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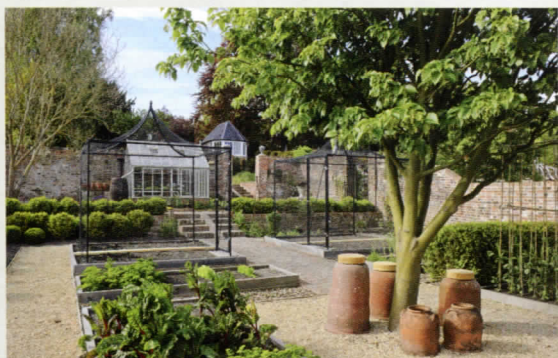


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THE BRIEF A kitchen garden for growing vegetables and flowers for the house was one of the features requested for a steeply sloping half-acre site. The clients, a retired couple, had enjoyed opening their previous larger garden for the National Gardens Scheme, and required a variety of routes and interesting features for visitors to discover and enjoy. The house, summer-house and garden walls are Grade II listed, and the owners asked for existing hard landscaping materials to be recycled wherever possible.

THE CONCEPT A design that linked the house with the garden and played down the significant change in level visible from the house. The kitchen garden was located in the southwest corner, adjacent to the new yard and potting shed. This area of the garden was already enclosed by listed walls, and was not generally overshadowed by trees, although a small acer and mulberry were retained to provide focal points with vertical interest and screening. Planning permission was given to break through one of the walls, so that the kitchen garden could be incorporated into the walk around the garden. Labour-saving features such as wheelbarrow ramps and narrow beds with a raised edge were incorporated. Much thought was given to the design of a seating area under the acer, and after a brainstorming meeting between the designer and the client, it was proposed that old rhubarb forcers would be used. The terracotta pots were topped with wooden seats engraved with the clients' names and the fun saying 'Rhubarb, rhubarb'. This garden won an award from the Association of Professional Landscapers.

