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# Welcome

to the Association of Professional Landscapers Awards 2023

Once again, the landscape industry is embracing an uncertain economic climate coupled with the ever-challenging weather conditions over the past year.

However, the 2023 APL Awards triumphed not only in entry numbers but in outstanding quality and resourcefulness again challenging the judges. We were pleased by the number of new companies entering and this is reflected in the awards results.

Thanks go to my fellow judges who have visited every scheme and have spent many long hours deliberating on the result, and to the clients who have allowed us access to their properties.

We welcome the return to The Brewery where landscapers, designers, suppliers and colleagues can renew acquaintances and enjoy the day feasting on the best of the best landscape schemes.



**Richard J Barnard** APL Awards Chairman Chairman of APL Awards Judges



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# ESO,000-£75,000

## JJH Landscapes & Construction Ltd

Project: **Escarpment Garden** Project Manager: **Justin Himpson** Designer: **Adam Vetere** 





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space and areas in the garden for eating and entertaining but also for relaxing and reading.



### Project value Under £20,000

## Best in category Nordland Landscapes Ltd

Project: **E20 Pollinator Garden** Project Manager: **Daniel O'Neill** Designer: **Georgia Lindsay** 

This garden had very few redeeming features. A blank patch of lawn surrounded by bare walls and panel fencing. The new garden draws influence from the surrounding landscape of the Olympic Park.





Before

### 🔀 Gold | Jacq and Wills Landscapes

#### Project: **A Contemporary Dry Garden** Project Manager / Designer: **Will Petty**

The client wanted to remove and reconstruct the front driveway of their property, making it more aesthetically pleasing while retaining the practicality of a driveway. It is now a low maintenance garden, designed in the style of a cottage garden with a modern twist and perennial planting.



#### Project: Windsor Pocket Garden

The brief was to provide a space to sit and enjoy working from home, chill with the dog and entertain in the evenings with the family.



#### Project: **Clifton Gardens Sanctuary** Project Manager: **Craig Deeley** Designer: **Joanne Rogers**

🗙 Gold

Kebur Landscape Division

and Mistletoe Garden Design

The remit of this project was to change the current dark and overgrown garden and create an elegant garden space with lovely seating areas, a dining area and a new seating area in the shady corner.



## under £20,000





Project: Omega Garden Project Manager/ Designer/ Architect/ Photographer: **Joshua Fenton** 

The client wanted a complete overhaul of their garden, to make an oasis of beauty and calm. No lawn, low maintenance with lots of plants for the benefit of wildlife. Retaining the practicality of a driveway.





Project: Under the big Oak tree Project Manager: Graham Pusey Designer: Camilla Jousiffe

Roger Glawell Landscapes needed to create a usable family space for their clients within a relatively small space. The client was extremely pleased now having their dream garden.







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Project: **Mcintosh** Project Manager: **Wayne Brans** Designer and photographer: **Wayne Brans** 

The client required a more user friendly space to incorporate a new home office, simplify the many trip levels and remove an old rotten deck. Clients were extatic with their garden makeover, that is now functional for both work and entertaining.



 Bronze

 New Look Landscapes Ltd

#### Project: Roper Crescent Project Manager: Dominic Szepel-Lukowski

The client asked for an easy to maintain garden whilst avoiding straight lines, a nice patio area so that they could enjoy dining outside in the warmer months. The client is overjoyed and can now use their garden day and night.



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# Evolution Froject value £20,000 - £35,000

## **Richard Adam Landscapes Limited**

Project: **The Courtyard Garden** Project Manager: **Richard Kearton** Designer: **Sue Townsend** Photographer: **Michael Prior studio & Richard Kearton** 



Before

This project was a complete renovation of a courtyard garden. The team were thrilled and very proud to have completed this garden to a very high standard. The client was delighted with the outcome of the project.



## Project value £20,000 - £35,000



#### Project: **The Water Tower** Project Manager: **Graham Bruce** Designer: **Tina Vallis**

The client brief for this garden was a walled paved area, an oak structure with a tiled roof, to provide additional dining space, new planting and a raised water feature.



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The Secret Landscape Company Ltd

Project: **Breeze House** Garden Design Project Manager: James Tunstall Designer / Photographer: Richard Rogers Design

The client wanted to transform their garden by removing the lawn and include a dining and entertaining area, a breeze house, a water feature and a greenhouse. The client was overjoyed with the final result. Before



Project: House on the hill Project Manager / Photographer: Graham Pusey Designer: Camilla Jousiffe

The client brief was to create a sleek low maintenance garden where they could entertain and make the most of the views over the adjacent fields.



#### Project value £20,000 - £35,000

Silver Merit | TAW Garden Landscapes Ltd



#### Project: **West Street** Project Manager: **Tom Wooldridge** Project: **Cary D'Arcy**

The client wanted to keep the fundamental design of the original garden but update and modernise the space. The previous workmanship wasn't good, so the client wanted the garden to have proper foundations and be finished using premium materials.

### Silver Merit | Aura Landscapes Ltd

#### Project: **53 Davids Lane** Project Manager: **Mike Warman** Designer: **Noscoe Garden Design**

The aim for this project was to create a garden oasis with lots of planting, lawn and separate entertaining areas. The garden was transformed from a bland, hard looking outdoor space into a garden oasis with different areas to entertain, relax and enjoy.





## Project value £20,000 - £35,000



Project: **Courtyard Garden** Project Manager / Photographer: **Alexandra Hayes** Designer: **Tracy Williamson/ Dawn Elswood** 

The client brief was to design an oasis in the middle of Colchester. It was decided to angle the garden with raised borders that were cladded combined with sandstone coping, to create additional seating.





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#### Project: **Stag Lane** Designer: **Karl Harrison** Photographer: **Venetia Harrison**

The clients brief was to create a low maintenance garden with a simple planting plan, seating area with a fire pit, Breedon gravel paths, a swing ball lawn and enhance the rear of the garden fence by using hazel hurdles and framed Photinias. The clients were overjoyed at the transformation.

#### Project value £20,000 - £35,000





#### Project: **Moorhen Way** Project Manager / Photographer: **Henry Wardley** Designer: **Mark Langford**

The client's brief included creating an entertaining outdoor kitchen, with a pergola and a floating seating area which family and friends can relax and enjoy. A lovely project for a wonderful family.



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### Bronze | Karl Harrison Landscapes Ltd

#### Project: **Joiners Lane** Designer: **Karl Harrison** Photographer: **Venetia Harrison**

The brief for the client was to replace the decking, adding a balcony with side steps, lawn, and pergola, create sleeper beds over the the exisiting concrete pad and a natural path surrounded by beautiful planting.



## Project value £35,000 - £50,000 Best in Category

## Nordland Landscapes Ltd

Project: **Camden Studios** Project Manager: **Daniel O'Neill** Designer: **Mark Soanes** 









#### Project value £35,000 - £50,000



Project: **Tranquil Retreat** Project Manager: **Leigh Lane** Designer: **Lucy Bravington** Architect / Photographer: **Lucy Bravington** 

This garden was designed by Lucy Bravington. Landscapia Ltd were commissioned to bring the design to life using CAD software to create 3D renders and a 3D video walkthrough. The clients are thrilled with their new garden and have used it more than ever.





Project: Hill - Hallowes Close Project Manager: Neal Markwick and Ainsley Courten Designer: Kate Hillock (In House - Gardenscapes) Photographer: Sarah and Haley from Sarah Williams Photography

The client wanted a contemporary garden for entertaining and relaxing that complemented the modern house, softened the imposing garage wall, and maintained the connection to the adjacent meadow and woodland.



Before





Project: Vegetable and Cutting Garden Project Manager: Graham Bruce Designer: Tina Vallis

Frogheath Landscapes were commissioned to build a bigger, improved fruit and veg growing area with extra beds to be used as a cutting garden. The client is enjoying eating fresh fruit and vegetables from his own garden.





The clients previously had a large country garden and were keen gardeners. The client asked Nigel Phillips to come up with a concept plan, as part of his one-to-one garden design service. Frogheath then turned this into a working drawing which accurately reflected the site and its constraints.





#### Project: **The Long Garden** Project Manager: **Simon Carman** Designer: **Sam Albone**

A large, sideways sloping garden, laid to lawn, with no real definition and a client brief to design and create a unique and interesting all-year space allowing access to the new garden room.







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Project: **The Rille** Project Manager: **Graham Pusey** Designer: **Camilla Jousiffe** Photographer: **Graham Pusey** 

The small 6m x 4m space was overgrown and required extensive clearance before work could begin.



## £50,000-£75,000 Best in Category

## County Garden Management

Project: **Kitchen Garden at The Windmill** Project Manager / Designer: **Matthew Dawson** 



Before

The client brief was to design and build both a beautiful space and a functional kitchen garden. The creation of this space contains interest in planting and materials everywhere you look.



## Project value £50,000 - £75,000



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### 🗙 Silver Merit 📔 Essex Garden Designs

#### Project: **Walled Garden** Project Manager / Photographer: **Alex Hayes**

#### Designer: Tracy Williamson

The brief was to design a garden which was colourful and totally different that the client could navigate safely.



#### Project value £50,000 - £75,000



Project: **Glennie's Garden** Project Manager: **Graham Pusey** Designer: **Camilla Jousiffe** Photographer: **Tristan Gladwell** 

This client wanted a new garden constructed in memory of his late wife who sadly passed away before they moved. Roger Gladwell Landscapes made the most of the original aspects whilst ensuring a low maintenance and simple garden to look after.

### Silver Merit | Gardenscapes

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Project: Greenacre - Hallowes Close Project Manager: Neal Markwick and Ainsley Courten Designer: Nicky Chamberlain -Botanicks Design Studio Photographer: Sarah and Haley from Sarah Williams Photography

The clients wanted an inviting, contemporary space with a unique twist to incorporate their much-loved timber clad retaining wall. The garden required the flexibility to allow fun spaces for their children, as well as casual dining areas.

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## Project value £50,000 - £75,000

### Bronze | Essex Garden Designs

Project: Social Garden Project Manager / Photographer: Alexandra Hayes Designer: Tracy Williamson/ Dawn Elswood

The brief was to create a social garden that was different to anything else on the street. A bespoke oak pergola was incorporated together with oak slatted fencing on top of the brick wall and around the hot tub area to create privacy.



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## Froject value £75,000-£100,000 Best in Category

## JJH Landscapes & Construction Ltd

Project: **Escarpment Garden** Project Manager: **Justin Himpson** Designer: **Adam Vetere** 





Before

The client wanted to create a garden that was beautiful, fun, and welcoming, with a nature friendly approach whilst providing space and areas in the garden for eating and entertaining but also for relaxing and reading.





Project. Westhorpe Project Manager: Simon Ginger Designer: Colm Joseph Gardens Architect: Paul Weston

Gadd Brothers Trees and Landscapes completed a full landscape build around a new house that had been designed by Colm Joseph. The clients are very pleased with the end result.









## £75,000 - £100,000







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## Project value £100,000-£175,000 Best in Category

## **Cobham Court Landscaping**

Project: **Iona** Project Manager: **Alastair Smith** Designer: **Helen Rose Wilson** Photographer: **Ali Smith** 





The garden was cleared of all green waste and brought down to formation levels. Decking, decorative stone surfaces, clay pavior steps, porcelain, granite, lawns, hedges, planting, trees, irrigation, a green house were included.



#### Project value £100,000 - £175,000

Gold | Roger Gladwell Landscapes

#### Project: **The Manor House** Photographer: **Graham Pusey**

The client recently had an extension and needed the garden to be constructed to match. The garden was created to be sympathetic to the house, whilst being an extension of the usable space. A hitech sound system and outdoor cinema was added for the family to enjoy.

### Gold | Premier Gardens

Project: **North Avenue** Project Manager / Photographer: **Duncan Scott** Designer/ Architect: **Alistair W Baldwin Associates Limited** 

In the clients words the garden was 'Joyless', it was overgrown, neglected and uninspiring. The client is extremely happy with the result, commenting, "a great piece of art, it is truly beautiful, it inspires us everyday". Before



## Project value £100,000 - £175,000



#### Project: **Wychwood House** Project Manager: **Tom Wooldridge** Designer: **Cary D'Arcy**

The client wanted to keep the fundamental design of the original garden but update and modernise the space. Many of the exisiting plants were kept in this project and that required the team to be creative as there was limited space.

### Silver Merit | The Botanical Gardener

#### Project: **Charlwood Road** Project Manager: **Chris Warren** Designer: **Nicholas Dexter**

The client wanted a garden to remind them of their Cotswolds roots, whilst blending in with the house and allowing a space for the children to enjoy and use the garden. Before

Project value £100,000 - £175,000

#### Project: **Glebe House** Designer: **Daniel Shea**

The client brief was to design a new patio close to the house with paths leading out into the garden. The variety of height and depths of planting used, attracts wildlife and sets the elegant ambience of the garden.

### Bronze | Goldenstones Gardening

Silver | Hg Landscapes Woburn Ltd

Project: **Days View** Project Manager / Designer: **Chris Blackwell** Photographer: **Sarah Blackwell** 

The brief from the client was to provide a useable family garden with entertaining areas. Goldenstones designed this garden to take advantage of the steep hillside setting, allowing multiple areas to flow seamlessly with the different levels of the house. Before



## Project value £175,000-£250,000



## **Esse** Landscapes

Project: Ferndale Project Manager: Aidan Bramall Designer: Stephen Etheridge







Ferndale was designed and created by the team at Esse Landscapes, to provide the ultimate contemporary space for outdoor leisure and entertaining. The focal point is a large swimming pool with wide steps.



#### Project value £175,000 - £250,000



Project: **Rogues Hill House** Project Manager: **Steve Gardiner** Designer: **Victoria Chesterfield** Photographer: **Mikey Reed** 

The brief was to re-design and landscape a large semi-rural garden which had become neglected and overgrown. The clients were seeking to rationalise the space into a family friendly garden with various areas to entertain.



### 🛚 Silver Merit

The Secret Landscape Company Ltd



#### Project: Longridge House Project Manager: James Tunstall Designer: Mark Latchford

The clients wanted to transform a neglected garden into a beautiful series of outdoor living spaces. The resulting Balinese-inspired design introduces a spa pergola with a sunken hot tub below a sliding deck, and an open-plan outdoor kitchen.





Project: **Beech House** Project Manager: **Lee Goulding** Designer: **Sue Gilbert** 

A large garden transformation to a new build property. The modern property built with sustainability and modern living in mind, boasted a stunning visage of contemporary finishes. The client was delighted with the finished result.



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### Project value OVER £250,000

## ✓ Best in Category

## AS Landscapes Design & Build Ltd.

Project: **AS Show Garden** Project Manager / Designer: **Alan Sewell** Photographer: **Locations Photography Ltd.** 



The brief was to create a garden to showcase AS Landscapes skills, design trends and products of choice to show potential clients and designers, and to use as office space and entertaining area. They are delighted with the finished show garden and launched it in August 2022.



## Commercial Garden

## K Best in Category

## Wright Landscapes Ltd

Project: **Black Friar Pub** Project Manager / Designer: **Nathan Webster** Photographer: **Phil Topping** 





Wright Landscapes were employed to carry out the design and landscaping works as part of the pubs major restoration project, transforming an extensive baron area of hard landscaping into a contemporary destination.



### Commercial Garden





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## Soft Landscaping

## Best in Category

## Adam Vetere Landscape & Garden Design

Project: **The Contemporary Courtyard Garden** Project Manager: **Justin Himpson** Designer / Photographer: **Adam Vetere** 





The clients wanted a complete redesign of their sloping aspect garden. Including flexible zones for cooking and dining, and a small water feature.



### Soft Landscaping





Landscape Design Bushy Business Ltd were contacted by the designer to carry out the soft landscaping on a large country

garden that had a small river running through part of it. The client is very excited about the transformation of the garden and really happy with the outcome of all the hard work.





Project: **Private Cheshire Garden** Project Manager: **Steve Williams** Designer / Architect: **Lindsey Humblet** 

#### Photographer: Phil Topping

A private residential property, within the rolling Cheshire countryside. Wright Landscapes Ltd were commissioned to work closely with AMOS group to deliver the high-end gardens to mirror the premium finish as part of the property rebuild. Before





Project: **Windmill Bank** Project Manager / Designer: **Nic Howard** 

Windmill Bank's original garden was not befitting of the country-style property, it was plain and unimaginative without making full use of the large outdoor space. The new design uses the country setting to fantastic effect.





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## Hard Landscaping

## 🗙 Best in Category

## Landscapia Ltd

Project: **Metropolitan Elegance** Project Manager: **Leigh Lane** Designer / Architect / Photographer: **Marc Lane** 

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This client had undergone a large renovation of their home, they wanted areas that they could use for dining, relaxing and a place for a hot tub that included screening for privacy. The client is absolutely thrilled with the final outcome.

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# Hard Landscaping



Project: **Contemporary Courtyard Garden** Project Manager: **Justin Himpson** Designer: **Adam Vetere** 

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#### Before





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The client wanted a contemporary garden for entertaining and relaxing that complemented the modern house, softened the imposing garage wall, and maintained the connection to the adjacent meadow and woodland. Before



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# Hard Landscaping



Project: Keppels Project Manager: Mike Warman Designer: Andy Kirk (Aura Landscapes) Photographer: Paula Warman

The client wanted to renew the old expanse of driveway. Aura Landscapes designed the area to incorporate a series of interlocking circles, to break up the large expanse of paving. The client is very happy.



🗙 Bronze AS Landscapes Design & Build Ltd.



Project: Merryhills Project Manager: Alan Sewell Designer: GreenArden Design Photographer: Locations Photography Ltd.

The brief for this project was to create a larger useable entertaining space, a level lawn and raised planters.





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# Garden Feature

# Best in Category

# Esse Landscapes

Project: Ashfold Grange Koi Pond Project Manager: Martin Jones Designer: Stephen Etheridge



Before

The clients wished to replace their existing pond with a much grander koi pond that would allow them to substantially increase their fish collection. The new layout allows them to view the fish at their best and provide ample space to relax.



## Garden Feature



Andy Lewis planted the seed for this sculpture around 5 years ago; in 2021 he received a phone call to build it. The client was extremely pleased with the finished project, something they both had thought about for a long time.







Sold Gartenart Swimming Ponds

#### Project: Swimming pond in East Sussex Project Manager: Melina De Biasio

Project Manager: **Melina De Blasic** Designer: **Melinda La Mantia** Architect: **Peter Beardsley** Photographer:

#### Michael Sannwald-Kirk

The brief was to create a swimming pool looking as if it had been part of the garden for a long time, not like a new build.





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## Garden Feature

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#### Project: **Arcadia Rill** Project Manager: **Craig Nester** Designer: **Mike Long**

The clients brief was to totally transform their large garden into a modern paradise. With LED strip lighting creating a modern feel and enhancing the bridge and stepping stone areas, the whole feature is truly breathtaking.



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#### Project: Oak Framed Outdoor Dining

The client brief was to provide an outdoor dining area with a canopy on the lower paving terrace, in keeping with a traditional blend of materials. Conquest Spaces facilitated this by creating a traditional Oak framed pergola/ canopy with reclaimed local clay tiles. Before

# Overall Design & Build Best in Category

# Silver Merit Gardenscapes

#### Project: Hallowes Close

Project Manager: **Neal Markwick and Ainsley Courten** Designer: **Kate Hillock (In House - Gardenscapes)** Photographer: **Sarah and Haley from Sarah Williams Photography** 





The client wanted a contemporary garden for entertaining and relaxing that complemented the modern house, softened the imposing garage wall, and maintained the connection to the adjacent meadow and woodland.



## Overall Design & Build

## Silver | Harlow Garden Services



#### Project: **The Long Garden** Project Manager: **Simon Carman** Designer: **Sam Albone**

A large, sideways sloping garden, laid to lawn, with no real definition and a client brief to design and create a unique and interesting all-year space allowing access to the new garden room.





Project: **Retirement Garden** Project Manager/ Architect/ Photographer: **Graham Pusey** Designer: **Hannah Sheffield** 

This client wished to build a garden that was more usable over less levels.









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# APL Designer of the Year Best in Category

# We Love Plants

Project: **Bay Tree House** Project Manager/ Designer: **Nic Howard** Architect: **Nova** 





The client requested a truly bespoke, contemporary space with a luxurious and calming atmosphere. A series of spaces are cleverly interlinked, with entertaining terraces and formal lawns.



## APL Designer of the Year



The clients wanted a complete redesign of their sloping aspect garden. Including flexible zones for cooking and dining, and a small water feature.

Scold Bramley Apple Garden Design

Sold Adam Vetere Landscape & Garden Design

#### Project: **Cottage Courtyard** Designer / Photographer: **Sarah Plested**

The cottage courtyard garden was designed to extend the living space in this small, north facing garden. The clients enjoy an outdoor lifestyle and their new garden has provided them with an attractive oasis to entertain and relax in. Before



#### Project: **The Escarpment Garden** Project Manager: **Justin Himpson** Designer: **Adam Vetere**

The client wanted to create a garden that was beautiful, fun, and welcoming, with a nature friendly approach whilst providing space and areas in the garden for eating and entertaining but also for relaxing and reading. Before



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Project Manager: William Stevenson - Block Yorkshire Designer: Lisa Norton -Harrogate Garden Design Photographer: Joanne Galvin

The brief was to transform the clients very small, untidy backyard into a Mediterranean-themed courtyard. They are delighted with the finished look, it is now a relaxing retreat.



🗙 Silver Merit





Tina Vallis Garden Design

Project: **Longridge House** Project Manager: **Carol Edwards** Designer: **Mark Latchford** Architect: **HollandGreen** Photographer: **Ellie Walpole** 

The clients wanted to transform a neglected garden into a beautiful series of outdoor living spaces. The resulting Balinese-inspired design introduces a spa pergola with a sunken hot tub below a sliding deck, and an open-plan outdoor kitchen.





Project: **Stone Sea** Designer/ Photographer: **Tina Vallis** 

The clients got planning permission to replace the original house with 2 contemporary houses. The clients wanted a dividing wall that gave privacy from their new neighbours.





# APL Collaboration

# 🗙 Best in Category

# Adam Vetere Landscape & Garden Design and JJH Landscapes

Project: **The Contemporary Courtyard Garden** Project Manager: **Justin Himpson** Designer/ Photographer: **Adam Vetere** 





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# APL Collaboration

🔀 Gold Habitat Landscapes Ltd



#### Project: Arcadian escape Project Manager: Craig Nester Designer: Mike Long

The clients brief was to turn their open, plain and mundane space into a tropical paradise that they could use to escape and relax from the pressures of their busy and demanding lifestyle. The clients were delighted and excited to see the garden emerge.

#### Before



### 🗙 Silver Merit

HollandGreen Landscapes (Collaborating with The Secret Landscape Co.)

Project: Longridge House Project Manager: Carol Edwards (HollandGreen) & James Tunstall (Main Contractor, The Secret Landscape Co.) Designer: Mark Latchford, HollandGreen Architect: HollandGreen Photographer: Ellie Walpole

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Before



#### Project: RG9 Project Manager: Glenn Collins Designer: Darren Hawkes

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### Silver 🕅

Raine Garden Design Ltd & **Bushy Business** 



Project: New build transformation Project Manager/ Designer: **Raine Clarke-Wills** Photographer: Ross Phillips

The clients were looking for a traditional garden with a modern twist, and their main requests were to incorporate a larger area for alfresco dining, a water feature and relaxing area, with a good balance of planting encouraging bees and colour.

Before



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# Domestic Maintenance Best in Category

# Jacq and Wills Landscapes

Project: Caldrees Manor Project Manager: Justin Himpson Project Manager/ Designer: Will Petty











# Commercial Maintenance Best in Category

# HM Gardens Ltd

Project: Rainbow Project Manager/ Photographer: Miranda Munday







Before

Rainbow is situated on an acre of land with inner and public gardens. The aim was to rejuvenate, clear and utilise existing stock, planting and at once mulching. Years of Ivy growth was the biggest problem, they had to tackle it section by section. The gardens are now at a stage of enhancing and evolving. The garden still feels private, with beautiful mature trees. Truly a natural, tranquil docklands oasis.



# 🔀 Judges Special Award

Gartenart

Not offered every year, but an award that can be used at the judges discretion when a garden or feature is so good, but it doesn't quite fit in any of the categories. It doesn't happen often, but this year the JSA was required. Gartenart have been building natural swimming pools for many years. This East Sussex project was required to look and feel like it had nestled into its surroundings for many years. This stunning pool did this in buckets. It blended beautifully with its surroundings, incorporating beautiful soft landscaping and a high-quality finish. We have not got a section for natural pools, but this is something we may need to reconsider. Well done.



Before







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Mustard Seed

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STARD SEED

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APL Supplier of the Year



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