

REAPING THE REWARDS

Discover how a working partnership and friendship materialised between designer Teresa Potter and client Brenda Butler during a series of creative garden projects. Photography: LottieDesign.com

Garden designer, Teresa Potter has been reshaping and improving gardens throughout the north west for over 10 years and over this time has formed close relationships with many of her clients. One such client, Brenda Butler of Freckleton has employed the services of Teresa on several occasions, resulting in the development of a beautiful garden and an equally beautiful friendship.



2002: Project 1 Vegetable Garden

Brenda commissions Teresa to design a vegetable garden to the side of the rear garden of her home. Although Brenda has worked the plot in the past, she has experienced difficulty in growing her crops due to the soil conditions and access issues, created by the lack of hard landscaping. Teresa begins by drawing up a design that lays out individual planting areas, linked

together with eye catching mosaic pathways to enable easy navigation between the beds. On completion of the garden construction, Teresa plants the garden area with ornamentals that have been chosen for their ability to provide year round structure and attract pollinating insects. Brenda now has a dedicated area for crop rotation, a bespoke wrought iron fruit cage for soft fruit production and a pergola for training apple trees.



2004: Project 2 Ornamental Garden

Brenda's vegetable garden is now producing an abundance of fresh, organic produce. She requests Teresa's expertise to design the ornamental area of the rear garden to incorporate a border for Brenda's favourite herbs, an orangery and an ornamental planting scheme to enhance the view from the conservatory. A state of the art Alitex garden conservatory is unobtrusively positioned to enable the cultivation of Mediterranean citrus fruits, peaches, chillies and grapes and a series of lollipop trees provide structure and rhythm, bringing the whole garden together.



2010: Project 4 Courtyard Garden

Brenda has commenced a renovation project on a separate property and has commissioned Teresa to redesign the courtyard area before the plans for the interior are finalised. Discussing ideas and possibilities for the garden before completing the interior's plans will help to integrate the two areas, making the very best of the property.

2008: Project 3 Front Garden

Four years later and Brenda is reaping the rewards of her garden and has almost eliminated the need to buy fruit and vegetables. However, she now feels that the front of her property is in need

of a tidy up, so engages Teresa to create a low maintenance, ornamental garden. Teresa designs paving and planting areas to complement the house and incorporates a stand of silver birch, under planted with snowdrops, narcissi, alliums, iris and lilies help to create a lace-like screen from

the road and provide an extended season of colour. The pathways are constructed using natural sawn York stone inlaid with slate and pebble mosaics that reflect the diamond design within the windows. The overall effect is one of peace and tranquillity with a subtle touch of class.

