

GARDEN NOTES  
FIELDSTONE  
64 ELLENDON STREET,  
BUNGENDORE



DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Fieldstone is an 1860 stone house set within a half-acre. Little information is known about its history other than its age.

When we acquired the property four years ago, it had suffered from neglect and the building and garden were overgrown with thick carpets of ivy which had even formed self-supporting trees. The ivy covered the walls and roof of the house and infiltrated the roof space, causing ceilings to collapse inside and windows to rot. The driveway arbor had been overtaken by ivy which had almost smothered the grapes planted on it. Trees had succumbed to the dry and the hardy pussy willow is still suffering, and we are trying to save it.

We found remnants of ponds and other structures which were only uncovered when garden work was undertaken.

There was a stand of Manchurian Pears which led from the front gate to the front door. These were relocated to the rear and now form a clipped hedge. Sandstone pavers were laid along the front path as well as sandstone garden edging. Viburnum hedges were planted around the perimeter and estate fencing made and installed to divide the garden so that there is a division between the garden antique display area which forms part of the business, and the immediate garden around the house. A sundial dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and made of Cotswold stone sits in the centre of the rear garden.

All the large old established trees such as the horse chestnut and pussy willow have been retained and some are still in the process of being rehabilitated.

The garden is simple and formal, so it is easy to maintain.

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