

The CARAGH GARDEN JOURNAL

SEASONAL INSPIRATION FOR GARDEN & OUTDOOR LIFE.



More than just a garden shed.

LANDSCAPING INSPIRATION



Discover a world of paving, fencing, stone and landscaping materials, where ideas, textures and inspiration come together.

EXCLUSIVE SAUNA RANGE



Handcrafted by us, our exclusive sauna collection brings warmth, wellness and a little everyday luxury to your garden.

OUTDOOR FURNITURE



Beautiful outdoor furniture designed for relaxing, dining and entertaining - helping you make the most of every moment outdoors.

GARDEN DESIGN



At Caragh Nurseries, we create beautiful, practical outdoor spaces through expert garden design, landscaping, and thoughtful planting.

A WARM WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE VERY FIRST EDITION OF THE CARAGH GARDEN JOURNAL



This is something we've wanted to create for a long time, so we're delighted to finally be sharing it with you. **The Caragh Garden Journal** brings together seasonal inspiration, practical gardening advice, exciting new arrivals and a behind-the-scenes look at life here at **Caragh Nurseries**. We've thoroughly enjoyed creating this first edition and hope it offers plenty of ideas to help you make the most of your own garden.

With summer well underway and gardens looking their very best, it feels the perfect time to share what's been happening at the nursery. It's been a wonderfully busy season, with our **Garden Design** service continuing to grow as we help clients transform outdoor spaces into beautiful, practical gardens that will be enjoyed for years to come. *It has been a pleasure working with so many customers and bringing their ideas to life.*

The nursery continues to evolve too. We've expanded our range of trees and plants,

introduced new ideas and recently opened our new **Landscape Centre**. Here you'll find everything needed to build a garden from the ground up, including *paving, natural stone, laying materials, fencing, timber and beautifully crafted garden buildings*.

Combined with expert advice from our experienced team, it's designed to make every project easier, whether large or small.

As **Caragh Nurseries** continues to grow, the support and encouragement we receive from our customers means a great deal to us.

We're especially grateful for the kind comments about our nursery and the team behind it.

Thank you for being part of our journey. We hope you enjoy this first edition of **The Caragh Garden Journal** and look forward to welcoming you to Caragh Nurseries soon. 🌿

Jo, Ian and Ella

WHAT'S HOT & NEW

WHAT'S NEW, WHAT'S ARRIVING AND WHAT'S TO EXPLORE



NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Caragh Nurseries continues to evolve, with new ideas, spaces and experiences appearing throughout the centre. We've introduced exciting additions across a number of departments, *helping create an even more inspiring destination for gardeners, homeowners and outdoor living enthusiasts alike.*

From the arrival of our **landscape centre**, helping homeowners tackle their first big project or a landscaper who needs a reliable supply, you'll find the quality and the knowledge here to get it right.

With the continued expansion of our trees & plant collections. There is always something fresh to discover. Our focus remains the same: creating a place filled with inspiration, expertise and enjoyment. *We hope you'll find something new to explore with every visit.* 🌿



BBQ RANGE

Outdoor cooking is one of the great pleasures of the season, and our BBQ collection has never looked better. With compact grills, perfect for family meals, there are options to suit every garden and every style of cooking.

The Montana X Fire Bowl takes outdoor cooking one step further by combining a fire bowl with a fully functional cooking system. Alongside it, you'll find a carefully selected range of accessories and outdoor cooking essentials to help you get the most from every gathering.

Whether it's a relaxed weekend lunch, pizza night with friends or a family BBQ on a sunny afternoon, outdoor cooking brings people together - *and there's plenty of inspiration waiting for you at Caragh Nurseries.* 🌿



OUTDOOR FURNITURE

A garden should be every bit as welcoming as the home itself. Our outdoor furniture collections are designed to help create spaces for relaxing, dining and spending time together throughout the season.

From elegant dining sets and comfortable lounge seating to beautifully crafted statement pieces, the range combines style, comfort and durability. Collections from **Finn & Elder** bring a timeless quality to outdoor living, helping blur the line between indoor and outdoor spaces.

Whether you're furnishing a courtyard, patio or larger garden, *you'll find plenty of ideas throughout our displays.* Thoughtfully styled and beautifully presented, they make it easy to imagine how your own outdoor space could look and feel. 🌿



GARDEN DESIGN

A well-designed garden should be more than beautiful. *It should reflect the way you live while providing enjoyment for years to come.*

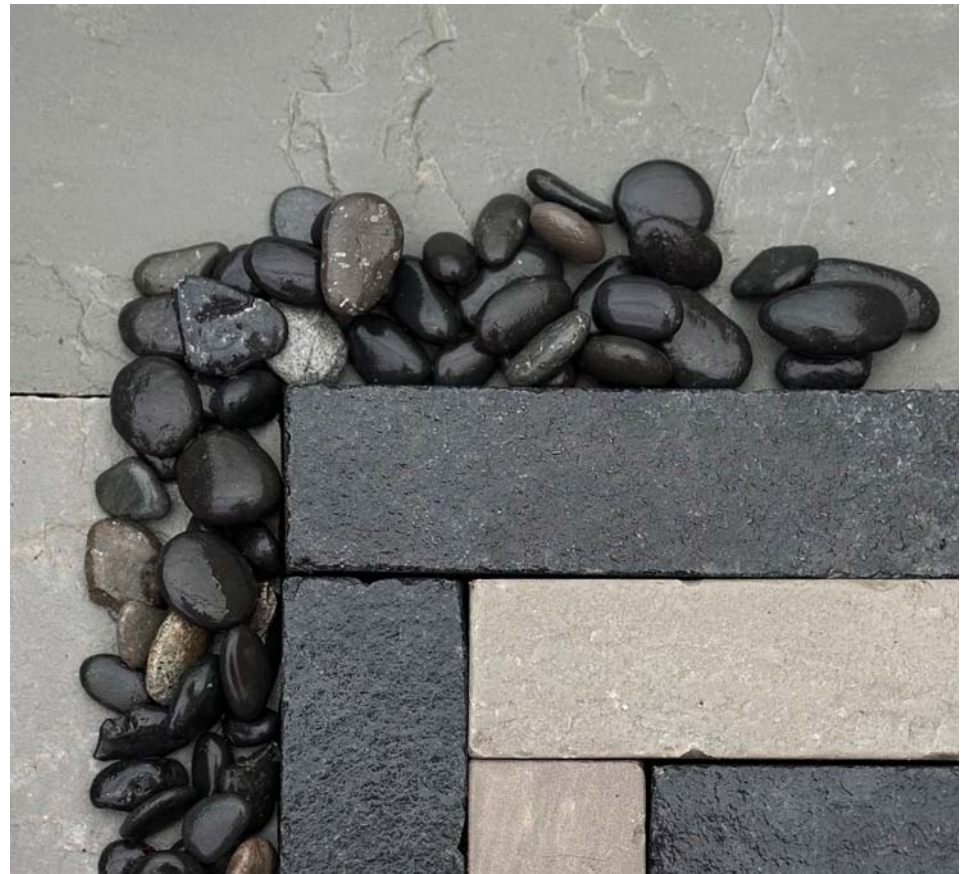
At **Caragh Nurseries**, our garden design service combines horticultural expertise with thoughtful design to create outdoor spaces that are practical, inspiring, and built to thrive in Irish conditions. From planting schemes and natural stone to lighting, paving, and specimen trees, every element is carefully considered to suit your home and lifestyle.

Whether you're planning a complete transformation or refreshing an existing garden, our experienced team will help bring your ideas to life with *expert advice, quality materials and lasting craftsmanship.* 🌿

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CARAGH LANDSCAPE CENTRE

STARTING FROM THE GROUND UP



Every great garden starts the same way: with an idea. It might be a quiet patio where mornings begin with a coffee, a winding pathway that leads through colourful planting, or a spacious terrace designed for long summer evenings with family and friends. Whatever the vision, every successful garden is built on strong foundations.

While plants often steal the spotlight, it's the materials beneath them that shape how a garden looks, feels and performs for years to come. Quality paving creates structure, decorative stone adds texture, timber brings warmth and character, while fencing, sleepers and edging define spaces that feel complete. Long before the first tree is planted, these are the elements that bring a garden to life.

That's why we've created the Caragh Landscape Centre.

Located alongside Caragh Nurseries, the Landscape Centre brings together everything needed to complete an outdoor project in one place. From premium paving, flagstones and decorative stone to topsoil, bark, gravel and laying materials, every product has been carefully selected for quality, durability and performance in Irish gardens.

We're also proud to manufacture many of our timber products on site. Our experienced workshop team handcrafts sheds, gates, fence panels and bespoke timber buildings using traditional skills and quality materials. Built to order and made to last, they're designed to be part of your garden for years to come.

If you're refreshing a small corner of the garden or undertaking a complete landscape transformation, choosing the right materials can make all the difference. Every project has different requirements, and knowing which products work best together is just as important as choosing the right plants.

Our team is always on hand to offer practical advice, whether you're calculating how much decorative stone you need, selecting the right paving for a patio, or deciding which timber products best suit your project. We believe creating a beautiful garden should feel exciting, not overwhelming.

Whether you're a homeowner planning your first garden project, an experienced landscaper, or a trade professional looking

for reliable supplies, you'll find quality materials, expert knowledge and friendly advice every step of the way.

Because every great garden starts from the ground up. 🌱

We can guide you through every aspect of your garden creation, ensuring that your project looks great from day one and beyond!

SUCCESSFUL PLANTING

CAREFUL PLANNING CREATES BEAUTIFUL GARDENS



Once the paving is laid and the hard landscaping is complete, planting is what brings a garden to life. Choosing the right plants for the right location creates structure, colour and interest throughout the seasons, while careful soil preparation helps plants establish quickly and thrive for years to come.

At Caragh Nurseries, we know that every successful garden starts with the right planting plan. Soil type, drainage, sunlight and exposure all influence which plants will perform best, so selecting varieties that suit your garden is just as important as

choosing a style you love. Whether you're planting a feature tree, refreshing existing borders or completing a full garden transformation, our experienced team can recommend plants that are well suited to Irish conditions and your garden's individual needs.

With quality plants, expert advice and thoughtful planning, you can create a garden that's not only beautiful on the day it's planted, but one that continues to grow, mature and improve with every passing season. 🌱

Caragh Compost

Every great garden starts with healthy soil, and the right compost makes all the difference. Drawing on years of growing experience, we've developed our own multi-purpose compost to give plants the very best start.

Blended with premium Irish sphagnum peat, balanced nutrients, natural Irish seaweed extract and moisture-retaining technology, it encourages healthy root development, strong growth and beautiful, thriving plants throughout the seasons.

OUTDOORS REIMAGINED

HOW GARDEN BUILDINGS HAVE BECOME PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE



perfect for reading, entertaining or simply escaping the pace of everyday life. The beauty of modern outdoor buildings is their versatility. As family needs change, these spaces can evolve too.

Smarter Storage

Of course, practical storage remains important. *The difference today is that storage solutions no longer need to be hidden away.* Contemporary garden buildings combine functionality with attractive design, helping to create a more organised garden without compromising on appearance. A thoughtfully designed storage building can house everything from garden machinery and bicycles to outdoor furniture and seasonal decorations, helping keep outdoor spaces tidy and enjoyable year-round.

Crafted to Last

Behind every garden building is a team of skilled craftspeople who understand that these structures are long-term investments. At Caragh Nurseries, attention to detail, quality materials and traditional craftsmanship are long-term investments, coming together to create buildings that not only look beautiful when first installed, but continue to perform for many years to come. Much like a well-designed garden itself, the best outdoor buildings improve with age, becoming a natural and valued part of the landscape around them. As gardens become extensions of our living space, it's clear that outdoor buildings are no longer practical additions. *They are helping people make fuller use of the gardens they love.* 🌿

Not so long ago, a garden building was simply somewhere to store the lawnmower, stack a few pots and keep the tools dry. Today, things look very different. As our relationship with our homes and gardens continues to evolve, *outdoor buildings have become one of the most transformative additions we can make to our outdoor spaces.*

Increasingly, we're seeing customers look beyond traditional sheds and towards buildings that genuinely enhance how they live. Whether it's a quiet home office, creative studio, wellness retreat or simply space to entertain family and friends, *today's outdoor buildings are designed to be enjoyed.*

Working Closer to Nature

The shift towards flexible working has changed how many of us use our homes. While kitchen tables and spare bedrooms

served a purpose, more people are now creating dedicated workspaces within their gardens. A well-designed garden office provides separation from the distractions of the house while keeping the daily commute to a matter of seconds. More importantly, it allows people to stay connected to the changing seasons, natural light and views of the garden throughout the day.

Creative Spaces & Garden Retreats

Not every outdoor building needs to be about work. Some of the most exciting projects we see are spaces dedicated entirely to hobbies, creativity and relaxation. Artists are creating studios filled with natural light. Gardeners are embracing potting sheds as new spaces. Others are designing outdoor rooms that become extensions of the home,



MORE THAN A GARDEN SHED

AN EXCLUSIVE RANGE TO CHOOSE FROM

Our range of garden sheds are so much more than a place to store tools - they can become part of your lifestyle too!

Garden Bar



Perfect for family gatherings, summer evenings and celebrations. A stylish, space designed for entertaining outdoors.

Painted Shed



Combining traditional craftsmanship with a painted finish, it keeps garden essentials organised and looks beautiful.

Potting Shed



More than a place to store tools, this workspace is made for gardeners who love growing, propagating and outdoors life.

Apex Roof Shed



When you want a standard garden shed for storing all your garden equipment, or even a secure place for bikes and scooters.

THE WELLNESS GARDEN

WHY MORE PEOPLE ARE BRINGING SPA EXPERIENCES HOME



For many years, gardens were primarily places for planting, entertaining and enjoying the occasional sunny afternoon. Today, they are becoming something much more. Increasingly, *people are looking to their gardens as places of restoration and wellbeing*. In a world that often feels fast-paced and permanently connected, our outdoor spaces are becoming somewhere to *slow down, switch off and reconnect*.

This growing focus on wellness is influencing everything from planting schemes and garden layouts to seating areas, outdoor buildings and the way we live every day. The modern garden is no longer simply about how it looks - *it is also about how it makes us feel*.

Designing for Wellbeing

Many of the most successful gardens are designed around creating moments of calm.

Soft planting, ornamental grasses moving gently in the breeze, scented flowers and carefully positioned seating all help create spaces that encourage us to spend more time outdoors. The sound of water, natural materials and thoughtfully framed views can transform even a modest garden into a place that feels restorative.

Wellness gardens are often less formal than traditional designs. They favour layered planting, relaxed layouts and a softer atmosphere that allows people to slow down and enjoy the changing seasons. Rather than

demanding attention, *they invite people to pause, breathe and spend time in nature*. At their best, wellness gardens become an extension of the home - spaces that support relaxation, reflection and a healthier balance between indoor and outdoor living.

The Lighthouse Sauna

One of the most exciting additions to this growing wellness movement is the arrival of the **Lighthouse Sauna**, designed and manufactured by us.

Far removed from the clinical environments often associated with gyms or leisure centres, modern garden saunas are designed to sit beautifully within the landscape and become part of everyday garden life. More than simply an outdoor building, they create a dedicated place to relax, unwind and escape.

The **Lighthouse Sauna** combines contemporary design with exceptional craftsmanship, creating a space that feels both luxurious and understated. Natural timber finishes, carefully considered detailing and quality materials all contribute to a building that feels entirely at home within a garden setting.

The lighthouse sauna is our first sauna as part of our wellness range. Behind the scenes we're already designing more variations to add to the collection, so keep an eye out in the coming months for more information on those.

Designing Around a Sauna

The most successful wellness gardens are rarely built around a single feature. Instead, every element works together to create an overall experience.

When incorporating a sauna into a garden, privacy often becomes an important consideration. **Multi-stem trees, ornamental grasses and evergreen planting** can provide **screening** while maintaining a natural, relaxed feel. Thoughtful planting also helps soften the structure into the wider landscape.

Pathways play an important role too, creating a sense of journey through the garden. Gravel, stepping stones and natural paving materials help guide visitors towards the sauna while encouraging a slower pace and a stronger connection with the surroundings. **Lighting** is another key element. Soft and carefully positioned, it extends the use of the garden into the evening, creating atmosphere, safety and comfort.

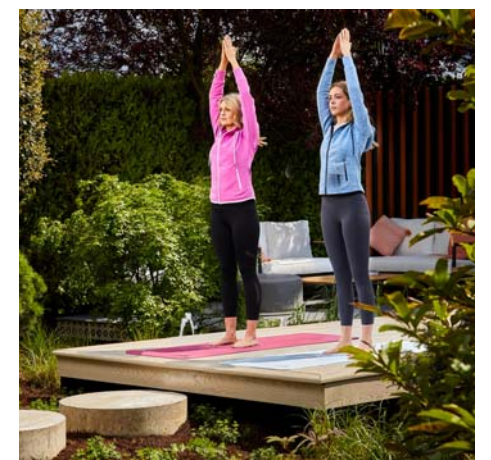
Planting should feel calming rather than overwhelming. Repeated drifts of grasses, ferns, lavender and seasonal perennials help create rhythm and softness, while ensuring the garden feels inviting throughout the year.

A New Way of Using the Garden

The most interesting aspect of the wellness garden trend is that it reflects a broader shift in how we view our outdoor spaces.

Gardens are no longer simply places to look at. They are places to live in, spend time in and invest in our wellbeing. They have become somewhere to exercise, work, relax, entertain and reconnect with nature - often all within the same space.

The best wellness gardens are designed around a way of living - and perhaps that is why they have become so popular. More than ever, people are looking for spaces that help them slow down, feel better and make the most of time spent outdoors. 🌿



If you have a favourite colour in mind, or a bespoke idea for your shed, just let us know!

CREATING INSTANT IMPACT

TREES, STATEMENT PLANTING & CONTAINERS FOR SUMMER

One of the questions we're asked most often is how to make a garden feel established. While beautiful borders and perennial planting schemes develop over time, certain plants and design elements can transform a space almost immediately.

Trees, larger shrubs and statement containers provide the framework of a garden. They create structure, draw the eye and bring a sense of maturity that can otherwise take years to achieve. Whether you're refreshing a small courtyard or redesigning a larger garden, these are often the elements that make the biggest difference.

The Power of Trees

A carefully chosen tree can completely change the character of a garden.

Multi-stem trees continue to be one of the most popular choices, bringing architectural interest without overwhelming the space. Varieties such as **Himalayan Birch** create beautiful movement and light, while **Amelanchier** offers year-round interest with spring blossom, attractive foliage and excellent autumn colour.

For those looking to create a more Mediterranean feel, **olive trees** remain a firm favourite. Their silvery foliage, sculptural form and ability to thrive in containers make them particularly versatile. **Japanese Acers** continue to earn their place in gardens of every size, bringing elegance, structure and beautiful seasonal colour.

Statement Planting & Containers

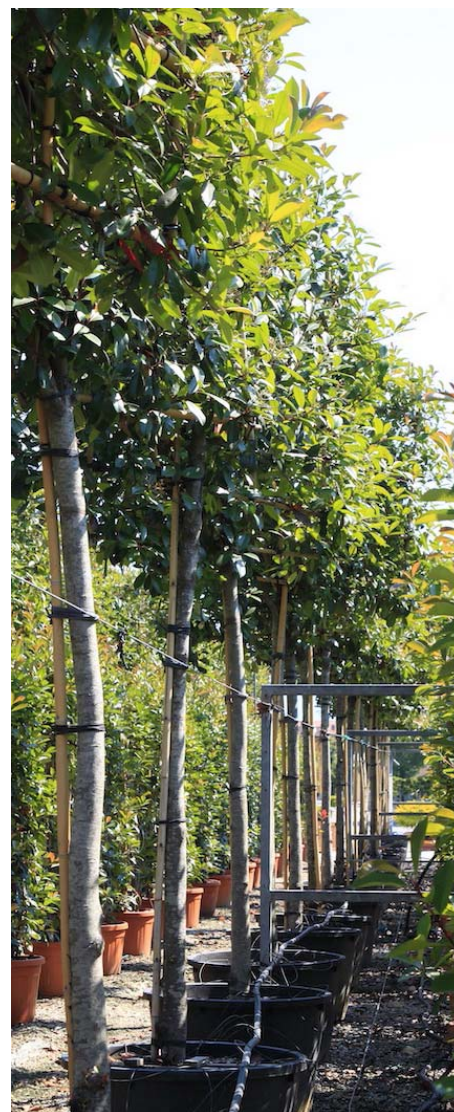
Large containers can be just as transformative as trees. Positioned beside an entrance, framing a terrace or defining an outdoor seating area, they create instant impact while adding height, colour and structure.

The key is to think boldly. Larger pots planted with olives, Acers, clipped evergreens or seasonal displays often create a stronger effect than several smaller containers. Repeating materials, colours or planting styles throughout a garden also helps create a more cohesive look.

Perhaps the greatest advantage of trees and statement containers is that they deliver results immediately. From the moment they are placed, they bring presence, maturity and a sense of permanence, helping a garden feel settled and beautifully established from day one.

If you're unsure where to begin, our **Garden Curators** can help you choose the right trees, planting and statement pieces to suit the style, scale and character of your outdoor space.

Whether you're looking for a single specimen tree or planning a complete garden transformation, we offer delivery across the island of Ireland, *making it easy to bring your vision to life.* 🌿



A focus on our exclusive Pot Collection



Containers have become far more than practical planting solutions. Today, they are one of the simplest ways to add structure, character and instant impact to a garden.

Large statement pots can frame entrances, define seating areas, bring height to terraces and create focal points where planting space may be limited. They also offer flexibility, allowing gardens to evolve through the seasons without the need for major redesign.

At Caragh Nurseries, our carefully selected pot collection offers something to suit every garden style, from contemporary spaces to traditional cottage gardens. Each range has been chosen for its quality, durability and ability to complement a wide variety of plants and outdoor settings.

The **Atlantis** collection features beautifully textured finishes created using salt and sand, giving each pot the appearance of an ancient artefact. Available in a palette of chalky whites, earthy greens, warm browns and soft yellows, these distinctive jars, urns and planters bring timeless character to any garden.

For a more contemporary look, the **Callisto** collection combines rich iron-ore textures with bold, architectural forms that pair beautifully with ornamental grasses, clipped evergreens and specimen trees.

For timeless appeal, traditional terracotta pots remain a favourite. Their warm earthy tones complement almost every style of planting, while naturally developing a beautiful patina over time. 🌿

OUTDOOR LIVING

COOK, GATHER AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS



The most enjoyable gardens are often the ones that encourage us to spend more time outside. A comfortable place to sit, a table to gather around and the simple pleasure of cooking outdoors can transform a garden into somewhere we truly live.

Increasingly, we're seeing outdoor spaces used as natural extensions of the home. Whether it's a relaxed family lunch, a barbecue with friends or a quiet evening meal outdoors, gardens are becoming places where moments are enjoyed a little more slowly.

Beautiful outdoor furniture plays an important role in creating that atmosphere - and this season we're especially excited

about the new **Finn & Elder Garden Furniture Collection** for 2026. With an even greater use of recycled teak than previous collections, it reflects our continued commitment to timeless craftsmanship and sustainable materials. *Designed with comfort, style and durability in mind*, it includes spacious dining sets for entertaining and relaxed lounge seating for long afternoons.

Made from high-quality, weather-resistant materials, **Finn & Elder** is built to handle the Irish climate while still feeling inviting day after day. The right furniture encourages people to linger a little longer and make the garden part of everyday life. 🌿



SEASONAL COOKING

TASTY BBQ FOOD FOR THE OUTDOORS

Great ideas for the Summer BBQ that's sure to please everyone

Some of the best outdoor meals are the simplest. Good ingredients, a hot grill and a table full of family or friends are usually all that's needed.

One of our favourite seasonal dishes is **chargrilled chicken** with *lemon, rosemary and garlic*, served with *colourful summer vegetables*. Marinated for a few hours, the chicken stays tender and juicy on the barbecue.

Courgettes, peppers and red onions can be grilled alongside, bringing sweetness, colour and a little smoky character. Finish with a squeeze of *fresh lemon* and a scattering of *chopped herbs* just before serving for a bright, seasonal flavour.

For an extra burst of flavour, add grilled *corn on the cob*, a *fresh herb salsa* or a simple yoghurt dressing infused with *lemon and mint*.

If you're looking for a centrepiece that brings people together, the **Montana X Fire Bowl** takes outdoor cooking one step further by combining a fire bowl with a fully functional

cooking system. Whether grilling over charcoal, cooking over an open flame or simply enjoying the fire afterwards, it offers a completely different way to experience the garden.

It's outdoor living in its purest form, encouraging relaxed evenings that continue long after the meal has finished.

Vegetarian options work just as well: *halloumi, aubergine, portobello mushrooms* and *colourful skewers* all take on wonderful flavour over the coals.

Whether you're cooking on a traditional barbecue, a ceramic grill or other device, *the secret is to keep it simple and let good ingredients do the work.* 🌿

Check out our website for a wide range of BBQs, Outdoor Cooking, Pizza Ovens, Pans and Fire Bowls. If it's for Outdoor Living, we're sure to stock it!



GARDEN DESIGN

EXPERT DESIGN – PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS – BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR SPACES

Every beautiful garden starts with an idea. Whether you're transforming a compact courtyard, redesigning a family garden or planning an entirely new landscape, good design provides the foundation for a space that will be enjoyed for years to come.

At **Caragh Nurseries**, our experienced design team works closely with each client to create gardens that are both beautiful and practical.

Every project begins by understanding how you want to use your outdoor space before carefully considering planting, structure, materials and long-term maintenance.

Our designers combine creativity with horticultural expertise, drawing on the exceptional range of specimen trees, shrubs and plants grown here at Caragh Nurseries.

Visiting the nursery allows you to experience these plants at full size, making it easier to visualise how they'll look in your own garden.

From contemporary entertaining spaces to traditional country gardens, every design is tailored to suit your home, lifestyle and budget.

Whether you're looking for inspiration, a complete masterplan or simply guidance on where to begin, *we're here to help turn your ideas into reality.* 🌿



Garden Design Options



Whether you're looking for expert advice or a complete garden transformation, we offer design services to suit every project. Our **Garden Design Consultation** (€295) includes a one-to-one meeting with one of our experienced designers to discuss your space, ideas and aspirations.

If you're planning a larger project, our **Complete Garden Design & Planning service** provides detailed plans, project management and ongoing support from initial concept through to completion, creating a bespoke garden tailored specifically to your home. 🌿

PLAN YOUR VISIT TO US

Make the most of your visit by exploring everything **Caragh Nurseries** has to offer and discover one of Ireland's finest collections of mature and specimen trees, browse our seasonal displays and *enjoy expert advice from our knowledgeable team.*

Take time to explore the **Nursery Park**, where thoughtfully arranged displays show how trees, shrubs and specimen plants can work together to create structure, colour and year-round interest. Throughout the nursery you'll discover mature trees, architectural planting and seasonal highlights, all selected for Irish gardens.

Our experienced *Garden Curators* are always on hand to offer practical guidance, whether you're choosing the right tree, planning a new border or looking for planting advice. Bring along photographs of your garden and we'll help turn your ideas into a practical planting scheme.

Whether you leave with a single tree or the beginnings of an entirely new garden, *we hope you'll leave inspired, informed and looking forward to your next visit.* 🌿

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