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PIP'S WILDLIFE POND

Designer Jo Alderson Design Main
Contractor The Garden Design Company
Suppliers Bourne Amenity, CED Stone Group, Country Supplies, Devon Pond Plants, Manchester Deck Company

Although a modest pond already existed in the 5-acre grounds of this imposing property, the feature was too small and out of scale. It has now been replaced with a dramatic 250m² wildlife pond, created using a liner that weighed a tonne and boasting a boardwalk leading to a cantilevered deck. Deep marginal shelves are generously planted, and 84 tonnes of Caledonian boulders have been incorporated within and around the feature. Grass paths around the pond open a variety of vistas as it seamlessly nestles adjacent to the edge of an established mixed native woodland. The pond is lit discretely at night, and gentle bubblers not only oxygenate the water but also provide a sense of movement and a relaxing ambiance. Following construction of the pond, wildlife, including ducks, frogs, and other aquatic species, rapidly colonised it. Swallows now swoop down to gather water to make their mud nests nearby, and deer, foxes and badgers also make good use of their own personal exquisite water hole. The pond now sits perfectly within the wider landscape and is much loved by the clients and their spaniel, Pip.



JUDGES' COMMENTS

The extension of this pond has been achieved with imagination, skill and expertise. It sits beautifully within the grounds and surrounding landscape, giving scale to the house and providing the clients with a beautiful outlook from their property. Constructed with care and precision, it will give pleasure for years to come.