

Bridge Pottery

Design Summary

Bridge Pottery is set in a beautiful lush valley in Cheriton on the Gower Peninsula (AONB). The river provides one long boundary of the land and the other long boundary, which has a high bank, is provided by a neighbouring field and woodland, with a footpath running along the top of the bank (outside her land).

VISION

Micki came to me with her overall vision for the wooded parts of her land and asked me if I would be willing to oversee the project. Her requirement was for someone local, skilled and knowledgeable to manage the work, as she is a full time potter and found the land management an onerous task. The vision:

To maintain the wooded areas by sorting out the overgrown woodland boundary and plant further coppice to enhance supply of woodfuel and create strong visual boundary along the footpath. To manage sustainably.

ACTION PLAN

1. Coppice sections of the bank over 4 years, to remove large trees overhanging the 'leat' path. This will let in more light – in the past some planting of the bank had been carried out but there had been quite a few losses due to the shade of existing trees on the bank.
2. Plant up the sections with locally sourced native trees suitable for the site, in the gaps between the coppice, to provide a dense coppiced area.
3. Coppice large alders in central area.
4. Plant 3 additional areas of trees for woodfuel, including more alders in central area.
5. Add willow for woven screen near the bottom of the land.
6. Improve hedgerow by house and maintain hazel coppice by house.
7. Pond to be redug and bank replanted.

How this design meets the Assessment Criteria

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>How I meet it</i>	<i>Where in the design</i>	<i>Section No</i>
Demonstrating design skills	Used design framework Used methods that suit the client and situation Coherent design Progression in learning	Design Process Sheets Analysis Action Plans Design Review	2B, 3A, 3B 5B 10 7 12
Applying to work and projects	This design shows I can manage woodlands sustainably using permaculture principles	Permaculture Principles Implementation Pictures	6B 9 8B
Evaluation and Costings	I have worked out costings for the project	Implementation Costs	11