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## Aralia Garden Design and Clear Architects to restore Debden Hall

Award-winning garden design company Aralia has been appointed to restore a lost country estate in the heart of the Essex greenbelt in collaboration with Clear Architects.

The companies have proposed a redesign of the grounds of Debden Hall, Loughton, which was originally designed by architect Henry Holland.

It is believed that the Debden Hall country estate would have been designed by Holland's friend Lancelot 'Capability' Brown and the proposed plan uses these two figures to create a new layer of history with subtle hints to what it was by restoring lost features.

The intention of the development is to reinstate the site as a typical English estate, true to its heritage while taking care to maintain, develop and enhance the amenity and ecological value of the infringing woodland.

[www.aralia.org.uk](http://www.aralia.org.uk)

## Jekka McVicar and Jamie Butterworth announced as RHS Ambassadors

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has announced that Jekka McVicar, of Jekka's Herb Farm, and Jamie Butterworth, co-founder of YoungHort, will be joining its list of RHS Ambassadors.

The announcement came at the annual RHS Chelsea Flower Show press conference held in London on Wednesday 13 January, which was attended by fellow RHS Ambassadors Alan Titchmarsh and Mary Berry.

Jekka has a number of achievements within the industry, having been awarded the Garden Media Guild Lifetime Achievement

Award as well as 62 RHS Gold medals for her exhibitions at RHS flower shows, and the Lawrence Medal in 2009.

This year, Jekka will be making her debut RHS Chelsea Show Garden design and her focus as an RHS Ambassador will be on health herbs and horticulture.



Twenty-one-year-old Jamie will use his role to share his passion for horticulture as well as getting more secondary school children involved, one of the reasons he co-founded YoungHort in 2013.

[www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

## Tim O'Hare Associates warns BS topsoil standard is not enough for many schemes

Tim O'Hare Associates (TOHA) has warned specifiers and contractors not to rely solely on the British Standard for Topsoil (BS3882:2015), particularly for more difficult schemes.

Tim O'Hare, partner and principal consultant at TOHA, is concerned about the small print in the document and a series of notes at the end of Table 1. He said: "Compliance with the Table 1 parameters does not necessarily

mean a topsoil is suitable for every landscape situation or application. This standard is intended for use throughout the UK but will not necessarily pick up regional variations in rainfall or temperature or site-specific issues.

"We suggest using BS3882:2015 as a starting point, but possibly consider narrowing some of the tolerances of certain parameters if the project requires it."

[www.timohare-associates.com](http://www.timohare-associates.com)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Sky's the limit as Boningale's roof garden business soars

Boningale Nurseries saw a huge growth in roof garden business in 2015 and predicts further growth in 2016. By combining its horticultural experience and cutting edge research from its green roof department, GreenSky, landscape architects have been able to benefit from the whole package.

[www.boningale-greensky.co.uk](http://www.boningale-greensky.co.uk)

### Quadron Services supports Kingston Council in developing new Green Spaces Strategy

Green space management company Quadron Services has been working with its client The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames to prepare consultation documents to progress the implementation of the client's innovative new Green Spaces Strategy 2015-2021.

[www.quadronservices.co.uk](http://www.quadronservices.co.uk)

### Landscape Institute advises on careers in industry

The Landscape Institute has published a careers brochure for schools, which can be used alongside its Ambassadors for Landscape scheme. The scheme is going well, with 71 practitioners already signed up.

[www.landscapeinstitute.org](http://www.landscapeinstitute.org)



Nick Coslett, Marketing Manager, Palmstead Nurseries  
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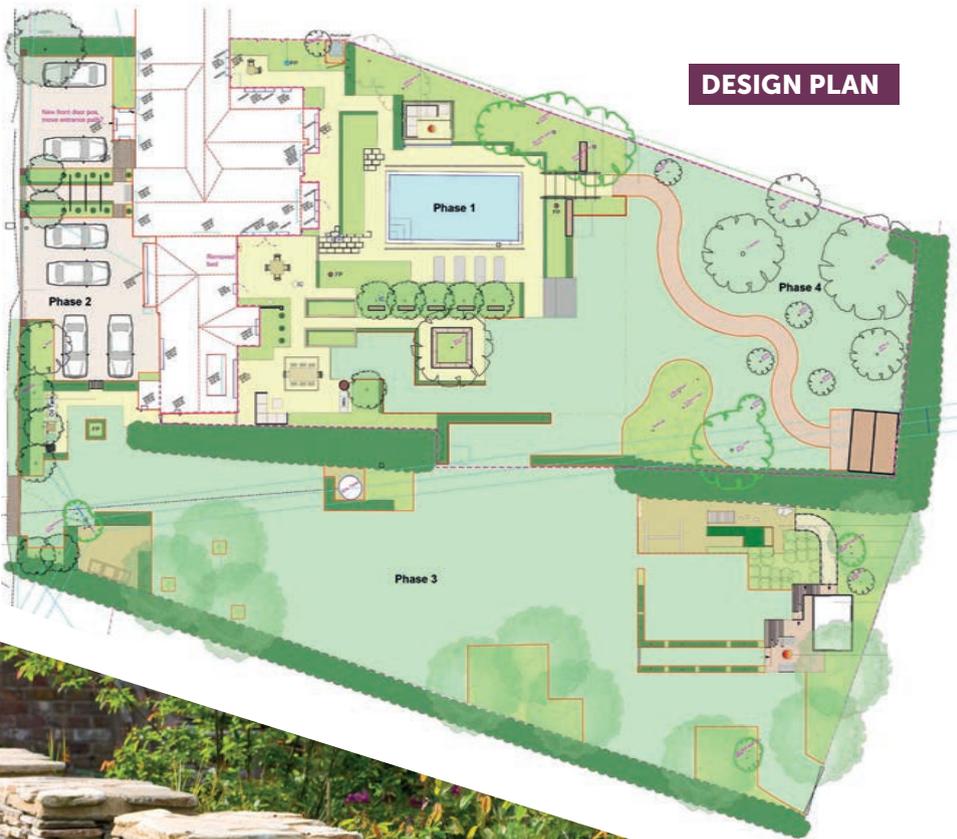
Aralia gave this renovated 19th century cottage a modern country garden with a family friendly focus



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**SGD**  
**2015**  
AWARDS  
**SHORTLISTED**  
MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL  
GARDEN CATEGORY  
(BETWEEN 400-3,000M<sup>2</sup>)

DESIGN PLAN



The clients wanted Aralia's garden design to add emphasis and value to the property, making it both functional and more aesthetically pleasing. They were after a contemporary style to complement a renovated 19th century cottage with a now largely modern fascia. Closer to the house (around the pool) was to be more contemporary and the wider landscape was to be softer and classical. Overall the clients wanted a child friendly family garden.

The design

The design encompassed features that were beyond the clients' expectations and outside of their initial brief, but which Aralia identified would add enormously to their pleasure and use of the garden (ie paddlestone walls, paddlestone stacks and tree seat etc). The clients now have a series of garden rooms which link beautifully and draw the user into and around the immediate garden and out into the wider garden space. The views from inside the house are now much improved all year round. →



**PROJECT DETAILS**

Project value  
**£100k**

Build time  
**April 2011 to June 2013**  
(bulb planting in October 2013)

Size of project  
**679m<sup>2</sup>**

- 1 Finished garden with tree seat, split stone stack columns and wooden arbour over seating area
- 2 View across newly reconditioned swimming pool and stone terrace to the landscape beyond
- 3 Rustic paddle stone columns provide structure to the herbaceous planting scheme
- 4 Long view across the pool to the newly built paddle stone walls and rustic oak pergola
- 5 Magnificent array of tulips presents an ever changing tapestry of colour in spring

ABOUT ARALIA

Aralia is an award winning and visionary design practice which works to the highest professional standards, continually pushing the boundaries and exploring new concepts for landscape design. It has a strong track record of delivering residential gardens which are unique to each of its clients with a distinct character that relates to both the architecture of the house and the surrounding landscape.



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The design also included an oak frame gazebo with red peg tiled roof for a lounge area off the pool, complementary changing room building, further oak pergola and a new entertaining area off the annexe, incorporating raised vegetable beds for experimental planting for the young family. It was essential to introduce some height and drama into the garden and the majority of the planting beds were redesigned with a rich tapestry of plants that would provide both structure and colour.

The design needed to seamlessly link the 19th century cottage to the garden and the surrounding landscape. Aralia used a holistic approach to its spatial planning to the garden spaces, creating a very special journey for the clients and their growing family.

**Materials**

After discussing the brief with the client, ideas were researched for a material palette and a mood board created. After close liaison with the client a feel for the type of materials intended to be used inside (following renovations) was achieved, as well as on the exterior. Background research was carried out into the materials used in the local rural landscape and architecture, to reference within the design. Once selections were made, samples of all materials were collated and sent to the client for approval. Aralia then worked closely with consultant contractors, timber specialists and stone suppliers to ascertain which of the proposed materials would be most suitable for the scheme, and for its structural purpose.

**Challenges**

The garden was planned to be built in four phases, but there was a time when the pool renovations were taking place at the same time as the immediate surrounding garden area at the clients' request. This was tricky as the surrounding paving was being laid at the same time as cross traffic was accessing the pool area.



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- 1 Clipped topiarised bay surrounded by a herbaceous planting scheme
- 2 Herbaceous ground cover and climbers soften the existing wall
- 3 Deep substantial planting beds set within the stone terrace
- 4 Wispy grass such as Stipa gigantea softens the view back to the house

- 5 Bespoke oak and paddle stone seat
- 6 Heavy equipment was required to refurbish the pool and surroundings
- 7 The pool before work began
- 8 The newly refurbished pool
- 9 Paddle stone columns add structure and drama
- 10 Just the plants to be installed

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