

Design inspiration for your Garden

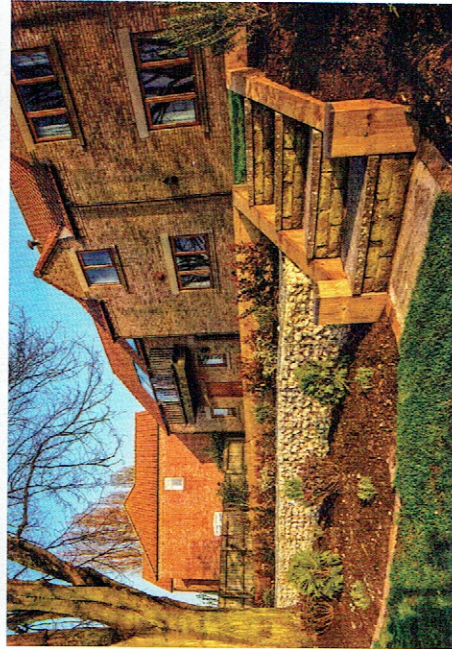
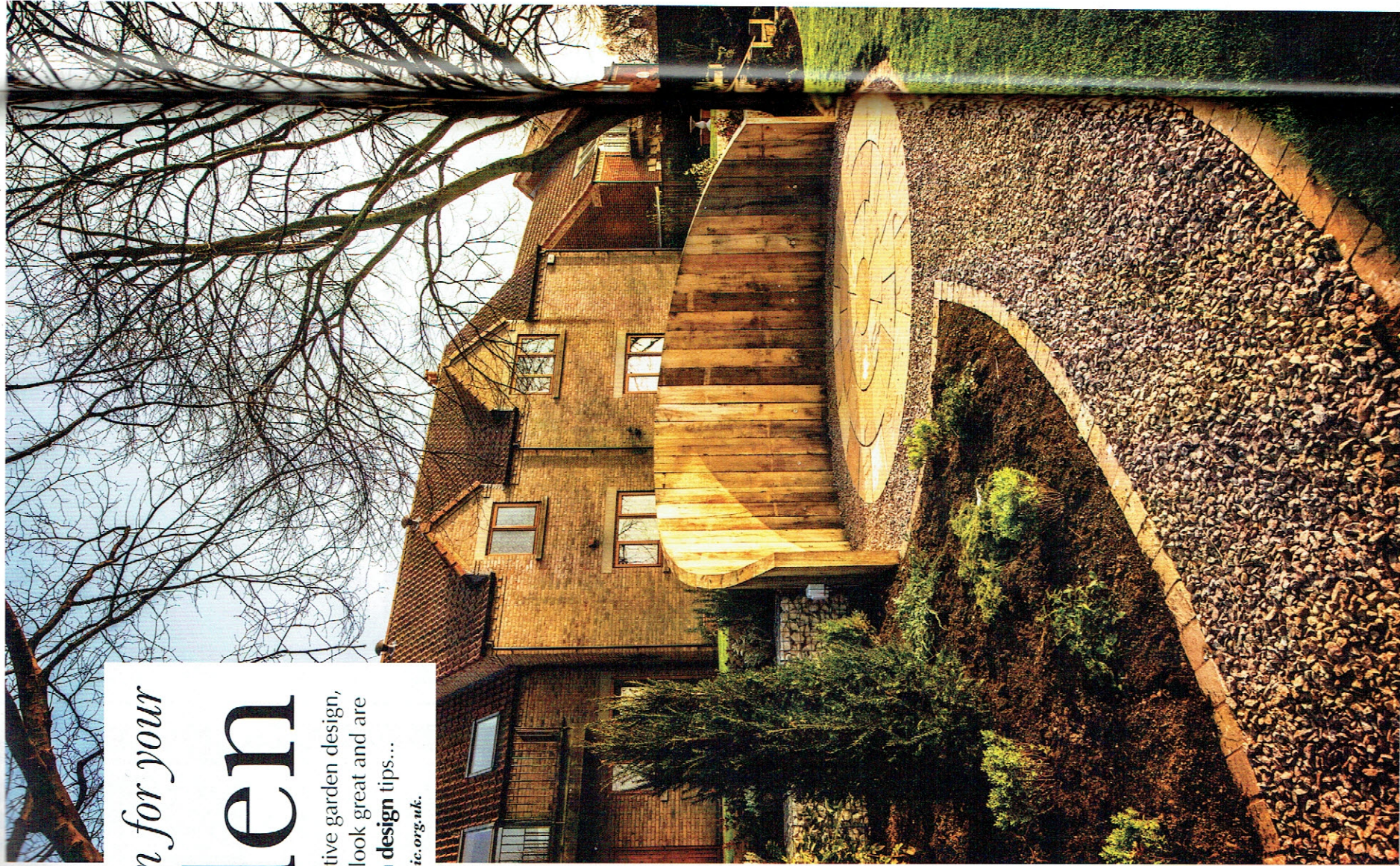
Lincoln's **Ed Fuller** specialises in creative garden design, making spaces which function well, look great and are **easy to maintain**. Here are his **garden design tips...**

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Now that the weather is better and we are heading into summer everyone is starting to turn their attention to the forgotten part of the house over winter; the garden. Ed Fuller and his team from Fullers Landscaping have designed and constructed over 50 gardens in the local area and this has enabled them to develop a number of skills and a mass of knowledge that could be used in your garden. "A good garden design can make a big difference - this doesn't have to be a complicated detailed drawing, but planning will help with your budget, ensure the garden complements your property and that you achieve the desired outcome," says Ed.

There are principals to follow when designing your garden, with key points including:

- **Lines:** Each type of line, whether it be straight, curved, vertical or horizontal, creates a different effect. Strong lines can draw the eye and add direction in your garden.
- **Light:** Light and shade can change the colours in your garden. This can be created either naturally or artificially. Also by adding lights to your garden means you can use it after dark and enjoy this space for longer.
- **Texture:** This is both tactile and visual. It also doesn't just relate to plants but also to hard landscaping. The materials used need to be planned so they complement each other and work well with the overall garden and plants.
- **Form:** Without form a garden can become lost and confusing.
- **Scale:** When you put plants in a garden you need to be aware of how big they can



eventually grow to. You don't want to put a tree in a small area that is going to grow to a massive size.

"Whatever the plot, I want to ensure my clients end up with a space they want and need," Ed explained. "We like to come up with unique ideas that can provide our clients with a bespoke garden to enjoy for many years."

Another mistake that is common is getting the wrong person to do the work. If you feel that the work is beyond your capabilities you need to ensure that you employ the right person. Builders are skilled craftsmen but the work required for landscaping is completely different to that of house building. Would you get a landscaper to build your extension?

"Landscapers understand things such as creating foundations for the hard landscaping but to do them in such a way that enables planting to take place."

Landscapers have skills in brick laying, laying paving, creating water features, preparing soil for planting and dealing with all types of soil conditions, installing irrigation systems, planting the right trees and plants in the right place, building pergolas, constructing outside structures such as summer houses or sheds - and this list is not exhaustive.

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"Your garden will look worse before it looks better, this is because we usually need to strip it back to a blank canvas before we can start working our magic!"

"We like to help people use their space more wisely, and this can be through innovative and inventive designs, or by making some small change that can make a big impact," says Ed. "I am also very proud of the team that we have as they all bring skills and qualities to each job and without them we would not be able to provide the high specification gardens that we do."



Find Out More: As well as providing bespoke garden design and landscaping services Fullers also offers tree surgery services and all types of planting from bare root hedges to specimen shrubs. To find out more contact Ed on 07867 510544 or 01522 868717 or visit the website www.landscapinglincolnshire.com.