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## The Garden Dispatch

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*Bread on the Water*

2026, I'm pleased to say, has brought with it a flood of inquiries, not just to our studio doorstep, but seemingly across the board. One might assume that economic machinations are responsible - Is it a post-budget exhalation that has emboldened people to act or perhaps people have become tired of waiting for the time to be right, who knows, but one thing is for sure, we have, as a friend recently called it, a lot of bread on the water. Whether this will turn into long term projects, remains to be seen, however, it's certainly an encouraging way to enter the year of the Fire Horse.

One small trend we have seen recently is inquiries local to us in southeast London, which is a surprisingly rare phenomenon. As a signed-up southeast London apologist, having made this part of the city my home for the last 8 years I have come to love this often-overlooked metropolitan corner and I'm very proud that Studio Elwes has found its home in the thrumming ecosystem that is Peckham. So, it's with great pleasure that we're in talks with a couple of clients who live locally, not only because it allows to keep a closer eye on construction than we might be able to do otherwise, but it enables us to work with local suppliers and creators that do so much to define the neighbourhood.



### ***Wistful Wisteria***

On the home front, it comes with a heavy heart that the decision has been made to remove the wisteria that graces the front of our mid-terrace Victorian house. We inherited it from the previous owner and were warned by sympathetic neighbours on our first day that it had never and will never flower. This horticultural negativity inspired me to do whatever I can to enable this latent legume to blossom, however, after 3 years of judicious pruning twice annually, of counting buds, of potash and tomato feed and

not so much as a bud to show for it, I have decided to cut my loses and condemn it to the great compost heap in the sky.

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