

**Freelance Landscape Architect**
November 2020 to present day

Park Hood, Belfast: LVIA Specialist: large residential developments/private high end developments, hotels/restaurants, quarries, wind turbines/farms, distillery.

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March 2019 to October 2020

Woodland Trust: LVIA of Natural Burial Ground, Akeley, Buckinghamshire;
Ascerta, St Helens: LVIA, planting plans;
Wardell Armstrong, Stoke: LVIA (mainly environmental schemes);
Hart Island Project, New York City cemetery - visit to New York in October 2019, to present at a hearing in response to a Request for Information. October 2020 zoom presentation on Hart Island, New York, to Ohio State University Landscape Architect students and review of student projects.

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Wrest Park, Silsoe, Bedfordshire
Landscape Architect
May 2017 - March 2019

Documentation and design to fulfil client and planning requirements for new cemeteries and crematoria including, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments, Design, Policy and Need Assessments, Design and Access Statements, specifications (NBS), cemetery strategies (London Borough of Hounslow and Bristol City), site selection (Dover County Council, Banbury Town Council).

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February 2015 to April 2017
(Jan-March 2016 - 3 month contract with RPS, Southampton)

Ascerta, St Helens; RPS, Southampton; Design with Nature, Shropshire: LVIA, planting plans and design for commercial and residential developments.
Hart Island Project, New York City cemetery: Landscape and burial strategies (Presentation of landscape strategy to Borough and City officials in New York, May 2016 and July 2015) - <http://www.hartisland.net>.

Groundwork, Lancashire West and Wigan

Landscape Architect
April 2014 - February 2015

Scoping, concept design, developed and technical design for schemes including allotments, public parks, a cemetery and cenotaph. Landscape Management Plans for two large sites, public consultations. Worked with councils and councillors, residents, Lancashire Wildlife Trust and other professionals.

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2011 - 2013

Ryder Landscape Consultants, Chester: 9 month contract: Nottingham Left Bank Flood Alleviation Scheme, Chester Zoo Nature Reserve
Preparation of illustrative, qualitative and quantitative documentation from research to design development to working drawings and detailed construction drawings;
Felix Dennis Estate: RHS award - Design and build of Natural Burial Site show garden for RHS Malvern 2013;
Design of 12 acre natural burial site at Studley, Warwickshire.
LVIA for a proposed 600 acre woodland in Worcestershire.

Manchester Metropolitan University
Graduate Teaching Assistant

Feb 2012-June 2012: Tutorials with Year 3 BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture, and Graduate Diploma students. Lecture on LVIA

Forestry Commission

Landscape Assistant
Delamere, Cheshire
August 2008 – August 2009

Community woodlands and leisure amenities.
Efficiently and effectively surveyed, drew and edited plans, cross-sections and layout drawings including 13 entrances in AutoCAD for Town Lane, Southport (Newlands), as well as assisting on site during the construction phase and contributing to tendering process.
Negotiated effectively with contractors and agencies for local feature in Delamere Forest and Southport community woodland.

University of Manchester
Applications Specialist
September 1989 - September 2007

IT Services Department
Distributed, supported and taught Microsoft Office applications including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project. Responsibility for University-wide Microsoft licensing.
Developed accessible, well-designed websites in HTML and ASP that delivered database content.

From 1981 to 1988 I taught in Further Education and Community Education as well as teaching English in Japan for a year.





QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture 2:1
2009-2010
Manchester Metropolitan University
- Graduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture 2:1
2007-2008
Manchester Metropolitan University

- MA Creative Writing
2003-2006 (part time)
Manchester Metropolitan University

- MSc Computation
1988-1989
University of Manchester Institute of
Science and Technology

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education
1980-1981
University of Manchester

- BA(Hons) Modern History with
Economics 2:1
1977-1980
University of Manchester

After 18 years at the University of Manchester I took the opportunity to develop my creativity in an area in which I have always had a great interest and passion. I chose to develop a site for natural burial for my final year project and since then have developed an expertise in this area of work.

I am creative yet logical, methodical and thorough. I welcome the mix of skills that are called upon, the diversity of people you engage with and the opportunity to contribute towards improving the environment

I am effective and efficient at producing reports and research documents. I have excellent reporting skills with experience in writing LVIA's, Design and Access Statements, Policy and Need Assessments and Cemetery Strategies all of which require understanding and synthesising national and local planning policies.

At Groundwork Wigan, I produced a 62 page illustrated Management Plan for Amberswood Common, Wigan. I have also written a number of accurate, comprehensive specifications for landscape schemes.

I have excellent skills in AutoCAD, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign and Sketchup, which enables me to express ideas effectively and quickly. I am also developing my expertise in QGIS to support LVIA's producing Viewsheds and visibility analyses.

At the University of Manchester I was an applications specialist and taught all of the Microsoft Office suite including Excel and Project.

I have excellent interpersonal and communication skills developed through my earlier career as a teacher, trainer and database expert. At the Forestry Commission I contributed to a strong team spirit and enjoyed working with forest rangers, engineers and planners. I have a strong customer focus and when working on site I enjoy engaging with residents. At Groundwork I worked closely with the local Wildlife Trust and Wigan Council and since working for the Cemetery Development Services I have liaised with a wide range of professionals including funeral directors, cemetery managers, engineers and planning officers.

CONFERENCES AND COMPETITIONS

- October 2020 - Review of Ohio University Landscape Architect students projects related to Hart Island, New York City's burial site.
- Paper accepted for 5th Fabos Conference, 30 June - 3rd July 2016, Budapest, Hungary and ECLAS Conference, September 11-14, 2016, Rapperswil, Switzerland.
- March 2015 - PechaKucha presentation on Urban Natural Burial at EcoBuild 2015, ExCeL Centre, London.
- April 2014 - Selected as one of the winners of the LI's Creating Healthy Places Competition. I presented the ideas on urban natural burial at the Garden Museum, London in 2014 and had two live interviews on BBC Radio Manchester and BBC Radio 5 Live.
- October 2013 - I gave a presentation on Urban Natural Burial at the Urban Forestry Conference in Estonia.

INTERESTS



I enjoy writing and travelling. I'm a member of Awesome Walls in Stockport, an indoor wall climbing club, and go 2 to 3 times a week.

