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Small Projects
CLIENT:
Mr & Mrs Messenger

 Maison de la Falaise,
 Village de Putron, St Martins,
 Guernsey

ARCHITECTS:
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Welch Landscape Design/CCD

 The Terrace, Grantham Street,
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 Trafalger House, Petit Bouet,
 St Peter Port, Guernsey

CONTRACTOR:
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Maison de la Falaise Landscaping



The landscape design for this spectacular cliff-side project was created through collaboration between landscape architect Stephen Welch and architect Andrew Dyke. The project was founded in organic design principles and the aim to entwine the house and landscape into one.

The dramatic changes in level across the site were managed by introducing large, natural stone terraces, crafted by Smith & Wilson Stonemasons. Inhabited with native and non-native shrubs and trees, these walls hold pools of water that cascade down, connecting the tiers and encircling the house.

The falling water can be seen and heard up close from the meandering walkway, while the more serene, secondary pool encloses the lowest terrace with still water and verdant aquatic plants. Bathed in lights at night, the vistas become even more breath-taking.

Boardwalks, bridges and pathways lead you through the kitchen garden and terraces, to the summerhouse and into the meadow below, hugging the contours and offering fantastic framed views of Herm and Sark beyond.

Simple paths with railway sleeper steps wind across the coast-facing side of the site, through an expanse of vibrant wildflowers, exotic-looking Echiums and hardy woodland trees.

The landscape is designed to give the impression of the house growing out of the garden, and unifies the two through matching materials, interacting levels, and large, glazed elements eliminating boundaries.

Planting design by Stephen Welch and undertaken by Guernsey Gardens.

