The Main Garden



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The Main Garden: (words by JFA Environmental Planning)

The undulating slopes to the south of the house form the main focus of the garden and retain the historic parkland setting. A mature naturalistic planting edge forms a backdrop to large individual trees which are scattered across the lawn. Design intervention will be minimal to preserve the mature, open landscape though management of the garden will enhance some of the key features that exist. For example; woodland boundary tree and shrub species such as lime, oak, rhododendrons and azaleas will be pruned and cut back to encourage flowering and healthy growth. Vegetation clearance will reveal the existing Milner folly when viewed from the southern terrace of the house.

Furthermore, an area of acidic grassland will be supplemented with wildlife friendly plants to enhance biodiversity.

The Parterre Garden



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A parterre will be created within the sunken garden of the grounds of the house. French in origin, these formal gardens will be bounded by tall clipped yew hedging which creates the feeling of being in an outdoor room. Plant varieties will be mainly evergreen providing a structure for other plant types such as lavender, roses and compact grasses.

Box head lime trees surround a small central water feature thus reinforcing it as a focal point of the space. Gravel paths edged with stone will define the periphery of the plant beds.