



PATH TO SUCCESS: A view of a winning Maidenhead Artscape garden.

Karen Patterson meets a man who is no stranger to claiming top awards for his landscaping



NOT A LEAF OUT OF PLACE: Careful maintenance of this Hurley home won Maidenhead firm Artscape a major landscaping award.

Winning designs

NOT too long ago creating a garden was mostly about plants – but today a good number of people expect the green space around their home to deliver a lifestyle.

The design brief can include everything from seating areas, water features, dedicated areas for entertaining and relaxing by day and night, space to work out, hide the teenagers or run a home business, and thanks to Big Brother there's a burgeoning trend for outdoor hot tubs.

And those who don't have the knowledge, time or inclination to create a lifestyle garden call the professionals in.

Ross Moysé of Pinkneys Green has been in the landscaping business since 1979 and has enjoyed commercial success and accolades from the Royal Horticultural Society and industry.

Between 1988 and 1992 Ross won two best of shows, a silver and a bronze for his exhibits at the Hampton Court International Flower Show.

Since then he's been concentrating on the business side of things until nominations came up for the British Association of Landscape Industries awards.



There were 115 entries in 13 categories and Ross and his team scooped three gongs at the awards held in London on Friday. They won recognition for the design and build of a domestic garden under £10,000 and a domestic garden over £10,000.

They also won the ultimate prize for domestic maintenance for a garden they look after in Hurley.

Ross designed and built the garden to complement the new brick and flint house on a third of an acre three years ago.

Upon finishing the job, which came in at about £20,000, he was asked to maintain the relatively formal design with its picture-perfect lawns, topiary, box hedging and interspersed patches of traditional planting which soften the structural style of the design.

"We go twice a week during the spring, summer and autumn months and weekly for the rest of the year," Ross said.

The garden over £10,000 which won Ross's team recognition is in Maidenhead and was built for around £35,000.

"The brief was to create a more



SPLASH DOWN: This water feature provides a calming noise in an award-winning courtyard garden at Cookham Dean designed by Artscape.

interesting garden and to provide interest all year round," Ross said.

"It's modern and contemporary in keeping with the slightly more modern property.

"We put in paths which circulate and take you around the garden. There is also a courtyard garden with decking and a hot tub. There's a jungle effect by the hot tub with bamboos, palms, phormiums...very architectural foliage plants. We concealed the fences with planting which is a design technique which makes gardens look a lot bigger."

And the third garden Ross won an award for is a very intimate courtyard garden with a water chute and pond set into decking in an early 1900s home at Cookham Dean which was installed for less than £10,000.

It's predominantly a foliage garden but there are wisteria and lilies to provide summer scent.

Ross, who employs eight staff at his firm Artscape, said winning the awards had been a real boost for staff morale and had motivated him to enter more landscaping competitions to show off their work.



AT HOME: Designer Ross Moyse in his own garden at Pinkneys Green. Ref:80053/3