

CURRICULUM VITAE

Mary Ann Shearman
Landscape Architect

POSITION:

Landscape Architect

DATE OF BIRTH:

23rd February 1951

NATIONALITY:

British

LANGUAGES:

English (Mother Tongue)

QUALIFICATIONS:

Member of the Landscape Institute
Diploma in Landscape Design
BA (Hons) Geography

KEY SKILLS:

Design
Planting Design
Heritage Restoration
Historic Research
Environmental Appraisal

Synopsis

Mary Ann Shearman has over 30 years experience in both local government and private practice. Whilst her work has covered most aspects of landscape design, in recent years, she has come to specialise in smaller scale landscapes with a depth of experience in planting design and detailing.

Mary Ann's professional experience commenced during the early 1970s. After completing her degree at Oxford University she worked as a junior assistant at Maurice Pickering Associates, an architectural practice in London, for a year before starting her Diploma course at Manchester University. Upon graduation from Manchester in 1975 she worked for Wakefield District Council designing play areas.

After two years, Mary Ann was offered the position of Senior Environment Assistant at South Yorkshire County Council. She worked here for three years predominantly involved with the School Nature Reserve Scheme, leaving in 1980 to start a family.

From 1984 she was self employed, developing a practice working freelance for larger landscape architectural practices and, as time went on, increasingly specialising in garden design for her own private clients.

In 2004, she began employment with Russ Canning and Company Limited, working for Architects on landscape layouts and continuing garden design for selected clients,. She is also currently involved with the restoration and upgrading of The Royal Landscape at Windsor Great Park on behalf of the Crown Estate.

Selected Projects

Bartlemas Hospital, Oxford

Planting design for landscape to student flats, including contemporary herbaceous planting and swale/wetland. (Oriel College)

Dogpool Lane, Birmingham

Landscape and planting design to care village, including sensory courtyards to residential units. (Montpelier Estates)

Toddler's Play Area, The Royal Landscape,

Design of children's play area within historic landscape. (Crown Estate)

Manor Farm, Launton

Design and planting for large garden, to assimilate tennis court and provide separate garden setting to The Tythe Barn wedding venue. (Private Client)

The Old Bakery, Dinton.

Garden design to create intimate garden on hillside. (Private client).

Crawley Road, Witney.

Contemporary garden design within challenging site edged by quarry. (Private Client)

Cherwell College, Oxford

Design for college tutorial garden. Winner of Oxford Conservation Society Award. (Private Client).

Finmere, Oxfordshire

Garden Design for large hillside garden with central rill water feature. (Private Client)

One Five Mile Drive, Oxford

Landscape and planting design to garden for prestigious new apartment block. (Vanderbilt Homes)

Kew Riverside, London

Landscape design for riverside housing development in London, endorsed by Kew gardens and nominated for a Green Leaf Award. (St Georges Homes)

George Lodge Cottage, Coombe, SW London

Garden design for individual new home, including large terraced area to solve levels problems (UK Venture)

Headington, Oxford

Garden design for 1970's townhouse-contemporary courtyard design for house rented to Oxford University visiting professors (Private Client)

Professional History

2004 to date

Landscape Architect

Russ Canning and Company Limited

The Royal Landscape, Windsor Great Park. Historical Research, design and implementation of £7.5 m restoration/visitor facility development of Grade 1 Listed Landscape. (Crown Estate)

Bartlemas Hospital, Oxford
Conservation Plan for former medieval leper colony within Conservation Area. (Oriol College)

Orchards, Godalming, Surrey,
Retrospective planning application for new lake and arboretum within Listed Gertrude Jekyl designed garden. Tree survey of newly planted arboretum. (Geoffrey Robinson MP)

The Royal Landscape, Windsor Great Park. Conservation Plan, Gazetteer, Management Plan and Woodland Management Plan for 1000 Ha of Grade 1 Listed historic parkland comprising The Savill Garden, Valley Gardens and Virginia Water. (Crown Estate)

Toddlers Play Area, The Royal Landscape,
Design of children's play area within historic landscape. (Crown Estate)

Cumnor House School, Danehill, Sussex,
Landscape Assessment for school expansion, including new theatre within AONB. (Trustees of Cumnor House School)

Bartlemas Student accommodation
Planting design for landscape to student flats, including contemporary herbaceous planting and swale/wetland. (Oriol College)

Dogpool Lane, Birmingham
Landscape and planting design to care village, including sensory courtyards to residential units. (Montpelier Estates)

Lickey Road, Birmingham
Landscape and planting design to care home complex involving complex tree retention issues. (Montpelier Estates)

Sherwood Oaks, Mansfield
Landscape and planting design to care home complex. (Montpelier Estates)

Thorne Apartments, Doncaster
Planting design to sheltered housing complex. (Harris Partnership)

One Five Mile Drive, Oxford
Landscape and planting design to garden for prestigious new apartment block. (Vanderbilt Homes)

Windmill Road, Headington
Landscape and planting design to new apartment block. (Mr Harold Grant)

1984 to 2004

Freelance Landscape Architect

Landscape and Planting Design

Private garden designs for over 250 clients, both large and small scale, working with local landscape contractors.

Planting design for over 20 housing developments for Adams Habermehl, Environmental Consultants, including Kew Riverside development in London, endorsed by Kew gardens and nominated for a Green Leaf Award. (St Georges Homes)

Headington, Oxford
Garden design for 1970's townhouse-contemporary courtyard design for house rented to Oxford University visiting professors (Private Client)

Cherwell College, Oxford - Design for college tutorial garden. Winner of Oxford Conservation Society Award. (Private Client).

Garden design for a number of select individual new homes in South West London. Including George Lodge Cottage, Coombe with large terraced area to solve levels problems (UK Venture)

The Nursery, Sutton Courtenay - planting design and contract supervision for small workshops, studios and some housing. Winner of Vale of White horse District Council - Design Award 1989 (Parallel Lines).

The Red House, Witney - design and contract supervision of landscape layout for new warehouse and offices (Red House Books)

Wolseley Garden Park - design of several specialist gardens within the overall layout (Sir Charles Wolseley).

Newtown Estate Action, Birmingham.
Masterplanning, design and contract drawings for large area of inner city housing improvements, involving hard landscape construction of walls, railings and pavings. (Birmingham City Council)

Planting design for Oxford Waterside. (Berkeley Homes)

Preparation of landscape design and planting plans for over 25 developments for Kibswell Homes in Oxfordshire

Seacourt Tower, Botley - design and contract supervision of soft landscape works for office and superstore development (Hartwell plc).

Abingdon Science Park - design and site supervision of phase II and III planting works (Kibswell Holdings Ltd).

Bratton Camp, Wiltshire - design and detailing of access road, fencing and gates (English Heritage).

Environmental Assessment

Yorkshire Sculpture Park - Landscape impact assessment of proposed new visitor centre, access roads and car parks. (YSP)

Claremont Fan Court School - Landscape study and assessment of impact of siting new sports hall within an historic landscape. (Claremont Fan Court School)

Play Areas

Hamstead Playing Fields, Birmingham - masterplanning design and preparation of contract drawings for playing fields, play area, pavilion and car parking. Site supervision of contract works (Birmingham City Council).

Design and contract supervision of play areas for Milton Keynes Development Corporation, including Emerson Valley Local Play 1, Emerson Valley Neighbourhood Play, Downs Barn Local Play 1, Chepstow Drive Local Play 1 and 2, Chepstow Drive Neighbourhood Play (MKDC).

1977 to 1980:

Senior Environment Assistant
South Yorkshire County Council

School Nature Reserves - design service and advice to approximately 50 schools in the Rotherham, Sheffield, Barnsley and Doncaster areas. South Yorkshire was one of the pioneers in this work (SYCC).

Degraded land scheme - design and implementation of environmental improvements to small sites in Sheffield, Rotherham and Barnsley, using volunteer groups to carry out planting schemes (SYCC).

1975 1977:

landscape Assistant - Wakefield
Metropolitan District Council

Design and site supervision for the construction of a number of play areas in the Wakefield area (WMDC).

Millfield Lagoon, Wakefield - design and contract supervision for reclamation of disused gravel pit (WMDC).

General improvement areas in Wakefield - design of hard and soft landscape works, and contract supervision (WMDC).

1972 - 1974 (total 1 year) Technical Assistant

Maurice Pickering Associates

Site survey and drafting assistant on work experience basis