



New for 2019

Garden Design



With January and the new year signalling new beginnings - how about a new flower bed or border, or even a new garden?

The more planning you do now, the sooner it will become a reality for summer. With this in mind, we are working with a garden designer who has recently started her garden design studies at Capel Manor College, in Enfield. If you are wanting some ideas and perhaps a scaled drawing to help you visualise your space, we can help put some ideas together.

Jobs to do now...

- Remove last years foliage from Hellebores to reveal delicate blooms.
- Prune selected deciduous trees while the branches are bare so its easier to see any damaged or diseased limbs.
- Winter-prune Wisteria, Roses, Apple and Pear trees.
- Plant Bareroot fruit bushes.
- Mulch beds & borders.
- Force Rhubarb for earlier harvest.
- Seed potatoes can be chitted.
- Sow Onions, Cauliflower, Leeks and Lettuce under cover for early crops.
- Be wildlife friendly by keeping Birdbaths free from freezing with a small floating ball.

Save your old egg boxes to use when chitting your seed potatoes

Hints & Tips

Photos: 'Charlotte' Potatoes chitting

Photos: Saved Aquilegia vulgaris seed ready for sprinkling onto flower beds

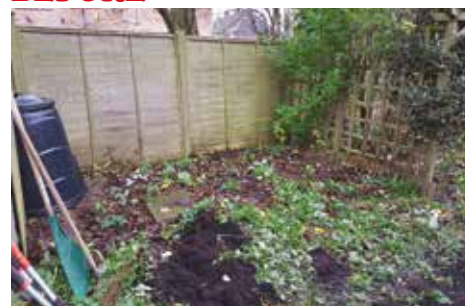
What have we been up to?

A job well done!

Apart from the general garden maintenance we carry out every day, for this customer we were asked to create a vegetable growing area at the bottom of the garden.

We transformed the space from wilderness to two areas for planting - one raised with sleepers - together with a path to the existing shed and storage area at the back.

BEFORE



AFTER



Celebrating success...



We have also received the exciting news that we have been nominated for an Award, that recognises excellence in business across Hertfordshire.

The biz4Biz Awards are impartial, independent awards that can be won by anyone involved in a business in Hertfordshire. Returning for its 3rd year, the aim of The biz4Biz Awards is to seek out examples of being the best at what we do and to recognise excellence in business across our County.

You can vote for us by using the following link - thank you in anticipation!

<https://www.bizawards.info/companies/arch-gardening>

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BAREROOT
BORDERS
COLD
COLDFRAME
CORNUS
EVERGREEN
FROST
HEDGE
HELLEBORES
MULCH
PRUNING
ROSES
SNOWDROPS
WISTERIA

H B V H S H S B X R Q N W T B
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Gardens worth a visit...

Benington Lordship Gardens,

Benington, Stevenage SG2 7BS is open every year in February when it is carpeted in a spectacular display of naturalised snowdrops around the remains of the Norman keep and surrounding moat. Hellebores, aconites and winter flowering shrubs are also in flower, as well as the coloured stems of acers, cornus and willow around the ponds.



Photos: Galanthus nivalis (Snowdrop)

OPENING TIMES 2019: 6th February - 3rd March, daily 12-4pm
PRICES: Adults £5 (£6 on Sundays). Children: 12-16 yrs £2; under 12's free.
FREE PARKING • **SORRY NO DOGS ALLOWED**
REFRESHMENTS available in the tea room from Monday to Saturday, including hot soup & cream teas. On Sundays, refreshments are in the parish hall.

Community Group

What have we been up to?

The ARCH Community Group have been having a well earned rest through December and January. The normal volunteer sessions at either The Wynd or Standalone Farm - In Bloom Garden, will resume in February - weather permitting.

The Community Group has also been contacted by other community organisations i.e. The Brownies and school groups, to use the gardens for educational events. With the new courses starting as well, it is going to be another busy year.




Join us...

26th January	Wood in the Garden
2nd February	Hedge Laying
26th March	Introduction to Gardening
5th April	Grafting
26th May	Soil Science
2nd June	Propagation
26th July	Spring Planter
26th August	Pests & Diseases
2nd September	Seed Collection
26th October	Autumn Pruning
5th November	Introduction to Garden Design

Please note - dates are subject to change

More Information or to book, go to the ARCH Community Group Facebook Page, @ARCHCommunityGroup or visit the Letchworth Heritage Website



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Did you know?

As part of the service that ARCH can offer our customers, we can supply products when we visit.

For example bedding plants, shrubs and even trees can be sourced for you. Compost is in stock at all times so should you need a bag (or more) just let us know.



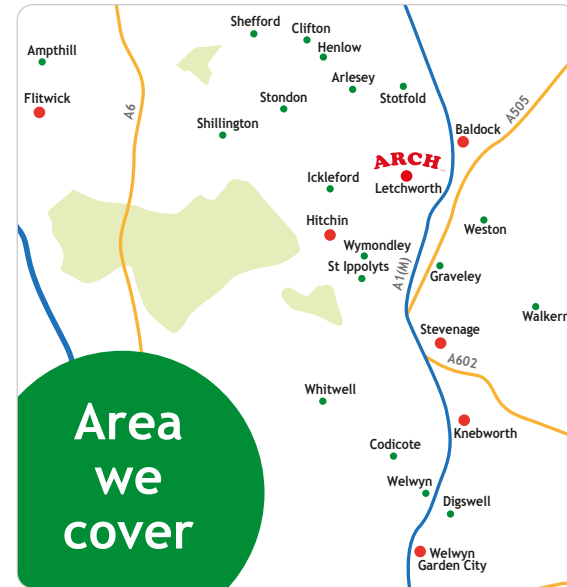
Join the Team.



Here at ARCH, we are busy planning our coming year and with that comes new opportunities to join the team. We are looking for people, like ourselves, that are passionate about gardening and working outdoors.



Meet Sam, the latest recruit!



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

First of all a Happy New Year!

As you will have noticed our bi-monthly newsletter - Under the ARCH - has had a "revamp". We're hoping you enjoy the new layout - any feedback would be welcome.

With the new year upon us, what are you plans for the garden this year? Are there any gaps in the borders, did you lose any planting in the extreme temperatures last year? Now is the time for planting bare root roses, trees and hedging and don't forget, we can obtain these for you.

Apart from planning during the dormant season, there is a list of jobs to be completed, including pruning wisteria, roses and some fruit trees.

If you need help with any of the above please let me know.



ARCH GARDENING

Caroline

Photo: Hellebore (Christmas Rose)