

Design + Access Statement

This statement accompanies the proposal to incorporate a piece of disused waste ground into the existing private garden of No. 4 Derwentwater Close, Millom

The prompt to tidy up the ground came from the ever increasing challenge to access the rear of our garden wall to clear it of weeds etc each year - due to mounting debris. It was becoming a 'smelly - eyesore'

The area was overgrown with brambles - nettles and had become a 'dumping ground' for garden waste - building rubble - glass bottles - plastic containers - tents - pieces of metal - discarded poo bags - wire netting and barbed wire that's become embedded into the ground etc etc - to name a few - (some photo's enclosed)

The piece of ground is now enclosed by a concrete panel fence and will be accessed via the garden or footpath.

The aim is to create a peaceful retreat that supports native wildlife and plant species - and a space for relaxation and reflection for my elderly mother and myself.

By introducing Wildflowers - retaining the trees - creating log piles - introducing bird boxes - I hope to create a sanctuary that supports pollinators, butterflies and hopefully encourage amphibians, invertebrates, hedghogs and more birds into the area. I plan to include a 'water butt' to harvest rainwater for the plants and birds etc

This proposal represents a 'low impact' environmental beneficial transformation of waste ground into a biodiverse private garden