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Cultivating the Future

January is traditionally seen as a time of new beginnings, the opportunity for a fresh outlook. The word January is taken from Janus, the two-faced Roman God with one face directed towards the future and one towards the past and that is exactly how we at Studio Elwes are looking towards 2026, with great intention for what is to come while learning from our successes and failures from the previous year.

This year we look forward to a range of interesting projects that we hope to share with you as time goes by. Our **project in Wiltshire** moves from concept design into the technical phase as we begin to put dimensions,

heights and falls onto erstwhile scribbled lines with the intention of breaking ground in the Spring. Construction on the **penthouse roof garden** in central London that we've been working on since January last year begins in earnest with the restructuring of the roof and the internal fit out with an anticipated landscape install in late 2026. In March installation of our scheme in **Mayfair** will begin, this project has been a fascinating exercise in how to create a garden where there isn't really a garden space to begin with, with window boxes and balcony planting aplenty and we will complete phase 2 of a project in **Surrey** that started back in 2022. As for stuff on the drawing board, we'll be working through designs for a beautiful **mews house in west London** with not one but two roof gardens, that we hope to install later in the year and finally, we look forward to progressing a public realm **project in Chelsea**. As for what else we will work on this year, we can't wait to find out what 2026 has in store for us.

The Romans would look to Janus for good fortune in what is to come and that's exactly how we approach the new year, with optimism, excitement and open minds.

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