



Terrace
Paving to match existing terrace and tied in with that around existing small pond. Arbour Paving to match terrace. In the middle of the terrace, a neatly manicured lawn with a bird bath in the centre. The bird bath serves as a focal point from the pergola as well as the conservatory and from the path up from the middle lawn. Plants spill over from the borders onto the terrace and paths.

Paths
Path paving to match terrace. Edging around middle lawn to provide a hard surface for winter use, and to keep the plants off the lawn in summer. Path between upper terrace and middle lawn with pergola over and steps to adjust levels.

Pergolas and Arbours
Large pergola on terrace covered in vines, to provide shade and privacy for a dining table below. Arbour by middle lawn covering a seat with a view towards the topiary.

Espaliered Pears on fence
A fence across the garden below the middle lawn to divide the garden and screen the vegetable cage and doubling as a support for espaliered pear trees. An arch through the fence, covered in climbing plants provides access to the lower garden.

Water butty
Two oak barrel water butty. By the back door, barrel designed to screen the bins from the side passage. By the conservatory fitted with a cast iron pump, serving as a focal point from the top of the steps.

Trellis
Trellis panel to screen wheelie bins by back door.

The wood
Woodchip paths wander through the woods and provide access to a gate to the public foot path. There is a clearing in the middle to provide a picnic spot and a seat by the brook with views over the meadows. The woodland floor is densely planted with hazels and wild flowers. Some of the felled trees are used to make rustic log seats and path edgings. Along with bark mulch, piles of logs, branches and twigs are left lying on the woodland floor to provide shelter for wild life and encourage mosses and fungi. Ash logs to be used for firewood. Various nestboxes in trees.

Birch grove
A grove of birch trees created by adding new trees to the existing birch stands in a meadow of long grass and flowers that enjoy the dappled shade provided by the trees. Further birch trees stand in a shrubbery and a mown grass path meanders through the grove.

Orchard
The remaining fruit trees have room to spread. Long grass grows between the trees. This is planted with spring flowers. The grass is cut down in July well before the harvest.

Meadow
Areas of grass are left to grow long. Areas under trees in the orchard and birch grove are planted with spring and early summer flowers and bulbs. Sunnier places are planted with later flowering plants such as scabious.

Pond
The pond is filled via a ditch that is to be converted to a reed bed filter to remove excess nutrients. The final stretch of the ditch is lined with flat paddle stones and shingle to create a brook and keep the water clean. The pond margins are thickly planted with exotic marginals and native waterside plants. Water lilies cover the surface around the edges, keeping a central area clear to reflect the sky.

Weeping Willow
A weeping willow is planted to dry up the ground between the birch grove and the orchard. (Some French drains may also be necessary to remove a few existing trees between the willow and the boundary in about ten years time to allow the willow to spread.)

Seats and Views
Seats are provided at various points to rest and take in the view. One is in a small clearing under the trees with a view out towards the "White Horse".

Summer House
A painted summer house with a cedar shingle roof is set in the trees and long grass with a view out over the pond towards the island. Bonfire and compost areas. A clearing is provided for a bonfire and a path from here leads to a bridge over the ditch to an area behind the kitchen garden where compostables can be stacked or compost bins located. (Unwanted turf during landscaping works can be stacked here.)

Planting
A backbone of evergreens provides structure whilst deciduous plants give seasonal interest, scent, and food for birds and butterflies.

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