

**South-east**  
**The Fox, Felpham, West Sussex**

Outside the front of the Fox, you wouldn't guess that it had a large garden. Nor could you possibly imagine the amount of hard work and inspired thinking that Alison and Andy Hiron and family members have devoted to creating a fabulous outdoor space for all ages.

The garden has been subtly divided into different sections, including a large covered decked area with heating and lighting for extra comfort when the weather is iffy, hard and soft landscaped areas, a kids' playground and a tasteful shelter for smokers.

Although seating for around 200 is provided, Andy and Alison have sited the tables so that they are not too close to one another, providing a degree of privacy for customers.

Members of the family did everything themselves, from planning, designing and building the facilities to planting all the shrubs and flowers. At night, it comes alight with hundreds of tiny, solar-powered LED lights in red, white and blue.

In the two years Alison and Andy have spent at the Enterprise Inns outlet, they have seen the food side of the business increase, especially since creating the new outdoor area.

Alison says: "If it's sunny, we know we'll be busy. Our kitchen is tiny, so we have to plan the menu with dishes that are simple to prepare."

Andy adds: "Our aim with the garden was to impress customers and keep them coming back, which we have achieved."