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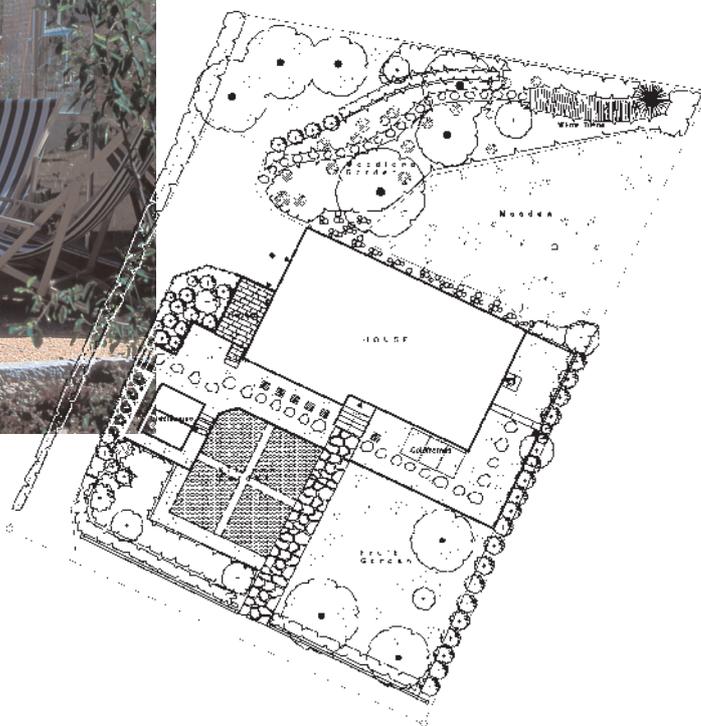
REVIEW OF THE YEAR

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A private garden in Sweden (above), designed by John Tizzard, which responds to the owners' desire to grow their own vegetables. The plan (right) shows the relationship between the house and the newly formed garden spaces. The owners' children enjoy the space (below right).



ORGANIC SWEDE

A space for growing your own food

Describing this garden in Vänersborg, Sweden, designer John Tizzard states: "This is a real garden to be used and lived in. Garden design in Sweden is lagging behind France and the United Kingdom, but with this garden I have tried to show what is possible with a small budget in an average Swedish town garden."

Tizzard was engaged by the clients in January 2003: the professional couple had recently moved in, were both interested in design and aware of the link between garden and house, and garden and lifestyle. The garden was to be divided into spaces for growing organic vegetables, siting a greenhouse, relaxation and sections of privacy and enclosure.

The design has taken advantage of existing features (such as the mature trees) and the aspect of the south-facing front garden. A digital survey of the original garden was carried out, and this was used as a base plan for the new design, using AutoCAD Light 2000. Once the scheme was presented to the clients, showing the position of the greenhouse, kitchen garden and overall layout, Tizzard instructed a local landscape contractor and work was able to start on site. The designer worked closely with the contractor, modifying the design in response to site-specific problems. Tizzard was given a free hand with the planting after going through initial concepts with the clients, and as a result the plants are a dominant, unifying element to this garden.



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Designer: John Tizzard Garden Architect. Tel: +46 521 63973.

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Location: Vänersborg, Sweden **Size:** 1,073m²

Aspect and soil: front garden: south facing; rear garden: north facing; soil: slightly acid

Design started: January 2003

Construction started on site; finished on site: March 2003; October 2003

Cost: £8,000 (approx.)

Design fees: £500

Hard landscape and greenhouse: £6,000

Soft landscape: £2,000

Contractor: Trollhättans Trädgård and Miljö entreprenad AB