

Case Study: Garden 2

This garden was actually two gardens. At the front and the back of a large farmhouse. At the front a large barn was demolished and the area was opened up to create a courtyard parking area and a front entrance with turning areas. The main drive was in gravel and the courtyard done is setts to complement the building.



This is the rear of the property showing the cleared site after the demolition of further outbuildings. The site is on a hill and is quite exposed. Our brief was to create a private, low maintenance sheltered garden which still retained the open views to the fields beyond and helped to screen the view of the farm buildings.

This shows the finished garden newly planted. A garden wall was built around the perimeter using the reclaimed bricks from the demolished buildings. The level wall you can see allows open views to be enjoyed from the living room. A rustic lean-to again built from reclaimed materials was incorporated to give further shelter in the garden.



This shot taken at the end of the first summer shows the central bed with the house in the background. The red sedum in the foreground provide a real splash of colour in autumn just when some of the other plants are past their best.



This main drive was in gravel and the courtyard done in setts to complement the building. This picture shows the newly planted raised bed built using the bricks reclaimed from the demolished farm buildings. Adjoining the raised beds are a wide flight of steps in Yorkstone to give an easy transition between the parking area and the front entrance.

This shows the garden after much of the hard landscaping is complete. The shape of the paved surfaces and sleeper paths are easily visible here. You might just be able to make out the shape of the serpent.



This view through the garden gate. The bulk of the materials used were reclaimed from different areas of the farm. We have tried to use them sympathetically and blend old with new. The bricks were some of the nicest I have ever seen and really give the whole garden a character of its own.