



### **Traditional Outdoor Wall Lights for the Cottage Garden**

If you are lucky enough to have a cottage garden you will want to make the most of it. Lighting for such a garden needs to be sympathetic and traditional [outdoor wall lights](#) are the thing to fit the bill. There is something quintessentially British about a cottage garden that harks back to gentler times. Thatched rooftops in traditional reeds with sculpted patterns, decorative Kent peg clay tiles or superb Welsh slate tiles, demand attention and deserve it.

Cottage gardens were originally established during Elizabethan times, mainly for fruit, herbs and medicinal plants. Rustic stone and cobbles, aged brickwork and elegant ancient timbers can all be complemented by traditional outdoor wall lights. Peeking through Virginia creepers, wisteria, climbing roses, trellised honeysuckle, jasmine or clematis, traditional outdoor wall lights will enhance their beauty and draw attention to fragrance and flowers you have taken the time to tend and display. Dwarf fruit trees can provide an alternative to full size orchard varieties and with traditional outdoor wall lights illuminating a well-trained espalier apple or pear tree you can enjoy the beauty of your endeavours by night and the fruits of your labour when harvest time comes round.



Even if you are just beginning to plan your cottage garden, it is worthwhile thinking about the colours you anticipate forming the dominant theme in your scheme. Traditional outdoor wall lights in copper will complement any planting because of its autumnal associations and the patina it develops over time along with the natural process whereby the copper assumes a verdigris coating. Black is a colour often used in traditional gardens for gates, fencing and furniture, so if you have any wrought iron pieces, staying with black will tie the elements together. Green of course will always be a winner as it blends in with all the greenery from shrubs, trees and leaves and of course the grass of lawns all

year round. These styles also look fabulous against gravel covered ground or cobbled courtyards too.

Where your cottage garden is built around containers and walled flower beds and rockeries, lights in bronze, white or brass will have a timeless appeal. To ring the changes and add a touch of modernity to a cottage garden you could include more contemporary finishes in aluminium, nickel or silvery stainless steel, yet retain the conventional look by choosing from a range of traditional outdoor wall lights that feature beautiful coach house style lanterns. For extra appeal, think about adding to the wall lighting with classic lamp posts or post top lamps in a similar design. Perhaps your furniture might dictate the colour of lights you wish to install and where possible it is best to match to it unless you are opting for a garden neutral that will blend with everything.



Do remember to space your lights appropriately for the best effect, and be aware of growth spurts of climbers and shrubs where your lights might be obscured if their foliage isn't clipped back.