



■ **DESIGNER STYLE:** Number 53 Raleigh Park Road, North Hinksey, is the home of Lucy Callum-Toppin, pictured top right

A touch of Georgian elegance

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SPENDING time and money wisely on an imposing Georgian-style property in North Hinksey has paid off for Lucy McCallum-Toppin.

Much of the interior of 53 Raleigh Park Road has been created by leading interior designers and the Italianate-style garden is a practical outdoor space for all the family.

Mrs McCallum-Toppin, who works in a solicitor's office in Reading, said: "The garden has been a personal project as it was a disappointing mess. More than 80 tonnes of earth was excavated to lower the lawns."

"Some land was also bought from a neighbour to create a

raised terrace.

The garden has many specimen plants, olive trees and grape vines which were hand picked in Italy and shipped back to Oxford.

The hundreds of plants have thrived in their

new surroundings and are a perfect complement to the home's Georgian style architecture.

Inside the house, the award-winning Spencer-Churchill Designs of Woodstock has transformed the dining room, hallway and master bedroom.

Mrs McCallum-Toppin wants to move to a similar house in the south of the county so she can be nearer her family and her employment.



Alex McEntyre, of agents Kemp and Kemp Residential, said: "It is a desirable family house in a quiet setting. It has everything a buyer wants including space and a good location."

The property has a guide price of £715,000. To arrange a viewing, call 01865 510000.

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