

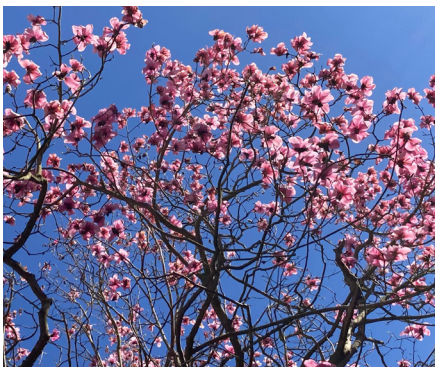


Aerial view of a recently completed Southern Green garden design

## Spring Newsletter 2025

As we head into a busy summer, we're glancing back to some highpoints of Spring. We completed some fantastic projects, started exciting new ones, tidied up the Southern Green garden, learned about [bees](#) and enjoyed the [simple calm of watering a plant](#). We've also been thinking about the role and impact of [AI](#) across the sector and we've delivered some excellent in-house knowledge sharing sessions on [historic landscapes](#) with Simon Green.

Don't forget to click on the titles and links for further information!



### A lovely private residential garden

One of our private residential design commissions has just been completed featuring ornamental beds, a bespoke water feature, circular lawn, curved walls that form a sheltered seating area, and specimen trees including Malus, Betula and Amelanchier. We're really happy with the results and wish our client a tranquil summer in their new garden. See how it began [here](#) and look out for a blog post coming soon on our website with more details.

### Explore the new gardens at Seaton Delaval Hall

Work is underway to implement Southern Green and National Trust's restoration of a historic Rose Garden at Seaton Delaval Hall. The plans include a full re-



design of the garden based on the design principles of the historic layout. The footpath network is being rationalised to maximise accessibility, all of the original hedges that were decimated by Box Blite are being replaced, seating and other rose garden features will be introduced to provide destination points, gateways and focal features, and new Roses with biodiverse companion planting will complete the project. Read more about it from the National Trust [here](#).



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## Castle Leazes: A landmark project in partnership with Newcastle University and Unite students.

In May, planning permission was granted for the transformational [Castle Leazes redevelopment](#). The scheme will deliver modern student bedrooms, state-of-the-art amenities, and revitalised green spaces. Keep a watch for behind-the-scene updates as the project progresses.



## Celebrating 75 years of Landscape



The team were delighted to participate, along with other local practices and the Landscape Institute North East Branch, at Newcastle University's Landscape 75 Exhibition. The event showcased the excellent work of this year's MLA graduating class and the Landscape Research Collaboratory. As a Newcastle landscape alumni, Ros Southern was asked to give a speech in which she reflected on the vitality of landscape architecture in the North East, and memories of her time studying.

Read more about the celebration [here](#).

## So long Spring, hello Summer!

We're delighted to announce a new full-time member to the Southern Green team as Annie transitions into a Graduate Landscape Architect role following successful completion of Newcastle's MLA.



## NHS Forest Tree Planting Day

Some of our team and their family volunteered to plant over 1800 native trees donated through the NHS forest scheme to form a species-rich hedgerow and tree avenue. The South Tyneside site is one we have supported with a planting strategy and detailed planting proposals, so it was fantastic to get out in the fresh air and help bring the design to life! Read more [here](#).

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