



House and Garden Gazebo, Alderley Edge

RIBA award

Architects' Journal

'Small Project of the Year' award

Manchester Society of Architects

'Architecture in the Landscape' design award

The client wanted a retreat for work and play with a view across the Cheshire plain, which had recently been obscured from elsewhere in the garden by building work on an adjacent plot. The site is in the garden of a house in Alderley Edge, designed by us in 1972 using white concrete blocks and slate.

The gazebo is a parallelogram bounded by circular galvanised steel columns and channels. Inside this frame there is a box glazed on two adjacent sides, reached by a GRP grid ramp.

The floor is stressed plywood and the roof stainless steel; the two unglazed walls have composite polyurethane panels faced in powder coated aluminium. An air conditioning unit is located below the floor and there are low energy discs of light below the roof. A full height service column has gas, water, electricity, telephone and fax. It also incorporates a sink. A purpose made desk is along one wall.