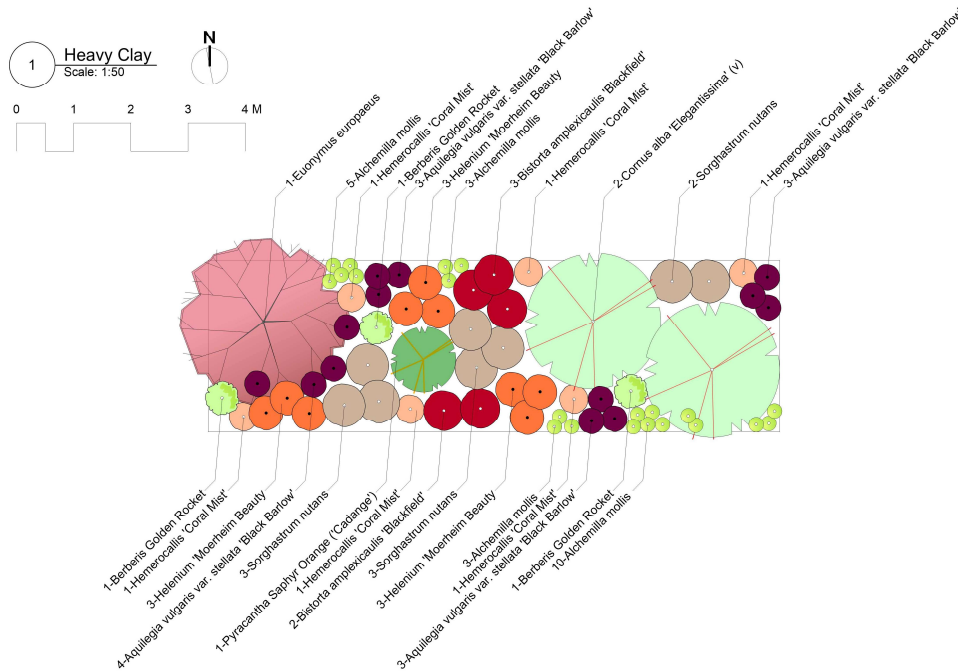
Planting Plan – Gravel Garden



Plant Schedule - Gravel Garden

Latin Name	Quantity	Scheduled Size	Category
15	157	15	15
Buddleja davidii 'White Profusion'	1	5L	Shrub
Euphorbia characias subsp wulfenii	3	2L	Shrub
Lavandula angustifolia	2	2L	Shrub
Stipa gigantea 'Pixie'	5	2L	Grass
Dianthus cruentus	12	1L	Perennial
Echinacea purpurea 'Green Jewel'	14	1L	Perennial
Erigeron karvinskianus	15	9cm	Perennial
Eryngium giganteum 'Silver Ghost'	11	1L	Perennial
Foeniculum vulgare	8	1L	Perennial
Fragaria vesca (F)	9	9cm	Perennial
Geum 'Totally Tangerine'	6	1L	Perennial
Origanum majorana var. tenuifolium	30	9cm	Perennial
Salvia x sylvestris 'Rose Queen'	12	1L	Perennial
Santolina chamaecyparissus	12	1L	Perennial
Verbena bonariensis	17	1L	Perennial
Allium karataviense 'Red Giant'	300		Bulbs

Planting Plan – Heavy Clay



Plant Schedule - Heavy Clay

Latin Name	Quantity	Scheduled Size	Category
	10	69	10
Berberis Golden Rocket	3	5L	Shrub
Euonymus europaeus	1	10L	Shrub
Cornus alba 'Elegantissima' (v)	2	10L	Shrub
Pyracantha Saphyr Orange ('Cadange')	1	5L	Shrub
Sorghastrum nutans	8	2L	Grass
Alchemilla mollis	21	1L	Perennial
Aquilegia vulgaris var. stellata 'Black Barlow'	13	1L	Perennial
Bistorta amplexicaulis 'Blackfield'	5	1L	Perennial
Helenium 'Moerheim Beauty'	9	1L	Perennial
Hemerocallis 'Coral Mist'	6	1L	Perennial
Camassia 'Plum Tart'	300		Bulbs

