

The landscape profession consists of landscape designers, managers, scientists and planners who are Members of the Landscape Institute (MLI), the Chartered Institute in the UK for Landscape Architects. Landscape designers, managers, scientists and planners work on all types of external space of varying scales (gardens to forestry and parkland) in all types of location (urban to rural).

Landscape Architects can provide an invaluable service to the design team in the early stages of a project, ensuring that the end result is acceptable in terms of its impact on the surrounding landscape and complies with relevant planning policy.



The Landscape Institute

The Institutes of Landscape Architects was established in 1939 and changed to the Landscape Institute in 1978, broadening its membership to include landscape managers and scientists. In 1997 the Landscape Institute was granted a Royal Charter.

There are four membership divisions for the Landscape Institute:

- Landscape Designers plan, design and create all types of outdoor space;
- Landscape Managers advise on the long term care and development of the landscape;
- Landscape Scientists have specialist skills such as soil science, hydrology, geomorphology or botany that they relate to the practical problems of landscape work; and
- Landscape Planners are concerned with the location, scenic, ecological and recreational aspects of land use.

Professional Membership

Landscape Professionals become Chartered Landscape Architects through study at university followed by a minimum of 2 years work experience prior to taking the professional practice exam.

A list of members and registered practices is kept by the landscape Institute. For information and registered landscape practices in the UK visit the Landscape Institute website: www.l-i.org.uk or the Yorkshire Branch website www.liyorkshire.or.uk

There follows a list of 2001 registered practices in Yorkshire and Humberside with contact phone numbers.

- Abber Holford Rowe Landscape and Environment Ltd (Huddersfield) 01484 537411
- Alison J Campbell (Huddersfield) 01484 361 526
- Babtie Group Landscape (Wakefield) 01924 362 915
- BDP Landscape Ltd (Sheffield) 0114 273 1641
- BHWB Environmental Design & Planning (Bramham) 01937 541 200
- Brown Associates (Sheffield) 0114 268 6444
- Camlin Lonsdale (Huddersfield) 01484 841 000
- DLA Landscape & Urban Design (Wakefield) 01924 858 585
- ECUS (Sheffield) 0114 266 9292
- Estell Warren (Leeds) 0113 294 5720
- Farmer Design Associates (Huddersfield) 01484 861 611
- Fawcett & Fawcett (Northallerton) 01609 770 767
- Gillespies (Leeds) 0113 247 0550
- Horsman Woolley (Hebden Bridge) 01422 845 845
- Insite Environment (Harrogate) 01423 799172
- Landcare (Huddersfield) 01484 686 462
- Landscape Contract Designs (York) 01904 489 403
- Maslen Environmental Ltd (Bradford) 01274 723 837
- Mike Spence Environmental (Silsden) 01535 658749
- Peter Conlon Landscape Architect (Sheffield) 0114 286 4667
- Popplewell Associates (York) 01904 656 484
- RPS Consultants (Huddersfield) 01484 543 124
- Scott Wilson (Leeds) 0113 246 1844
- Smeedon-Foreman Partnership (Harrogate) 01423 520 222
- Sue Wilson (Huddersfield) 01484 652 270
- The Landmark Partnership (Thirsk) 01845 537 961
- The Landscape Practice (Northallerton) 01609 772 554
- Wainwright Landscape Architecture Ltd (Wakefield) 01924 318 256
- Watkins:Dally (Sheffield) 0114 267 9175
- Weddle Landscape Design (Sheffield) 0114 275 7003
- Welch Landscape Architect (Scunthorpe) 01724 712 812
- Whitelaw Turkington Landscape Architects 01977 646 929
- Win Derbyshire - Landscape Architect (York) 01904 620 799



The Landscape

The landscape is a complex arrangement of elements within the physical environment. Some of this arrangement is natural but for most of the UK the influences of man have left their mark. Landscape is valued in different ways for different reasons. Some have local amenity and recreation value, others are valued for their heritage while others are valued for their unique sense of place. As with everything where man has influence some are considered good and others bad. Whatever the type and quality the landscape surrounds us and affects our lives just as our activities impact upon its landscape character.

Landscape encompasses all space outside buildings from the urban pedestrian precincts in cities to the wide open spaces of moorland. Therefore all forms of development impact upon the landscape to some degree and this needs to be assessed to determine its significance and identify possible mitigation.



When to involve a Landscape Architect

Developers should seek landscape advice in the early stages of project development. Early involvement of a Landscape Architect as part of the design team to help determine form, scale and siting of new developments can be invaluable and is encouraged by Harrogate Borough Council. This will ensure the best possible solution is reached through the application of landscape appraisal as part of the design process.

For single household applications it will often be enough to be aware of the landscape issues to consider as part of the application and to show that consideration has been given.

Examples of projects which Landscape Architects work on include:

- Housing area, industrial parks and commercial developments,
- The space around schools, universities, hospitals and hotels
- Small private gardens and private estates
- Public parks, golf courses, theme parks and sports facilities
- large or small urban regeneration schemes
- Forest, tourist or historic landscapes
- Landscape appraisal or conservation studies
- Environmental assessment, planning advice and land management proposals.

Landscape Architects are specialists in understanding the diverse aspects of the landscape. Relevant experience is important: some Landscape Architects are more experienced in urban landscape design than rural and semi-natural settings. Therefore, always ask about previous experience prior to appointing a Landscape Architect for your project.