The Gardener and Volunteers
Gardening Scotland 2019

“Hidden Depths”
The Brief

The garden design is versatile enough that the client could be of any demographic but we have chosen a young busy couple who are time poor and need “off street” parking but still want to have an attractive front garden that meets their needs and has kerb appeal. Having spent some time as a young couple travelling they were attracted to the Persian style of garden design with symmetrical layouts and tapestry like planting.

The Garden

The aspect of the garden is north or east facing so gets very little sun so all the planting is done with shade tolerant plants. Also the majority of the planting will be sunken so needs to be compact growing so as not to interfere with the parking space or the grill secured over the top. Drainage of the site is important so the gravel used should allow water to dissipate freely.

Plant List

Grasses – Festuca glauca
Carex osh. “Everest”
Miscanthus “Morning Light”

Perennials - Heucherella “Kimono”
Lamium “White Nancy”
Digitalis “Pam’s Choice”
Lupin “Noble Maiden”
Stachys “Silver Carpet”
Tiarella “Spring Symphony”
Viola “Mrs Lancaster”

Ferns - Matteucia struthiopteris
Athyrium nip. Pictum
Dryopteris atrata

Shrubs - Euonymus “Emerald Gaiety”
Salix alba vitelina
**Colour Pallette and Plant Choice**

Our colour scheme is important as it is a north facing garden with little sun so we need to use plants that tolerate shade but are not going to get too big in the sunken planting area and require little or no maintenance.

As a result all the plants thrive in a shady position with little sparkles of white or blue flowers in amongst contrasting foliage. We may even add a bit of extra sparkle with some pink.

**The Team**

The garden is constructed by the gardener and volunteers at SRUC Oatridge Campus who all work to keep the grounds an attractive place to work, rest and play for both students, staff and locals who regularly come through the campus.