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Outside the new Bridgwater home of Blagdon The Pond Masters, a new water garden has been created. The Blagdon Team have designed the garden in two halves, a traditional English water garden has been installed on one side to reflect the heritage of the company and on the other side a state of the art contemporary garden, to reflect the moving trends of today.

The traditional garden contains a kidney shaped pond some 7.5 metres ( 25') long and 3.6 metres (12') wide, the edging has been completed with traditional red brick and sealed with Blagdon V8 paint to prevent lime from the concrete mortar leaching into the water and raising the pH to unhealthy levels. The pond is lined using Blagdon Ultimate Pond Liner for a long durable life. This was protected by Blagdon Underlay to prevent any damage from stones in the underlying soil. The garden is shielded from the prevailing wind by a bank of shrubs and set into this an Aquastones waterfall powered by a Blagdon Torrent 5500 pump creates beautiful moving water. The Pond is filtered by 2 x Hydratech Cyclone 20000 Filters and is powered by another Torrent pump, this time a 10500 model. The display is completed by aquatic plants which are divided into 3 distinct categories. Firstly the marginal's which are made up of the following plants:

**Caltha Polypetala Yellow Giant (New Hybrid)** - A more compact version of polypetala with longer lasting flowers

**Orontium Aquaticum** – Golden Club

**Iris pseudocorus** – Yellow flag Iris

**Iris laevigata Alba purpurea** – White flowers with purple mottling

**Pontederia Cordata Blue spires** – Broad foliage which is curly and striated

**Butomus umbellatus** – Flowering rush, flower heads consist of a cluster of pink flowers

**Zantedeschia aethiopica** 'Kiwi Blush'

**Lobelia Cardinalis** 'Queen Victoria'

**Lysichitum camtschaticense** – White arum shaped flowers with large oval leaves

**Iris laevigata Regal** – Magenta/wine red flowers a rare variety

**Zantedeschia aethiopica** 'Crowborough' Hardy Arum lily – free flowering.

**Scirpus zibrinus**- Horizontally white striped grass

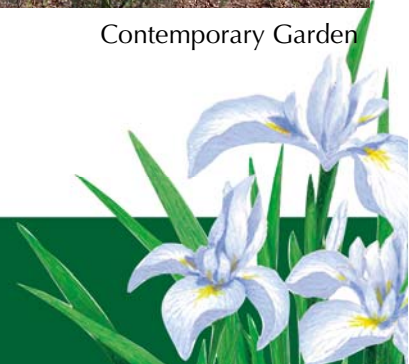
**Typha minima** – Dwarf bull rush



Traditional Garden



Contemporary Garden





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**Deep Water Lilies** – planted in Blagdon pond plant compost and topped with gravel. Each lily is planted in a jumbo lily basket to give maximum room for growth and enhanced flowering

**Nymphaea 'Sirius'** – Deep red flowers with a slight streak of white on the edges of the outer petals

**Nymphaea 'Joey Tomocik'** – Mottled leaves with a deep yellow flower

**Nymphaea 'Mariacea Albida'** – Blushed white flowers

**Nymphaea 'Georgia Peach'** – Salmon sunset flowers held above the water surface with mottled leaves

**Nymphaea 'Gonnere'** – Double white flowers

**Oxygenators** -These are anchored to the base of the pond in pots of gravel

**Potamogeton Crispa**- the favourite for the Blagdon pond

The Contemporary pond has been designed to take a fresh look at water garden design and to add something a bit different. The materials chosen are hard industrial looking limestone, concrete pipes and lintels, which when combined with gravel and architectural planting around the pond creates a stunning new slant on a water garden. The pond is larger than the traditional pond with a maximum depth of 152cm (5') and a total volume of 20,000 litres (4400 gallons). The pond has been designed to house some unusual inhabitants for an ornamental pond, Ornamental Trout\*\*. To support these fast moving fish the pond is fitted with circulation pumps moving 60000 litres of water an hour along with the combined filtration power of 4 x Cyclone 20000 units. A koi air 65 also supplies extra aeration for these highly demanding fish. We introduced a total of 8 golden and 6 blue rainbow trout.

The planting for this pond is simple. To compliment the architectural planting around the pond only 3 varieties of plants were used, all of which are marginals:

**Typha latifolia variagata** – A rare variegated bull rush

**Scirpus zibrinus** – Horizontally striped variegated grass

**Scirpus albescens** – Vertically striped variegated grass



Nymphaea 'Mariacea Albida'



Nymphaea 'Sirius'



Nymphaea 'Georgia Peach'



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The plants in both gardens will form a stunning display once established to create a wonderful pair of water gardens.

All of these plants in the pond and the garden are juveniles in May 2006 – look back in the future to see how our ponds develop.

For all your pond information and to find out how to enter some great competitions with fantastic prizes during 2006– visit the new Blagdon Website [www.blagdonthepondmasters.co.uk](http://www.blagdonthepondmasters.co.uk)

\*\* Trout are not normally recommended for ornamental garden ponds owing to their great water quality demands especially dissolved oxygen and water movement. They also do not mix with other normal pond fish.

