

## Hindhope – Bishops Court

Providing level space for a tennis court, swimming pool, forecourt, as well as garden space around this new residence on a steeply sloping site was a daunting task for architects Jane Baldwin and Associates. Right at the bottom a start was made by building a level platform for a tennis court using imported cement stabilised sand, retained by a 5.5m high wall of Terraforce L11 blocks - with a storm water discharge cascade incorporated.



Contractor: Decorton Retaining  
Landscaping: Ladybird Gardens



Engineer: B.V.I. Consulting

Above the court it was necessary to build another L11 block wall in the stepped back plant supportive fashion across the width of the property. As a focal point it was decided to incorporate a level platform supported on a vertical composite wall with curved 4x4 block stairways leading up and down from this platform. Below street level and supporting the steep driveway is yet another L11 block wall. Along the one side of the erf is a long block wall, connecting and curving into the various lateral walls.

Elsewhere it was necessary to build various L11 terraces with 4x4 block stairways incorporated. Melanie Diamond of Ladybird Gardens, who together with the Terraforce contractors had considerably influenced design choices made on this site, then proceeded to soften the installation with cascading perennial plants such as Asystasia, Baleria, Plectranthus, Gazanias, Verbena etc. Leylandi were planted to create a hedge in the front of the retaining wall to break the height of the wall and provide an effective screen. Suitable hedging plants such as Hebe and Lavender have been used to provide definition and demarcate the top of the walls.