



## Townhouse Garden Design Competition

### Client details and Brief

#### The Clients:

- A family with 2 boys - 6 and 8 years old
- The parents are in their 40's and are interested in contemporary painting, contemporary design, literature and natural history
- The parents have careers as a publisher/editor and a biomedical scientist
- The family have a limited but growing knowledge of gardening and are concerned about their potential carbon footprint.

#### The House details:

- A new build, two storey, 4 bedroom house constructed of local brick and situated on a small housing estate in a small town in the Scottish Borders
- The house was bought new by the present owners in 2008 for approximately £350,000
- The owners intend to stay in the house for a minimum of 8 years
- The neighbouring houses are also occupied by families with children
- The houses to the rear of the plot have their gardens adjoining the common fence-line and there are no inherent views from the property

#### The Garden:

- At present the garden is level throughout and laid to low quality lawn and the concrete paving by the house – both provided by the property developer
- Builder's rubble is suspected near the house
- There is a gravel drive to garage
- The soil pH is 6.5

#### The Budget:

- £15,000 approximately excluding the design fee but including the potential construction costs

#### The Client's Brief:

- To design the rear garden to be interesting and to change throughout the seasons
- The rear garden should look good both in summer and winter and provide an element of privacy from the neighbours to either side
- The proposed design must have some space for games, a rotary clothes drier, a compost bin and some form of rainwater storage
- The planting is to include shrubs and some perennials and could include up to 3 small trees
- The clients DO NOT want annual plants, a water feature or a 'cottage garden' look
- The garden will be used for entertaining and outside dining weather permitting
- The garden is to be relatively low maintenance – approximately 2 hours a week
- If the budget is stretched, the owners would be prepared to help with any planting and are prepared to wait for plants to grow

#### Notes:

- The design proposals are to be for the rear garden only
- All dimensions indicated on the site plan are in millimetres