



## COUNTRY

### The Project

Take a house and garden set in a lovely Hampshire village, add a client seeking a relaxing flower garden and you have a delightful project for Verde's landscape design team.

The existing garden was dominated by a very large apple tree, which produced so many cooking apples every year, it became a haven for wasps feasting on rotting fruit.

Access was another issue. The garden was unusual in that a neighbour had a right of way straight through it, so we worked to keep this route readily available, whilst affording privacy to both parties.



## The Redesign

In close consultation with our client, Verde's garden designers embarked on a complete redesign.

We tackled the problem of the apple tree by reducing and shaping it by a third, immediately opening up the back of the garden. The new light that flooded in gave us wonderful scope to under-plant.

Our biggest task was putting together a successful planting plan to allow our client to enjoy the garden for a long summer season. The garden was south facing, which gave us lots of choice when choosing the perennial plants. We came up with a toning colour scheme of purples, blues, light yellows and lime greens, with accent colours of strong plums and dark pinks.



## The Result

A riot of colour from May to September, with the theme colour changing throughout the season.

One of the great pleasures of summer is eating al fresco, and we introduced a new seating area for the owners to make the most of meals outside, on warm days. An area to invite friends for drinks was another welcome addition – as was a small lawn, perfect for lying on to read or take a summer nap.

To finish the project, we transformed the tree that had once been a major inconvenience, by wrapping the trunk and lower branches with lights. It is now a well-loved feature and gives the garden magical sparkle at night.

