

TESTIMONIALS

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER

Dear David,

We wanted to write a few short lines to tell you how pleased and amazed we are by the garden you have created for us at *****. When we started out on this venture we really were not sure what we wanted from our garden. We had thought of having just a lawn and some tree's... What we have ended up with is a garden beyond our wildest dreams. What impressed us most was your attention to even the smallest of details, as well as the quality of the workmanship and plants. In a few short months you have in effect taken a patch of brown earth and turned into a little piece of paradise that looks like it has been there for years. To be eating Figs picked fresh from our own garden was an unexpected treat. It is so tranquil and peaceful we find ourselves drawn out wanting to spend as much time as possible enjoying the various different facets of the garden. We spent a lot more than we originally intended but in our view it was worth every penny. Again, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

(Name and address withheld)

HILLTOP, CHESTER

Now we have completed the project for the redesigning and landscaping of the garden I just wanted to drop you a note. Christine and I are absolutely thrilled with the outcome and wanted to express our sincere thanks for both the vision that you showed in creating the garden but also the professionalism and commitment to perfection that you demonstrated throughout the building process. Is always satisfying to see a glorious outcome but we have both enjoyed the process of working with you and the enjoyment that our regular interface gave to both Christine and I. We are really proud of what you have helped us to achieve and without your vision and creativity our outside place would not have become the intriguing area that it has. If only the weather in the UK were slightly better we would be able to tell you more often how much we have enjoyed the pleasures of the spaces that you have helped us to create. Thank you most sincerely David and naturally if any subsequent client, or potential client would like to see how your vision can become a reality then please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be delighted to give either a verbal referral or show people around.

Kindest Regards,

Peter & Christine

DERBYSHIRE

Dear David

Just thought we'd write and tell you that finding you was better than finding the crown jewels!! We can't believe how, with your design, you managed to transform a very steep and difficult "scrubland" to the most fantastic, usable space. We reckon we must have had at least 6 different designers over a period of time to look at the area to be landscaped and without exception, they tutt tutted, scratched their heads and went away, never to be seen again! Until, that is, the day we came across your website. We were most impressed with the site - it looked very professional and when we e-mailed you we never expected anyone to come back

to us. But you did, and unlike the other designers (a couple of them well known), you viewed it as a challenge and you certainly came up with the "goods" as it were. Your design incorporated everything on our wish list and more! Your project managing skills were second to none and we will be forever grateful to you for taking our project on.

Your design took care of everything including the long range views to the Peak hills, which we never actually noticed before. As you know, our house is listed and is situated in a hamlet, which is classed as an area of outstanding natural beauty Cat.4 so it was important that the design reflected that aspect. Now that the project has finished and planted up, we can hardly contain our excitement to see the numerous bulbs and plants coming up in the spring. Not only have you transformed the site but your design and planting has also transformed our house and has certainly added that magic to the whole place.

We are eternally grateful to you and your team for the most wonderful design and build anyone could ever wish for! Oh, and not forgetting that great cheeky Irish humour that was thrown in for free!! We feel that not only have we got a beautiful garden now but we also gained a wonderfully warm friend - thank you so much.

With kind regards

John and Elizabeth

COMMUNITY PROJECT, SALFORD

Dear David

I wanted to write to thank you on behalf of all of us here at Start in Salford, the staff volunteers and members are extremely delighted with the fantastic garden space that you have created for us all.

I realised that it would be quite a challenge for you to take on this project given that we had consulted all our members both gardeners and artists to contribute to the vision for our garden – and there was quite a hefty list of what we wanted to include.

However you were not daunted by this and instead were keen to take up the challenge.

You brought bags of enthusiasm, great imagination & knowledge drive and your own ideas and incorporated nearly everything we had wished for in the final stunning design.

We loved your sense of humour and the friendly way you had with everyone and this made the time we spent working on the garden very enjoyable and fun for us all.

We also want to thank you for all the additional help and support you gave us and to pass on our thanks to your super 'garden crew' Cid and the lads who were really fantastic.

We would end by saying that everyone who sees the garden are excited and delighted by all the different facets to it and as the seasons pass it transforms and gives us something new.

We think of you all as our new friends and hope you will continue to drop by and see how our beautiful garden space continues to flourish.

Yours sincerely

Bernadette Conlon

Chief Executive

DELPH

Dear David

I am pleased to say I am no longer the owner of a 'cr*p garden' but one which mirrors the amazing views across the rolling hills of Saddleworth that we are so fortunate to live amongst. My original mission statement was a simple and frank one and I can honestly say you have surpassed our expectations. You have turned a small, characterless front garden/yard into the best room in the house! Everything is in keeping with the surroundings and feel of the area. It is not pretentious yet it is full of subtle surprises. We asked for a lovely garden but never thought that you would achieve so much with so little. As for the fence - fantastic!

Thank you – we love it!

Janine and David

28th March 2010

BRITTANY, FRANCE

Hi David

So now that the plans are all finished, I'd like to take a few paragraphs to discuss my response to what you've produced. The best summary I can come up with (and Bethany has heard me say this a few times!) is that I think it's superb. It's exactly the kind of thing I was looking for, but it's also much more than I was expecting. It's adventurous and appropriate... elegant and practical... fitting and yet it'll (inevitably) be the talk of the town. In particular I appreciated the way that you worked to incorporate some of the useful smaller details that we discussed, such as working off the commune plant list, the hops for my brewery, the areas for dumping the old concrete, the working in of the garage area, the re-factoring around the septic tank, the bread oven etc. It's clear to me, looking now at the finished plan, that you really took on board my visions and ideas for the place (vague as some of them were) and helped to shape those into some kind of reality... and that's what I was hoping for.

Other things I particularly like are the list of herbs (I love to cook, so these will be very welcome) and the places where they are used as borders; the practical advice and guidance around the use of plants for animal consumption; the detail with which the construction of some of the structural pieces have been laid out; the raised vegetable garden with the steps and the plants along that wall; the use of lavender; the detail in the greenhouse; the climbers around the front of the house; the tree-lined driveway... and ultimately how each well-contained area contributes to a cohesive whole.

Ben