



**PROJECT TYPE**  
**SHOFFICE & LANDSCAPING**

**DATE**  
**2012**

**LOCATION**  
**ELLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND**

**CLIENT**  
**PRIVATE DOMESTIC**

A design for a “Shoffice” or rather a shed-office was requested by this private client after he discovered a concealed space below his patio formed by concrete blockwork walls supporting the patio above.

The brief demanded a space which could be accessed all year round that would not only provide a safe and secure space for working from home, but would also work with the environmental conditions of the site location so as to minimise costs for heating and lighting. The client also stressed the importance of good acoustic insulation to ensure neighbours were not disturbed whilst he enjoyed listening to loud music.

The resultant design solution was arrived at following completion of a stereographic sun study, and extensive research into retro-fit waterproofing systems. The approach adopted was to re-use the existing suspended patio structure to form a ground floor, retain the existing masonry structure and fit a larch clad timber frame over the top.

Although the project was exempt from Building Regulations approval, full planning permission was granted in February 2013. It is understood that the project has not yet been built.