

Case Studies



:: *Boundary Hedges, Large City House*

City Edwardian villa with large grounds - boundary comprising holly bushes to road frontage, a very overgrown (to 4m high) holly hedge to the side front boundary both front hedges heavily ivy infested. To the rear, a long hedge comprising a range of intended and non-intended species inc. hawthorn, laurel, hebe, sycamore, holly and elm (suckered from felled elm tree).

The client wanted all the hedges restored and rejuvenated by the most appropriate method and to replant any gaps in the rear hedge with suitable species to encourage birds, and to be attractive throughout the seasons.

In brief the front and side holly hedges were to be layed and staked approximating to 'Derbyshire' style of laying, and the rear hedge to be restored by a combination of laying, removal, coppicing and replanting – an interesting and varied project.

The following work was undertaken:

Front

- Sever and remove all ivy, leaving some cut shoots for chemical treatment
- Lay the holly, and stake at approx. 0.5m spacing, trim hedge and stakes to give finished height of around 1m



Before



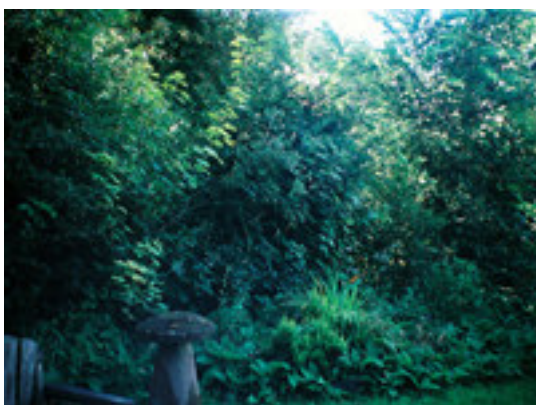
After

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Rear

- Cut out and remove all unwanted material
- Remove old wood and iron fencing
- Lay any appropriate species and stake at approx. 0.5m spacing
- Trim any other suitable hedge species not requiring laying
- Clear bare ground and dig prior to replanting
- Replant with mixture of guelder rose, hawthorn, hornbeam and hazel and crab apple



Before



After

Overall

- Chemically treat stumps of any unwanted species
- Final trim of all hedges
- Plan re-inspection in spring the following year
- Provide on-going consultancy re. management