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# Feeling the Love this February

Consider this our Valentine to you!

It's the month of love!! 

There are so many ways we express this; to our loved ones, to our community, to our planet, and by caring for our own little corner of it.

We think of our gardens as an expression of love too, for nature and wildlife, and also for the love that is created in our gardens with gatherings of friends and family, bbqs, firepits, celebrations, dancing, playing guitar and the absolute love of sitting outside with a good book, cushion, blanket, and a cup of tea.

This month I've been making a little winterscape to remind myself that the first delights of spring flowers are already with us. I've put it by our back door, and it makes me smile whenever I look out.

Have a wonderfully loving month, doing whatever sparks the hearts in your life! ❤️

## Our February so far...

With busy months ahead, we're diving straight into February! Here's what we've been up to:

✨ We're so excited to have been nominated for TWO awards in this year's Uttlesford Business Awards!

Not only have we been shortlisted for Creative Champion, Sasha has also been shortlisted for Young Entrepreneur of the Year! 🙌🌟



This recognition really means the world to us, and we couldn't have done it without the amazing support around us. ❤️

Being nominated also means we're in the running for the People's Choice Award! If you feel like voting, we'd be so grateful for your support:

Vote here: [www.business.uttlesford.gov.uk/vote](http://www.business.uttlesford.gov.uk/vote)



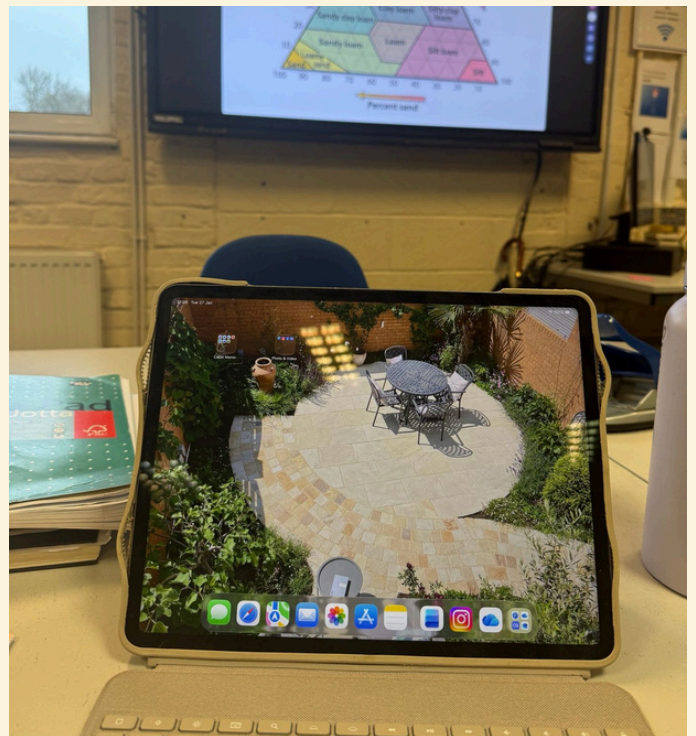
🎥 With this week being National Apprenticeship Week, Holly caught up with Reuben, Louis and Tom to chat about their experiences coming from apprentices to full-fledged valuable members of the Jacq and Wills team!

We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved so far and we're excited to see how they continue to grow! 🌱

Head to our Instagram to hear all about their journeys!  
@jacqandwillslandscapes★

✏️ At the start of January, Sasha began a design course with Capel Manor College!

She's working towards becoming a qualified garden designer so she can work alongside Will and help bring everyone's dream gardens to life!



As part of her course, she headed to RHS Wisley earlier this week to practice sketching and has been learning lots of plant IDs and key soil science. 🌸🌱

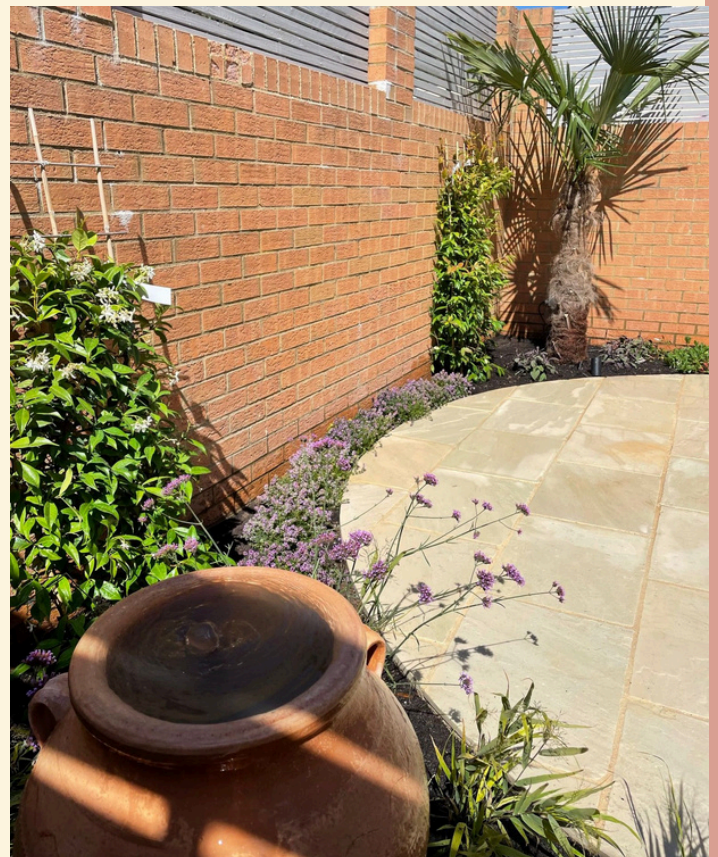


# February Garden Showcase

## The Mediterranean Courtyard

The Mediterranean Courtyard was created for a client who, after moving into her new build home in Newport, found the outdoor space lacking warmth and a sense of connection to nature.

The brief centred on transforming the south-facing courtyard into a low-maintenance garden that would fully embrace the sun while providing a generous and welcoming setting for entertaining.



The design introduces a curved cobbled path that gently frames a circular Indian Sandstone patio, establishing a strong yet relaxed heart to the space. This softened geometry eases the formality of the surrounding brickwork and brings a more natural rhythm to the courtyard, allowing it to feel both structured and inviting.

Planting was carefully selected to thrive in the warm, sheltered conditions. Drought-tolerant shrubs, perennials and sun-loving trees have been layered to create texture, movement and seasonal interest, gradually softening the hard landscaping and ensuring the garden feels settled rather than newly imposed. The palette draws on Mediterranean character, reinforcing the warmth of the setting without overpowering it.

Sound also plays a subtle role in shaping the atmosphere. A terracotta amphora water feature sits comfortably within the planting, its gentle bubbling drawing the senses into the garden and adding quiet animation to the space.



Not long after the garden began to establish, our client said to us, “Birds and butterflies never used to come into my garden - now they do.” For us, that simple reflection spoke volumes about the transformation that had taken place.

The result is a sun-filled, intimate courtyard that feels warm, relaxed and established; designed for gathering, lingering and enjoyment throughout the seasons.

At Jacq and Wills, we can't help but pour love into everything we do; and this garden is no exception. Years later, it still brings us so much joy. We feel incredibly fortunate to continue maintaining the space and to watch it evolve, season after season.

Whether it's a peaceful sanctuary, a welcoming space to host, or something beautifully considered in between, we'd love to help you shape it. [Get in touch!](#)



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# Matters of the Heart

Small ways to care for yourself and the people around you this February.

# A Winterscape of Your Own

To create a winterscape display, find a pleasing trough, lined basket, or pot.

We've used *Galanthus nivalus* (snowdrops), *Cyclamnos* (cyclamen), *Narcissus papyraceus* (white narcissus), *Helleborus niger* (hellebores), *Crocus*, *Hedera helix* 'Variegata' (ivy) and a fine textured fern. Add some moss (responsibly sourced) and a few attractive branches or some *Salix* (pussy willow) if you like.

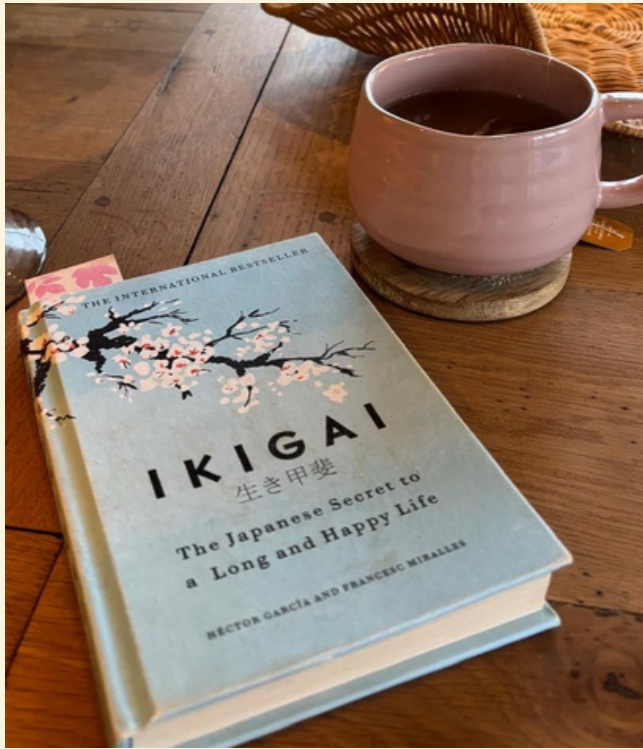
Stand back and enjoy! 🌿 ✨



# Something We're Loving This Month...

I love this gentle and inspiring book!❤️:

Ikigai by Hector Garcia and Francesc Miralles



Described as “discovering the Japanese secret to a long and happy life.” “Bring meaning and joy to every day with ikigai”. It really is comforting, nurturing, easy to read quickly, or one to dip in and out of and ponder on. It is so refreshing to look inwards rather than outwards.

Enjoy in a calm & comforting space 😊

“No gardener would be a gardener if he did not live in hope.”

Vita Sackville-West

# Nigella's Chocolate Raspberry Pudding Cake

Honestly this is delicious! So gooey & yummy! A perfect combination of pudding & cake. 😊

We made this on New Year's Eve and have made another as a birthday cake too since then. It is the perfect gorgeous dessert for Valentine's Day, enjoy with greek yoghurt, creme fraiche or cream!

Here's the recipe: [www.nigella.com/recipes/chocolate-raspberry-pudding-cake](http://www.nigella.com/recipes/chocolate-raspberry-pudding-cake)



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