



At a glance

Location

Suffolk
United Kingdom

The challenge

To provide a spacious, long lasting glasshouse for producing vegetables that would enable a longer growing season.

The solution

SOLARDOME[®] Retreat

Dome specification

- Diameter 6.27m / 20'07"
- Height 3.47m / 11'05"
- Area 28.5m² / 161ft²
- Volume 69m³ / 2437ft³

Mrs McCann chose a Solardome[®] glasshouse as the ideal structure to support her passion for urban growing.

Paula had long been in the pursuit of a greenhouse-like space that would extend the organic growing season every year.

But finding a reliable, long-lasting structure – that would also support the necessary conditions for growing healthy vegetables – proved to be a challenge.

Perfect for growing

Living in the middle of farmland in Ipswich, Paula was looking for a designated and secure space to grow food.

And after exploring our range, as well as visiting a glasshouse in nearby Cambridgeshire, she decided that our six-metre Retreat would provide ample room for her vegetables – while protecting them from the elements in a relatively exposed area.

Paula explained: “The obvious benefits for food production is the protection from the lashing rain, strong winds and frosts, meaning I can extend the annual growing season.”

Reducing food miles

Paula spoke to Solardome Industries about the recent growing seasons and her impressive set up inside the geodesic dome.

“The dome is brilliant for planting seeds very early and extends the growing season.”

“Last year, we had sweetcorn in May – which is very early – as well as butternut squash, salads, peppers,

chillies and 70 kilos of tomatoes that I processed into passata and other sauces,” said Paula.

The growing environment inside the glasshouse ensured that food was being produced well beyond the spring. In fact, the organic food farming continued for the rest of the year.

“I even managed to grow broad beans and some more potatoes for Christmas,” Paula exclaimed.

“The fact that there are no food miles makes it all the more rewarding,” she added.



More information

Contact us to find out more about our glasshouses and how they can help you get the most out of your garden.

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