



DIG FOR VICTORY: The garden designed by Tim Mackley
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Dulwich garden lands award nod for designer

AN EAST Dulwich garden designer is on the shortlist for a prestigious national award.

Tim Mackley, of Whateley Road, has been nominated in the Society of Garden Designers (SGD) annual awards in the category for up and coming gardeners.

The SGD was impressed with Mr Mackley's design for a garden in West Dulwich that combined granite paving slabs with grass, herbs and shrubbery in a multi-tiered design.

Mr Mackley said: "Extensive work was done on the interior of the house. It was gutted and turned into a clean-looking design.

"The garden had to reflect that. The design took a few weeks and then the actual building and planting went on for a couple of months.

"The plants are mainly perennials – grass, shrubs and herbs near the house."

More than a thousand gardeners were eligible for the awards, but Mr Mackley made the shortlist of just 24.

He said: "The award is very prestigious. The judging is done by quite distinguished people in the industry, both garden designers, academics and journalists.

"To be judged by that group would be a big accolade.

"I have always loved nature and the outdoors.

"I got involved with gardening because I followed my passion for it."

The awards will be held on November 9 with a ceremony at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel in west London.