



At a glance

Location

Ardingly
West Sussex

The challenge

To have a greenhouse with difference that could also be used as a multi-purpose outdoor room for dining and relaxing in.

The solution

SOLARDOME[®] Retreat

Dome specification

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

Mr and Mrs Fall were looking for a new greenhouse, but not just any greenhouse, one that could also be used as a multi-purpose outdoor room for dining and relaxing in.

As keen gardeners, they wanted an environment perfect for growing salad and crops, as well as providing the opportunity to nurture semi-tender plants.

Determined to make this dream a reality, they began their research and came across Solardome Industries online. After discussing the options available, Mr and Mrs Fall were pleased to find out that there was not only a showroom where the domes could be seen, but also a customer's dome just three miles away.

Solardome arranged a visit for Mr and Mrs Fall to see the local Solardome[®] Retreat, a 6.3m diameter glasshouse. This gave them the opportunity to see the dome up close, experience the benefits of its unique structure and see how another couple had maximised its usage as an outdoor room.

After seeing this multi-purpose dome, their minds were made up.

“We were impressed with the quality of the build and the space it gave. Having a garden that is quite exposed and often windy, the strength of the structure, as well as the superior light levels of the dome, really appealed,” said Andrea Fall.

After a year to get their plans in place and secure the necessary planning permission, Mr and Mrs Fall instructed their local builder to lay their base. In just two days at the beginning of 2013, their Retreat was built by the Solardome team.

Since installing the dome, they have created soil beds around the inside perimeter and a central patio area for sitting and dining. There is plenty of space for a potting table and additional folding staging at busy times of the year.

“Its unusual dome design has provoked lots of great comments from friends and neighbours. Already we have had quite a crop of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and aubergines and the vine is growing well. We have plans to expand the planting over the autumn and look forward to using it to relax in on cooler days.”

– Andrea Fall, Owner of a Solardome® Retreat



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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