

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE

A well designed garden not only provides you with additional living space for dining and entertaining but will add value.

Gardens can appear somewhat larger when designed on angles, for example. It is not expensive to use a professional garden designer; it can actually save you money, as a designer will think 'outside the box' and design to scale avoiding paving cuts for example, and thus saving money. Knowledge of different hard landscaping costs will help you realistically achieve that dream garden within a given budget; a good garden designer will work within your budget and be honest if your expectations exceed the funds.

Most importantly though is to listen; the designer should understand what the client needs and wants, working with the style of the house, advising and offering choice. Often clients are under the wrong impression that a designer will come along and enforce their own tastes upon the client and that there is fear that you could end up with an unsuitable garden.

Designers create wonderful works of art for shows, but these are often unusable as a garden space, and are only suitable for shows.

As the spring bulbs start to show we often turn our thoughts to the beauty of the garden and the enjoyment it brings throughout the warmer months. However this time of year is often too late, as a landscaper offering a quality and reliable service may be booked up 4 – 6 months in advance.

So the autumn is the time to plan ahead, not only to ensure you have your dream garden for the summer, but also the plants will flourish as the soil starts to warm up in the spring.

A professional garden designer will have contacts within the industry who they will recommend.

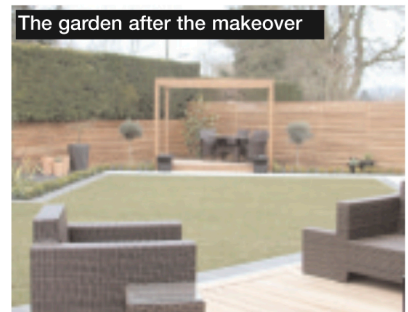
Lisa Potter of Room With A View Garden Design is offering free consultations within a 15 mile radius of Chandlers Ford up until the end of October.

There are many before and after photographs on her website (an example of which are shown below) and also detailed information on charges.

Visit: www.room-with-a-view.co.uk



The garden before the makeover



The garden after the makeover