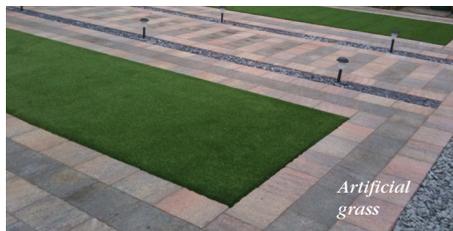


as one of the best, an opinion upheld by the industry itself when Marshalls presented him with three prestigious awards simultaneously in 2009; Best driveway transformation in the East Midlands, Best patio and Best use of a Marshall's product. In 2010 he did it again, scooping the coveted award for the Best driveway created for less than £5,000.

All of this just goes to show that it pays to do things properly; everything planned and carried out in an orderly fashion. It's a reflection of Brian's quiet ways that shines through the wonder of his driveways and patios; you can tell that the end result is the product of careful thought, the kind of finish that comes from patient



deliberation. After all, who wants a driveway and patio thrown up in a hurry that will have flaws appearing in it in the years to come? No,

you can't beat the quiet and considered approach.

And when all the preparation is done, and the ground is ready to be paved, Brian the artist sets to work. Using a wide range of different coloured blocks and stones, slabs and bricks, he lays down the most visually appealing surface you could wish for. When it's done, and you stand back to admire the finished thing, it sets your house off a treat. The fact that you know it's built to last only makes it more of a marvel.

Well, that's the front of the home taken care of. With spring just around the corner, many of us will be yearning for the sunshine and warmth to come back. Where better to enjoy these halcyon days than at home with our family and close friends; and the focal point for such an outdoor get together could be a beautifully designed patio. It's safe to say that Brian's approach to building you a patio will be just as thorough as the work he put into your driveway. Only here, in the privacy of your back garden, he can unleash his imagination and

turn your haven into a plot of paradise. Snaking out from the patio, he could build you an exquisite path made of natural stone. It could lead to a purpose-built barbecue, or pass beneath an archway to a secret garden beyond or else a vegetable patch that needs to be kept hidden behind an attractive garden wall. He could install lights along the pathway that might fork away to lead on to a pond or water feature, complete with a rippling waterfall or cascading stonework. And here and there you could have flowers and plants gracing a tiered or multi-level garden to make your little hideaway more idyllic than ever.

No doubt, as you read this, you'll have your own notions of what you'd like to have built in your garden, even incredible designs that seem too outlandish for words. All it takes to try and make these fantastic ideas happen is to talk to the man himself. It's this



collaboration between you and Brian that makes dreams come true. Of course, he'll be the first person to tell you if a concept can't be done, or if it would be unsafe, but then equally, he'll be able to suggest an alternative that gives you the essence of what you're after whilst making sure it's built properly.

In the end, when you add it all up, he's the chap who makes your property look good, which in turn adds to the value of the place you call home. In his own way, he helps to beautify this little corner of England, thereby leaving his mark behind. So Emerson was right after all; it's not the big things that make civilisation work, but the people it turns out. And it's a good job it is, because with people like Brian Harrison around to make their contribution, civilisation will turn out to be as good as our dreams can ever be.

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