



## Katherine Crouch Garden Design

A garden for Norah Pethick, Higher Warry Farm.

Sue Parsons asked me in February to develop a small area of her farm garden so that her mother could sit out in a sheltered spot in spring. This was no ordinary request as her mother Norah Pethick was going to be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in March and all had to be completed before the week of her birthday party.



I quickly drew up a plan, in order to create a structure which could be constructed quickly and economically, whilst providing safe access to the seating that Norah could easily get to with her walking aid. I commissioned experienced landscaper Stuart Hendrich to lay new paving and build planter boxes of tantalised timber with trellis for sweet peas and clematis, to provide shelter and privacy on an open site.

Sue and Norah already had pleasant sheltered spots to sit facing south and west. This new haven faced east so we grandly referred to it as the breakfast terrace. The timber work was painted a subtle Muted Clay and Forget Me Not Blue by Stuart who took pains to dismantle the seat chosen by Sue to ensure a perfect finish. He even cut the legs down to size to ensure it exactly fitted Norah for comfort.



No sooner was the garden finished, Norah came up the garden path and sat in the garden and declared it just right. I hope she enjoys her new garden for a long time to come.

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