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Q&A with david hart, managing director of kubota (u.k.) Ltd



1: Going back over the past 40 years we have seen Kubota reach many milestones from producing the very first fully reversible tractor to the invention of the bi-speed turn. But what would you say has been the one stand out moment in Kubota's history that really paved the way for the success that the brand went on to achieve?

One of the key milestones has to be the introduction of our G Series Ride-on-Mowers (G2HST & G3HST). At the time of launch, the G Series was a relatively new concept, but its success set the precedence and paved the way for similar future products, making Kubota the industry leader it is today. This was a defining moment for Kubota, as nationwide, Local Authorities and Councils began to replace walk behind mowers with Kubota machines. This enabled them to cover increasing acreage of grass areas with fleets of the new mowers and since then, many more first-class models have been developed.

We feel it is important to learn about the requirements of both our customers and dealers. By paying attention to these needs, we're able to develop and adapt our machines to keep up with these changing demands, and it all started with the success of the G Series. 2: Over the past 40 years, we have seen so many fantastic products, developments and activities from Kubota some of which include the more recent Kubota Apprenticeship Programme. Are these type of programs something we could look to expect to see more off in the coming years?

Most definitely. We are committed to serving our customers with up to date products and the latest innovations in technology. This requires both aftersales service and support through a dedicated and well trained network of dealers and service technicians. This is what our customers have today and will expect tomorrow. At Kubota, we're dedicated to continuing this level of service, which is why our apprenticeship programmes are so valuable.

The existing Kubota Dealer Apprenticeship Programme allows those entering the programme to experience the industry first-hand and learn more about our dealers and customers. To date, this has proven a real success and we'd love to expand our apprenticeships across the business as these programmes open up opportunities for those taking part, whilst offering on-the-job experience.

3: One thing I would like to really to commend Kubota on is staying true to its history and to continue to uphold such a strong branding presence. With a company which has such strong heritage and presence in the market, it must be hard to consistently perform at such a high level but what would you say is the key to the success of the brand reaching this 40th Anniversary?

The key is our flexibility. We're always conscious of the growing interest and demand within the industry at Kubota and we want to ensure our equipment can be fitted with whatever technology our customers require or currently use. It's this focus and consistency across the years which has allowed us to perform at such a high level and with our continuous product innovation, reliability and performance, we've been able to remain unmatched over the last 40 years.

We are also truly proud of our heritage and as the business continues to grow, it's always been important to learn and adapt to the ever-changing groundcare landscape. By understanding what the industry needs from its machinery and manufacturing equipment, we're able to adapt to the rapidly changing technology and utilise this to transform existing machines. It's our dedication to the industry, with the robust build and performance of Kubota machines which has played a significant role in the success of our business.

4: Obviously this year celebrating your 40th Anniversary is very exciting and there is a lot of buzz around the anniversary, but could you tell us if Kubota has anything special planned to celebrate the event?

It's a very exciting time for us at Kubota this year and celebrating our 40th anniversary has been a brilliant milestone for not only our staff, but also for our dealers and customers too. We've used the news to help support our marketing at shows and in particular, we teamed up with The Game Fair in the UK to offer Kubota customers special advanced ticket offers.

At Kubota, we also organised a staff activity day to get everyone involved in celebrating such a momentous occasion. The teams spent an entire day driving some of our machines which was great fun, varying from mowers to the M?, as well as our wide range of RTV's and diggers. We also have plans to plant a tree at Kubota HQ as a testament to the last 40 years and to mark the occasion.

For any business to have been successful across four decades is impressive and something we're incredibly proud of, but it also sets the precedence for what the next four decades may have in store for us and the wider industry as a whole.

TOOLS, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

5: With so much success spanning over 40 years there must be a lot of pressure to continue to uphold the market presence in the coming years, how does Kubota plan on being able to continue this strength for another 40 years?

At a product level, we know how important it is to identify the next industry necessity in order to uphold our fantastic reputation as innovators and industry leaders.

Doing this means we can adapt existing models or develop a new machine, built with features to help our customers meet the demands of the changing industry. Not only does this benefit our customers, but it also helps Kubota to stay ahead of the game.

The groundcare sector in particular is big business for us, and will continue to be for the next 40 years and beyond. With continual investment in products, services, recourses and R&D expansion, Kubota will inevitably increase in its global brand positioning.

To maintain this high level of success, it is important for us to future-gaze and predict what could be in store for the sector, including looking at how this may impact not only our business, but our customers too.

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Visitors to the stand will be able to see up close the new MSA 220 C-B, the most powerful cordless chainsaw in the STIHL range. Powered by a 36 V Lithium-Ion battery, the new saw comes as standard with the STIHL exclusive 3/8" Picco Super 3 (PS3) full chisel saw chain with a guide bar length of 35cm/14". The powerful MSA 220 C-B makes quick work of any task and guarantees



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SALTEX 2019, taking place at the NEC, Birmingham on October 30 and 31, continues to be the go-to destination for highlights of innovation in the groundscare environment, bringing together grounds personnel from across a wide variety of sectors and disciplines to unite, collaborate and celebrate the latest technologies.

During the two-day event, more than 500 brands will be on show to over 9,000 visitors that are increasingly demanding new grounds management solutions. Professional landscapers, garden designers and landscape suppliers can update their product knowledge as they navigate their way through the three large show halls containing a plethora of exhibitors showcasing turf maintenance machinery, fertilizers, wetting agents, seeds, turf, aggregates and treatments, weed control, facilities management services, fencing and landscaping.

SALTEX 2019 is the industry's national hub for innovation. Take the all new show feature – the Eco Village, as a prime example. The trend towards sustainable and environmentallyfriendly practices in groundscare is gathering pace as a growing number of landscapers and contractors are looking for products that can deliver quality results but also reduce carbon footprints to the environment.

The Eco Village feature offers a programme of daily demonstrations in cutting-edge sustainable technology – allowing visitors an opportunity of seeing a number of products in action. Furthermore, industry experts, within this village, will offer advice on green technology and how it could benefit current working practices.

Groundscare advice will be available across the show floor, within four seminar theatres. Learning LIVE, SALTEX's free, all-encompassing education programme will feature over 50 CPD accredited seminars and more than 100 expert speakers. The programme has been developed and curated alongside leading industry partners and influencers to provide support, insight and real solutions to the biggest issues that the audience care about most.

Networking is just one of many reasons why thousands of visitors made the journey to SALTEX 2018 and a visit to the Lawn Care Legends free networking event should be on every landscaper's show itinerary. Lawn Care Legends, a Facebook group which was created in July 2016, is a thriving online community with over 4,000 worldwide active members. It is primarily a group for all landscapers and gardeners to showcase their work and knowledge and ultimately support one another.

This networking opportunity is taking place on the first day of SALTEX at 2:00pm in concourse suites 22 and 23 by the SALTEX entrance and all are welcome.

Landscapers and gardeners should also keep an eye out for other show features such as Pathology and Soil Science LIVE – a look in detail at the symptoms of turfgrass fungal disease problems; Outdoor Demonstrations – the latest products in action in an area directly outside halls 6,7 and 8 and the Job Clinic – free one-to-one sessions covering job hunting and CV writing to interview techniques.

BALI (British Association of Landscape Industries) has supported SALTEX for many years, and for SALTEX 2019 the organisation will have a dedicated zone featuring specially selected companies that can offer products, services and support to landscape professionals.

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Ribble Valley Borough Council has invested in their own Imants ShockWave to help alleviate compaction and gets games on.

Chris Shepard, Head Gardener at Ribble Council has 14 sports pitches and the fields at Clitheroe Castle, a medieval construction that has been in place for 800-years, to look after as well as other non-sports areas across the Ribble Valley.

The council had a desire to improve the drainage on the pitches and prevent fixture cancellations while improving other areas that were less problematic. To achieve this the decision to purchase a ShockWave was made and it has had a busy start to life during its first three months in Lancashire with the difference already visible.

Chris said: "There were some pitches that had some standing water, but it had got to a point where we needed to do something regarding drainage for all of the pitches and the land to put money back into it and improve our facilities and we thought to get better use in the winter peri-ods that the ShockWave was the way to go.

"There has been a difference in some of the pitches we've used it on. There was one area that would always hold water but that's gone now. It's still a bit softer underfoot than the rest of the field but you're not squelching water like you would have been.

"Once we go on that area again, we'll be able to go deeper and get down to 18 inches and that'll definitely help."





The ShockWave is specifically designed to revitalise heavy wear areas by relieving soil compaction and in turn improve aeration and remove surface water. When doing the linear aerator causes very little disturbance, to the point that play can continue virtually straight away.

For Chris this is an important factor when deciding when to deploy the machine because it can used close to fixture to provide maximum benefit without any risk of causing injury to players.

He said: "People can use the pitches on the same day we've used the machine and that's a mas-sive benefit because we don't have to shut a pitch down for a week. It allows us to make a solid plan with the machine and work on the pitches when we want to and if an area needs to be worked on close to a fixture then we know that's fine."

The ShockWave comes in five different models with the depth ranging from 120mm-380mm. Of-ten it is best to start at a shallower depth to relieve compaction before setting the machine to go deeper on a second run and alleviate any remaining problem areas.

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Since the inaugural SoilsCon event in October 2015, and after a break in 2018, the 'must attend' landscape industry's soils conference will take place this year on Thursday, 26th September, again at the elegant Phyllis Court in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

This year's event will be the fourth soils conference to be organised by soil scientist and landscape consultant Tim O'Hare of BALI Affiliate member Tim O'Hare Associates. Utilising the extremely helpful and positive feedback from delegates who attended the previous conferences, SoilsCon 2019 has been designed to give landscape architects, contractors, garden designers, developers, topsoil manufacturers and other industry professionals another packed day of invaluable professional development, discussion and networking, with presentations by some of the leading experts in their respective fields from the UK and overseas.

Speaking this year are:

Tim O'Hare, Principal, Tim O'Hare Associates

Neville Fay, Founder and Director, Sustainable Soils Alliance

Simon Leake, Managing Director, SESL Australia

Sarah Morgan, Sarah Morgan Gardens and Chair of the Society of Garden Designers

Tim White, Senior Associate, Tim O'Hare Associates

Andy Spetch, National TOPSOIL Manager, British Sugar TOPSOIL

Catherine Dawson, Technical Director, Melcourt Industries

James Hewetson-Brown, Managing Director, Wildflower Turf

Their presentations will cover:

- The soils project planning cycle that every landscape and construction professional should follow
- Reversing the current crisis in soil health by using soils sustainably
- Establishing low fertility habitats, referencing low phosphorous soils in Australia
- Using knowledge of soils and geology to inform better garden design
- Problems with soils on new housing developments and how to avoid them
- Conditioning manufactured topsoil to achieve landscaping project success
- The correct use and specification of bark mulches / products for different landscape applications
- The benefits of wildflowers in landscape, their applications and the practicalities of establishment and maintenance

The popular Soil Surgery, where members of the Tim O'Hare Associates team are on hand to help delegates with their specific soil issues, will be held during the day's networking periods.

Comments from delegates at the last SoilsCon, held in 2017, include:

"Excellent day; very informative presentations, and accessible to a range of attendees and backgrounds" "Another fantastic day of presentations, good range of talks, variety and good length. Excellent facilities and refreshments"

"I found the day to be very informative – fantastic eclectic group of talks and topics"

"I really enjoyed the day, the venue, the presentation lengths, the information pack, and have learnt more than I imagined"

"Excellent conference, brilliant variety of talks"

"Wasn't sure what to expect but very informative and thoroughly fascinating!"

"The conference met all my expectations. Very helpful and well organised. Thank you"

Commenting on this year's conference, organiser Tim O'Hare said:

"We're back by popular demand! We decided to give people a break last year but such was the demand for SoilsCon to return, and with so many topical issues to bring to colleagues' attention, we couldn't lose the opportunity to re-establish the conference on the industry calendar. We have great speakers again this year and I'm very much looking forward to seeing many colleagues and clients in Henley on 26th September. They won't be disappointed."

BALI, LI and SGD members can obtain a special delegate rate of £90 + VAT per person (non-members £110 + VAT). Lunch and refreshments will be provided throughout the day Spaces are limited to 150 so book early to avoid disappointment.

Phyllis Court has excellent transport links by road (M40, M4) and rail, with collection from Henley railway station available on the day.

> For full programme details and to book online visit toha.co.uk.



EVERYONE TAKES GRASS FOR GRANTED!

One of the ongoing nightmares for grounds staff is that the public and players don't regard grass as a crop which needs nurturing like any other. They expect it to be green all year round and the right consistency regardless of the weather. If it's a public space such as Bath Recreation Ground, there's no respect – it's fair game for camping, concerts, barbecues, school use and dog walkers – a lovely amenity but difficult to maintain.

Regardless of their use or ownership, sports pitches need lots of TLC from a dedicated groundscare team if they are truly to fulfil their intended purpose. As well as routine maintenance, mowing, line marking, irrigating, vertidraining and scarification, they will need feeding in spring, autumn and maybe midsummer. Often, if the site involves winter sports pitches, bowls or cricket, they can require a complete renovation in spring or autumn. Routine maintenance will be taken care of by the permanent groundstaff, but what happens if despite all this care, sports grounds don't drain properly because of their soil profile, overuse, compaction, thatch or poor construction? It could be time to call in a specialist groundscare contractor.

Wiltshire-based Ecosol Turfcare can perform a variety of operations on contract. These range from drainage and aeration, fertilising and reseeding to end of season renovation and complete pitch construction. For pitches that are slow to drain and grow, compacted or have thatch and black grass It operates the unique Drill n Fill aerator. Its ability to gently fold back the turf, drill down to 30 cm with a grid of drills, take out the spoil and backfill it with either pure kilndried sand or a mix of sand and soil amendment, has numerous benefits for golf and bowls greens, cricket squares, centre circles and goal mouth areas.





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The ducts created last for over a year, allowing surface water to percolate off the surface, through obstructions caused by thatch or compaction and into the rootzone and drainage layer. Soil amendments in the backfill get down to the plant's roots - allowing improved uptake of nutrients; increased cation exchange capacity and better germination.

Sports pitches which remain consistently waterlogged despite routine aeration and surface maintenance may well have reached the point where installation of primary or secondary drainage systems is the only means of alleviating the problem.

Primary drainage comprises a matrix of underground pipework that allows water to enter the pipes and then be carried away to an outfall point – usually a ditch but sometimes a soakaway system. The matrix is made up of a main or carrier drain that has a system of lateral drains feeding into it, with the laterals usually being confined beneath the playing surface. The spacing between these laterals is determined by influencing factors, for example, soil type, annual rainfall data for the locality and level of use required and this leads to a range of between 3m and 6m spacings. Following the creation of trenches, pipes are laid within them and covered with specified gravel, before the upper section of the trench is topped with a suitable high infiltration rate sandbased rootzone. Seeding completes the operation.

A playing surface which already has a primary drainage system beneath it but is still unacceptably wet, could benefit from a secondary drainage system placed at 90 o to the primary trenches. This secondary system can be excavated sand slits (such as those installed by the KORO Topdrain) or they can be excavated gravel and sand slits (installed with a wheel-type trencher). The principle is to create an intensive, narrow-spaced system of slits over the top that gives a link between the playing surface and the gravel infill above the pipes in the primary system. Water then runs off the surface, along the slits to the primary drain trench and then away.

Clients range from Premier league clubs to village sports fields. Harlequins Rugby, in Twickenham was a satisfied client. "We had reached crisis time with our pitch," says Paul Sykes, head groundsman. "The playing surface in the south-east corner of the pitch had gone black with algae because it was constantly waterlogged. Initially, Ecosol Turfcare came in to Drill n Fill it but we then discovered that the drain had failed in that area." Paul had a new main drain installed which ran the length of the pitch and was reconnected to the existing lateral pipes.

However, the pitch was still slowdraining and kept cutting up. Ecosol Turfcare then boosted the primary drainage system by installing further lateral pipes in between the existing ones, backed up by a secondary system of excavated sand and gravel slits placed at 90° to the laterals to carry water off the surface promptly.

The result has been amazing, says Paul. "The grid system they created is brilliant. I feel that I know my pitch again now – how to treat it, when we can get on it – it drains quickly after heavy rain and the grass is green and healthy."

> Further information from Ecosol Turfcare, email:info@ecosolve.co.uk; website: www.ecosolve.co.uk; Tel:01666 861250





GETTING TO THE ROOT OF SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

Changing weather patterns are affecting turf growers across the country, and in turn, their valued landscaping clients. John Payne, Partner at Paynes Turf, explains what the industry is doing to meet these unprecedented challenges in turf growing.

Turf is in short supply. Fact. Landscapers more than anyone will have felt the effects of this situation this summer, with many having been turned away from their regular turf suppliers, put on waiting lists or told that turf can only be supplied to key account holders. It's been a difficult situation for everyone involved, and especially challenging for the industry's turf suppliers who hold customer service so dear. Thankfully, this frustrating situation should not be ongoing. The shortages in turf this year is largely due to a knock-on effect of the extreme heat experienced in the summer of 2018, which caused extended drought in many parts of the country. Additionally, demand for turf in landscaping is at an all-time high, with large quantities being used in the building industry.

Unfortunately, with increasingly extreme weather patterns resulting from climate change, such as hotter summers and colder winters, problematic growing conditions are likely to become the norm rather than the exception.

Landscapers should rest assured, though, that turf growers are working tremendously hard to meet these challenges head-on. Although many turf growers are in competition with one another to an extent – it is business after all – we recognise that these are problems we are all facing. Most suppliers still engender business relationships with trust at their core, so openness about our predicaments is key. We all want to be able to continue to serve our customers to the very best of our abilities, so landscapers are urged to discuss the matter with their turf supplier if they have felt frustrated.

The challenge is a familiar one to Paynes Turf, which from its headquarters in Weeley, near Clacton-On-Sea, cultivates a variety of products on its farms across Essex and Suffolk, including premium-grade turf and hardwearing sports turf.







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Aware of the difficulties being experienced by landscapers in their quest to secure reliable turf supplies, Paynes Turf has adopted a number of special strategies in recent times that are designed to help meet current requirements, minimise immediate disappointment, and ensure that turf needs can be met in the future.

For a start, the company has invested in further irrigation equipment in order to cope with extreme climate events, thus limiting the effects of any prolonged drought, such as the one experienced last year. Ultimately, the aim at Paynes Turf – as it is with many established turf growers – is to invest in products and processes that will future-proof our service and the supply of turf to the industry. A further initiative has been putting a lot more turf into production to cope with ongoing high demand.

This year has also seen Paynes Turf take its recently introduced B2C e-commerce site offline, so it could focus on meeting the needs of trade customers. Replacing this website with an emphasis on trade has enabled Paynes Turf to continue serving longstanding clients such as landscapers, housing developers and local authorities, as well as distributors.

Of course, the effects of extreme weather and all of the new measures turf growers are putting in place will have an impact on production costs. Some additional cost will be absorbed, but extra outlays in irrigation and other equipment are likely to impact overheads and prices. However, turf growers are committed to making turf an economically viable product.

Although many landscapers will have felt frustration at disrupted turf supply, this difficult period is now largely behind us all. For example, turf stocks at Paynes Turf are getting back to normal, putting the company in a good position to meet customer demand for turf in 2020.

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GKB Q&A

1:- GKB has such a rich heritage which has stayed strong with the brand going back more than 70 years. How important is it that today's GKB stays true to the family heritage?

That we are a family owned company is an important part of the way we work. It comes back in all parts of the company, the way we are working with our colleagues, with our dealers and customers but also with our suppliers. We are always focusing on long term relationships. It's one of the reasons we have multiple colleagues working over 25 years for us. 2:- GKB holds the slogan 'The Worker Is King' could you elaborate on why you have chosen this as the companies tagline?

We have chosen this tagline because it comes all together at the Worker. When we are developing a machine, we are looking at ways to make it easy to operate, to help the Worker with his job. But it is also why our machines are reliable, a Worker doesn't like breakdowns. And it comes back at service again, because we are a contractor in the area of Rotterdam, we understand why it is important to be quickly on the road again if something happens with the machine. In the end the best sport pitches or golf courses are made if there is a good match between the Worker and the GKB Machines.

3:- With the groundskeeping sector being very crowded and a lot of companies offering different machines that boast the very best in terms of performance and reliability what would you say makes GKB stand out and rise above its competition?

At GKB Machines we place high value on final user of the machines from GKB. We do not make a fuss over our secret. On the contrary, we prefer to share our secret with you. Primarily, since we are proud of the way we develop and innovate our business. We do not develop from drawing board; we develop from the experience gain in the field. That is the place where the ideas that GKB Machines implements originate from. The result are the machines that every worker would like to work with. The Worker is King!"

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4:- Sustainability seems to be a key part of the GKB model, could you tell us a little bit more about the approach the company takes to ensure its products follow this ethos?

During the search to the best and most sustainable solution, we dare to look beyond the machines. Since the summer 2016, GKB Machines is situated in a unique office building and manufacturing facility. The building is one of the most sustainable, futureproof and environmentally friendly buildings in the Netherlands. The BREEAM-NL level 5 certification is hereof proof. In addition, we are allowed to carry the NL Greenlabel for the outdoor area.

Due to an almost futuristic energy and power management, we are capable to manufacture our machines entirely energy neutral. In office, we can even store the body warmth that we emit during the day. With the stored body warmth, the system can keep the building on temperature overnight! 5:- Very soon we will be seeing GKB exhibiting at the turf management exhibition SALTEX between the 30-31 Of October. Could you tell us what we could look to expect to see from GKB at the event?

We will be showcasing a range of our trusted, robust machinery at this year's show. From brushing and cleaning artificial turf to tackling surface drainage, infill removal and sand spreading, this year's show is one not to miss. It's a real opportunity for us to speak to Turf professionals and showcase our products for the 4th year in a row.

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THE WORKER IS KING: GKB INFILLER

Are you looking for a way to infill in the construction of your sports field?

Or do you have other material such as cork that you want to apply accurately?

GKB Machines, the company behind sustainable, reliable and robust maintenance machinery for natural, synthetic and hybrid turf are able to provide you with the solution thanks to the GKB Infiller which can perform these different actions.

Equipped with a rotatable driver's seat, the innovative GKB Infiller can be driven in both directions and has

the ability to efficiently apply several types of infill material like sand, SBR rubber, TPE rubber and cork in two directions.

The precision control valve can be set from 0 to 100mm to determine how much infill material is sprinkled which is manually adjustable as well as hydraulically operated.

This flap in the front of the bunker gives you the possibility to regulate the amount of sand that is distributed whilst there are specially designed agitators in the bunker to break up rubber crumb infill and guarantee an even spreading pattern. The GKB Infiller is also provided with aluminium extensions to enlarge the bunker capacity of the bunker mounted on top of the chassis.

The bunker is increased by these extensions from $1.06m^3$ to $3m^3$.

For more on GKB Machines and their reliable and robust range of machinery for natural, hybrid and synthetic turf, please visit www.gkbmachines.com or contact Tom Shinkins on 07495 883617 to enquire about the GKB Infiller ready for next season.

NEW GKB VSTRONG FOR READING FOOTBALL CLUB READING FC ADDS ANOTHER DURABLE AND TRUSTED SCARIFYING GKB MACHINE TO THEIR RANGE

Championship league football club, Reading Football Club (FC), have been using their GKB VS160 Vstrong for the maintenance of their impressive pitches for over a year now.

Adam Grantham, Grounds Manager at Reading FC, explains after trialling many other machines, the Vstrong completely stood out. He adds, "*It's performance has met our expectations*" which was a key factor in choosing the robust and reliable scarifying machine.

"GKB is well known, for their excellent range of machines, for all day to day use in our industry." Adam adds, "the service we have received from Tom Shinkins, Operations Manager at GKB, has been second to none. Being able to visit them at shows such as SALTEX where you can see them in a room and speak to GKB representatives really helps in making a decision." As the GKB Vstrong is produced in the same manner as the GKB Combinator, the machine showcases the technology, operating speed and the reliability of GKB machines demanded by professionals. Adam states that Reading FC have been using their machine for



"deep sward clean out or a light verti cut." The beating heart of the machine is the CombiRotor with generically developed 3mm carbide scarifying blades, allowing easy attainable operating depths of 5cm's.

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INFINICUT® AND TURFCLEAN™ COMBINATION DELIVER 'PREMIER' FINISH FOR CHESTERFIELD FC

Equipped with the **TurfClean™** cassette and a duo of **INFINICUT®** mowers, Head Groundsman at Chesterfield Football Club Liam Reynolds is delivering a premier finish at the clubs Proact Stadium. Such is the standard of surface preparation and aesthetic quality that Liam was recently awarded runner-up in the National League Groundsman of the Year Awards for 2019.

Together with his colleagues at Premier Pitches, Liam took over the maintenance at Chesterfield FC in 2016. In addition to the wealth of experience within the team, Liam also brought with him a fleet of machinery including two INFINICUT® mowers from MTD Specialty Turf Products. "We have two 34" mowers, one Floating Head and one Fixed Head. These are used in conjunction with one another, with the INFINICUT® FL being our mower of choice for match day preparation. They deliver such exceptional cut quality, which doesn't go unnoticed by the spectators, players and managers alike who all comment on the stripe definition and overall appearance."

The most recent addition to his armoury is the **TurfClean™** hygiene cassette, which Liam uses in the **INFINICUT® FL** for post-match clean-up. Fitted with an angled comb beneath a rotary brush, the **TurfClean™** effectively collects divots, debris and organic matter while standing the grass plant up to help ensure a healthy sward. "With the two adjustable rollers on the FL, we can adjust both the height and the angle of the **TurfClean™** cassette to clean deep down into the turf canopy or raise it up to just remove debris off the top."

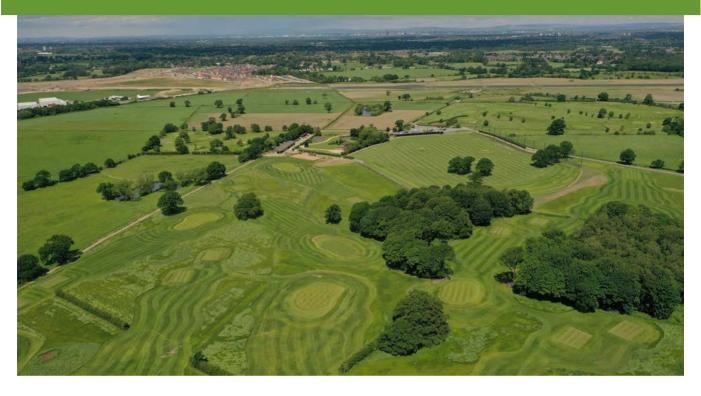
"It's brilliant even in the wet" Liam explains. *"Once debris is collected*

in the comb, the rotating brush then gives no option but to throw the collected material into the box. leaving nothing behind." In use after every match and training session, the TurfClean[™] also comes into its own through the winter, when the plant is at its most vulnerable. "When growth is slow, we will use the TurfClean™ during prep instead of cutting and it puts down a fantastic stripe without risking any unnecessary stress to the plant. The sharpness of cut delivered by the INFINI's, together with the hygiene we're achieving with the TurfClean™, has dramatically improved the health and condition of our surface."

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ADLINGTON GOLF CENTRE TURN TO DLF SEEDS FOR RELIABLE RESULTS ON NEW 9-HOLE COURSE



Cheshire's Adlington Golf Centre has recently undergone major construction works to create a brand new 9-hole par 3 course. With a new bypass rendering the old site nonviable it was back to the drawing board for Owner & Managing Director David Moss. One thing that hasn't changed however is the choice of Johnsons Sports Seed mixtures, from DLF, which are delivering strong coverage as they prepare to open the course to the public.

Open to players of all ages and abilities, Adlington Golf Centre comprises of a 40-bay driving range, 9-hole pitch and putt and a 9-hole par 3 course, a site totalling 125 acres that is seeded wall-to-wall with mixtures from DLF. *"When we built the previous Par 3 course in 2003, we used seed from DLF and that's where my working relationship with John Hughes really began"* explains David. "With the new course constructed as a like-for-like replacement, John and I decided to stick with the same mixtures we had used previously in order to minimise the changes in both playability and appearance."

MJ Abbott Ltd commenced the major works in May 2018 and by October, it was ready for seeding – with Johnsons Sports Seed, J Rye Fairway and J Green mixtures. "While these are the same mixtures as we've used before, we now benefit from the improved cultivars thanks to the DLF breeding programme.

J Green has always given us fast, true greens while the **Rye Fairway** mixture has proven to be very hard-wearing on the high-traffic areas. Both have continuously delivered strong colour for fantastic presentation. We are delighted with how the 'grow-in' phase has progressed, with reps, suppliers and the course architect alike, all commenting on the impressive coverage and appearance."

"We have also incorporated some DLF Wildflower mixtures into the outlying habitat areas to add colour, diversity and interest." Here, John recommended a bespoke mixture of Species Rich Grassland plus Wildflower. David concludes, "With years of consistent results under our belts across the two courses and driving range, there was no question that we would turn to DLF to deliver the reliable results we needed on this project. The seed coming through strong, once again, means we're on track for opening the new course this August."

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ECOLINE+ HITS THE MARK AT WATFORD FC

Pitchmark's Ecoline+ has become the line marking paint of choice for FA Premier League club Watford FC. The demand for using a premium paint at the Vicarage Road stadium led to trials last season, since when Pitchmark have been further developing Ecoline+. Watford FC became the first to use the improved formula at the opening game of the season against Brighton and Hove Albion in August this year.

In 2018 Scott Tingley, Head Groundsman at Watford FC, set out on what was originally a cost exercise and to see if they could establish the use of one paint for all marking.

"We were using top end paint for the stadium and bottom end for the other pitches," he says, "we wanted to make it one paint but of course the cost had to be taken into account. We looked at Pitchmark and what we found different was their specialisation solely in line marking products."

The club had been using Pitchmark's Direct at the Watford FC training ground and academy, located at the University College London Union Shenley Sports grounds in St Albans. Home to five full-size and two goalkeeping/warmup natural grass training pitches as well as a full-size artificial turf training pitch and fourteen college/academy natural grass pitches, there's a sizeable amount of line marking required. In the stadium only premium quality is acceptable. Ecoline+ offered the ideal all-round solution. Ecoline+ is one of the most advanced, low volume, readyto-use line marking paints available, especially when used in combination with Pitchmark's Eco and Hybrid markers and special nozzles.

Scott says: "we trialled Ecoline+ and we had no issues, only benefits. We use a Pitchmark Hybrid marker which gives us the quality of a spray marker, without compromising the precision and quality of a transfer marker. Fixture dependent, we can mark up to three times a week and with the traditional wheel to wheel and fourwheel spray markers you lose ground cover and it's too easy to transfer paint." The Pitchmark Hybrid overcomes these problems with a three-wheeled spray design, which is easily manoeuvred over wet lines. The cone nozzles give perfect deep leaf coverage, so you only need one pass.

"It's easy to use, it feels like a normal wheel marker and you get premium quality." Scott adds, "it's quite complex though and needs looking after but if we have any issues Olly Boys, the Turfix rep, gives us second to none service and back-up." (Turfix is Pitchmark's recently formed sole UK distribution arm).

Using advanced Ecoline+ Watford FC join the many examples of Ecoline+ premium line marking seen every week on TV from the best leagues in the world, including the English Premier League and UEFA Champions League.

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TIMBER MEETS TECHNOLOGY OUTDOOR LIGHTS WHERE TRADITIONAL & MODERN MATERIALS COMBINE

Legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright once said; 'Wood is universally beautiful to a man. It is the most humanly intimate of all materials'

Today there is a welcome focus on sourcing and re-using such natural materials within landscape designs and redevelopments. These durable materials such as raw copper, solid brass and indeed, wood, will stand the test of time and maintain their inherently stylish aesthetic as the years progress.

Although often used on large scale developments or refurbs, (especially timber), successful planning is 'in the detail'. The theme and the use of materials can be continued 'at ground level'; viewed and experienced through seating, features and light fittings.

Northamptonshire based Landscape Lighting specialists Lumena are passionate about incorporating natural materials into their professional range of outdoor lights. They have manufactured innovative designs where 'Timber meets Technology'.

An ongoing collaboration with UK landscape suppliers M&M Timber familiarised Solid 'Radiata' pine to Lumena. A fantastic heavy-duty, dense wood from South Africa with low splitting properties. This top quality pine, is pressure treated with Tanalith E preservative in accordance with BS8417 to meet Use Class 4 with an expected life of up to 15 years. Solid Brass lights are incorporated into machined orifices in timber sleepers or posts to create robust, elegant path lights. 12v and 240v options are available, and all are LED compatible.

The newest design to combine these factors is within their trailblazing Pro Solar range. The range showcases professional high output solar lighting using the latest technology to ensure 365 day charge and illumination. As Solar lights can be installed anywhere, it made sense to experiment with their versatility. They found that one light called the 'Secursol' could easily mount on to a slimmer version of the same high quality pine used for the Radiata range.

The 'Secursol' remote control PIR light is impressively bright with substantial detection range, designed to mount onto a flat surface, most likely a wall. It lasts for hours, has an integrated, adjustable solar panel and different modes including a low-level security downlight, also perfect for highly efficient path lighting. Thus the smart 'SecurBol' was created, by mounting the wall light onto a fully sanded 1200mm radiata pine plank. It mounts 400mm into soft ground / concrete with no restrictions on positioning, perfect for long drives and paths where mains power is not feasible. The plank can also be screwed to the surface of a low-level wall for additional 400mm height. The angle of the poly-crystalline solar panel can adjust by up to '70° to catch a better angle of UV rays without altering the direction in which the solar path light shines.

As well as pine, Lumena offer the lovely teak wood 'Tectona' path light with natural brass detail. Teak belongs to a species of hardwood tree called the 'Tectona Grandis'. It's highly durable and produces a natural oil, naturally protective of outdoor conditions; as it ages it can develop a soft, grey colour. This elegant, lightweight wood is ideal for both domestic and commercial use and easy to maintain.

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RHS GARDENS AUTUMN EVENTS PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2019

Autumn is the season of plenty, and nowhere more so than at the four Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Gardens: RHS Garden Harlow Carr in North Yorkshire; RHS Garden Hyde Hall in Essex; RHS Garden Rosemoor in Devon; and RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey. With a packed programme of events to enjoy, visitors will be spoilt for choice this autumn. Celebrations of seasonal food and drink, specialist plant fairs, open-air cinema screenings and a host of talented artists exhibiting artworks of all kinds around the gardens. And don't miss the grand finale of the garden show season at the RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show from 3–8 September.





September

Until 22 September:

Surrey Sculpture Society Trail, RHS Garden Wisley

Discover more than 100 inspirational sculptures, all available to buy, by some of the South East's finest established and emerging artists. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

Until 1 December:

Sculpture at Wisley, RHS Garden Wisley

An unmissable exhibition providing an opportunity to discover the work of six eminent sculptors including Henry Moore, Lynn Chadwick and Tracey Emin. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

1 September:

Autumn Plant Fair, RHS Garden Harlow Carr

Shop a wide range of rare and unusual seasonal plants from regional Plant Heritage nurseries, enjoy talks and demos and learn from the experts. www.rhs.org.uk/harlow-carr

2 September - 14 October:

RHS Garden Photographer of the Year Competition, all gardens, dates and times vary

View a selection of winning images celebrating the best in creative photography of flowers, plants, outdoor spaces and wildlife. www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/whats-on-atrhs-gardens

2 September - 10 November: Autumn Sculpture Trail, RHS Garden

Harlow Carr

Showcasing locally produced sculpture from Yorkshire artists across key areas of the Garden for 70 days to celebrate 70 years of the garden's development. www.rhs.org.uk/harlowcarr

3-8 September:

RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show

The biggest garden flower show on the calendar, with 55 nurseries, more than 20 trade stands, and spectacular floral displays by the National Dahlia Society and the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies. www.rhs.org. uk/wisley

6 September:

Open Air Cinema – Bohemian Rhapsody, RHS Garden Harlow Carr Watch a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury in the surroundings of the garden at dusk. www.rhs.org.uk/ harlow-carr

6-8 September:

Autumn Artisan Craft & Design Fair, RHS Garden Rosemoor

Browse and shop unique gifts and home and garden items from dozens of independent traders and makers at this celebration of West Country talent. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

6-22 September:

The Open Art Exhibition, RHS Garden Rosemoor

More than 85 diverse artists from all over the South West come together to display and sell their original work at Rosemoor's annual Art Exhibition. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

7 September:

Open Air Cinema – Mamma Mial Here We Go Again, RHS Garden Harlow Carr Settle in as dusk falls in the garden and get ready to sing along to this toe-tapping sequel as the cast prepares for the grand reopening of Hotel Bella Donna. www.rhs.org.uk/harlow-carr

7 September -26 October:

70 Years of Harlow Carr Exhibition, RHS Garden Harlow Carr

See photos spanning seven decades since the Northern Horticultural Society first signed the lease to turn Harlow Carr into a garden and plant trials ground. www.rhs.org.uk/harlowcarr

10 September - 13 October:

Wood & Paper Showcase, RHS Garden Harlow Carr

Beautiful pieces of work will be on offer for your home or as practical items, including papercutting, jewellery and arts and crafts inspired by trees. www.rhs.org.uk/harlow-carr

RHS GARDENS



14-15 September:

Cyclamen Society Weekend, RHS Garden Rosemoor

Learn about these beautiful plants from specialist growers, see them in competition and find beautiful and unusual varieties to buy. www.rhs.org. uk/rosemoor

14-15 September:

House Plant Weekend, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

As winter approaches, learn how to create a green oasis at home with plant displays, workshops and sales. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall

18 September:

Wednesday Walkies, RHS Garden Wisley

Wisley opens after hours until 8pm especially for four-legged friends. Dogs go free with well-behaved owners. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

19 September:

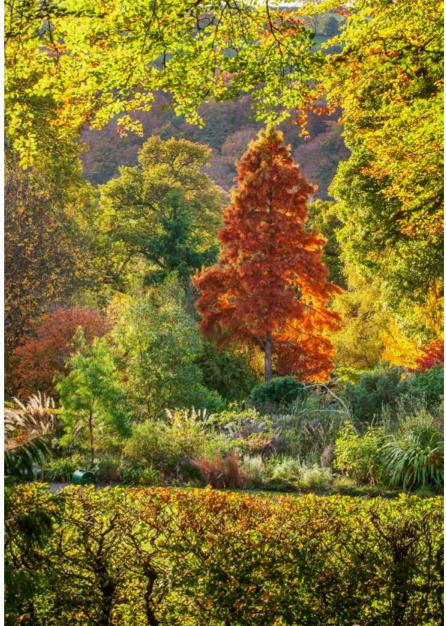
Garden Evening - Exotic Garden, RHS Garden Wisley

Enjoy a guided tour of the Exotic Garden after hours with the Curator and the experts who care for the dazzling display of lush, tropical plants. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

21 September:

Photography Morning, RHS Garden Wisley

Take the opportunity to capture the autumn beauty of the gardens before they open to the general public, with early entry for photographers at 7.30am. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley



21-22 September:

Autumn Plant Fair, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Discover seasonal favourites from 30 specialist regional nurseries to help get the garden looking good for autumn and winter. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall

21-29 September:

Vision Art Group Exhibition, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

See and buy work from a group of eight artists, in a variety of media including ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, stained glasswork and textiles. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall

22 September:

Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair, RHS Garden Rosemoor

Specialist regional nurseries, many of which are not generally open to the public, selling some unusual plants to brighten your garden in the autumn. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

27-28 September:

Real Ale, Gin & Music Fest, RHS Garden Rosemoor

A fun-filled event with live music in the Garden Room as well as a chance to sample locally-produced real ales and gin. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

28 September:

Open Air Cinema – Mary Poppins Returns, RHS Garden Hyde Hall Bring a blanket and a picnic and settle in for an evening under the stars as everyone's favourite nanny comes to the rescue of the Banks family once again. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall



RHS GARDENS

October

1 October:

Autumn Community Free Day, all gardens, times vary

Enjoy the glorious colours of autumn at the four RHS Gardens completely free of charge. www.rhs.org.uk/ gardens/whats-on-at-rhs-gardens

1 October - 30 November:

Embroidering Harlow Carr - Autumn, RHS Garden Harlow Carr

Head to the Library to see embroidery panels depicting the garden's stunning autumn colour produced by members of the Richmond & Leyburn branch of the Embroiderers' Guild www.rhs.org. uk/harlow-carr

4-6 October:

Taste of Autumn, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Celebrate delicious regional produce and the RHS Harvest Festival Show, including the Autumn Fruit and Vegetable, Giant Pumpkin and Autumn Ornamental Plant competitions. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall

5-6 October:

WoodFest, RHS Garden Wisley

Admire traditional skills in a weekendlong celebration of the natural beauty of wood, including artisan woodcrafts and tours of Wisley's woodland, at this event sponsored by Stihl. www.rhs.org. uk/wisley

5-6 October:

Apple Festival, RHS Garden Rosemoor A great day out for all the family, with Morris dancing, folk music, storytelling and a cider bar, plus apple displays, identification, tasting, tips and talks, children's activities and trails. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

6 October:

Cyclamen Society Late Autumn Show, RHS Garden Wisley

See rare and interesting cyclamen in competitions, displays of autumnflowering species, unusual cultivars and companion plants for sale and advice from the experts. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley





10 October:

Garden Evening – Orchards, RHS Garden Wisley

Enjoy a guided tour of the Orchards after hours with the Curator and the experts who care for Wisley's extensive fruit collections. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

11-13 October:

WoodFest, RHS Garden Rosemoor

Admire traditional skills in a weekendlong celebration of the natural beauty of wood, including artisan woodcrafts and tours of Rosemoor's woodland. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

12 October:

Photography Morning, RHS Garden Wisley

Take the opportunity to capture the autumn beauty of the gardens before they open to the general public, with early entry for photographers at 7.30am. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

12-13 October:

Meet the Experts - Alpines, RHS Garden Harlow Carr

See, buy and get advice on alpine plants at the National Alpine Garden Society Show on 12th, with a smaller local Alpine Garden Society Show on 13th. www.rhs.org.uk/harlow-carr

12-20 October:

Chelmsford 93 Textile Exhibition, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Discover a series of artworks created using traditional and contemporary textile techniques to celebrate special memories. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall

14 October - 17 November:

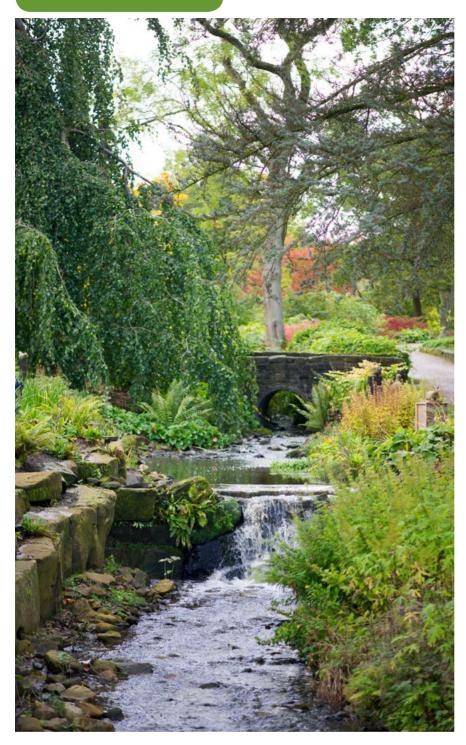
Dig for Victory Library Display, all gardens

Marking the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of WWII, this display looks at the role that the RHS played in the campaign to get the nation growing its own food. www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/ whats-on-at-rhs-gardens

15 October - 24 November:

Christmas Crafts Showcase, RHS Garden Harlow Carr

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16-20 October:

Taste of Autumn, RHS Garden Wisley Discover the garden's almost 700-strong collection of apples, with apple tasting, identification and pressing, plus local artisan food and drink products to buy. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

19-20 October:

Autumn Antiques & Collectors Fair, RHS Garden Rosemoor

Carefully selected stall holders from across the South West and beyond, selling a wide variety of antiques and collectables to suit all tastes and pockets. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

19 October - 3 November:

Half Term Family Fun – Awesome Autumn, all gardens, dates and times vary

Uncover the secrets of the colours of autumn this half term, with an Awesome Autumn trail every day, autumnal crafts and more. www. rhs.org.uk/gardens/whats-on-at-rhsgardens

20 October:

Conifer Show, RHS Garden Wisley Find out about conifers for every garden from the British Conifer Society, with displays and demonstrations as well as unusual cones and plants for sale. www.rhs.org. uk/wisley

25-27 October:

Family Pumpkin Carving Workshops, RHS Garden Rosemoor

Join in with singalong activities and pumpkin carving with loveable Halloween characters Fizz the witch and Jack O'Lantern. www.rhs.org.uk/ rosemoor

26-27 October:

Family Pumpkin Carving Workshops, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Carve a spooky pumpkin with your own design – will you choose a scary face or smiley face?

30 October - 3 November:

Northern Fruit Group Apple Display, RHS Garden Harlow Carr See apple displays by the Northern Fruit Group, get advice on fruit growing and bring along homegrown apples for identification by the experts. www.rhs.org.uk/harlow-carr

31 October:

Wisley After Dark, RHS Garden Wisley Follow a spooky trail through the garden and the Glasshouse for a spinetingling, hair raising evening. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley





November

1-3 November:

Woodfest, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Admire traditional skills in a weekendlong celebration of the natural beauty of wood, including artisan woodcrafts and tours of Hyde Hall's woodland. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall

1-3 November:

Late Fruit and Vegetable Competition, RHS Garden Wisley

With more than 80 classes of champion fruit and veg, this competition is free to enter and open to everyone. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

2-3 November:

Apples Exhibition – Codlings, Costards & Biffins, RHS Garden Harlow Carr Visit the Library to read the story of the British love affair with the humble apple, and learn more about the importance and history of heritage varieties. www.rhs.org.uk/harlow-carr

2 November:

Fireworks Night, RHS Garden Wisley See the garden lit up by sparkling flashes at Wisley's first ever familyfriendly, low-bang fireworks display. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

5-20 November:

Andy Maitland exhibition, RHS Garden Wisley

iPad artist Andy Maitland returns to Wisley with a display of his colourful artworks in the Glasshouse Gallery. www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

7 November 2019 - 31 January 2020:

Winter Sculpture Exhibition, RHS Garden Rosemoor

The colour, scent and texture of the Garden in winter provides the perfect backdrop for the annual sculpture trail. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

14 November 2019 - 4 January 2020:

Glow, RHS Garden Rosemoor Follow a trail of twinkling illuminations of trees, shrubs and sculptures around the garden, for the first time including the new Cool Garden. www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

20-21 November:

Christmas Shopping Extravaganza, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Visit Santa in his Grotto or splash out in the Christmas Market, plus save 20% in the RHS Shop and Plant Centre. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall

21 November - 28 December:

Glow, RHS Garden Harlow Carr See the garden all aglow with an illuminated trail around the lake, Winter Walk, Streamside, Doric columns and Alpine House. www.rhs. org.uk/harlow-carr

22-24 November:

Christmas Gift Fair Weekend, RHS Garden Hyde Hall

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22-24 November:

Christmas Craft & Design Fair, RHS Garden Rosemoor

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23 November:

The Sound Collective Choir Concert – The Choir, the Witch and the Wardrobe, RHS Garden Hyde Hall Capturing the magical world of Narnia, 100 choir singers will perform a concert of themed songs and narrated passages from the CS Lewis novel. www.rhs.org.uk/hyde-hall

Opening times and ticket prices may vary by event. Full details can be found at www.rhs.org.uk

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The RHS has four gardens:

RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

RHS Garden Hyde Hall,

Creephedge Lane, Rettendon, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8ET www.rhs.org.uk/hydehall

RHS Garden Harlow Carr, Crag Lane, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG3 1QB www.rhs.org.uk/harlowcarr

RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington, Devon EX38 8PH www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

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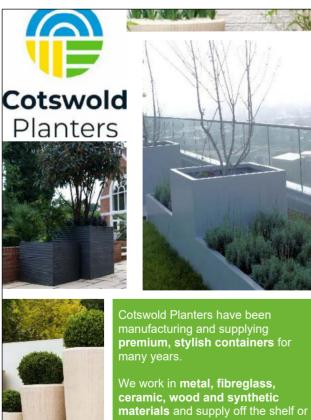
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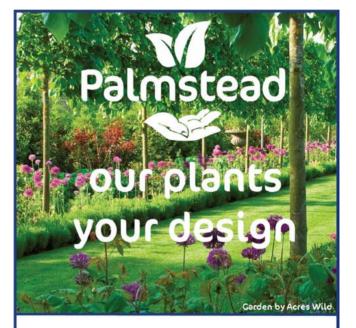
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SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW GARDEN CREATED FOR BEREAVED ARMED FORCES FAMILIES WINS PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

A local business put the finishing touches on their specially designed garden, perfect for bereaved Armed Forces families, at this month's Sandringham Flower Show. Created in honour of charity Scotty's Little Soldiers, 'Buds That Bloom' won the People's Choice Award at this year's show and is the latest garden from designer Suse Crook and husband Andy.

Suse and Andy of Snettisham based business, ABC, worked tirelessly around the clock to create a green space in time for this year's Sandringham Flower Show deadline - working from on 8am on Saturday 20th July until 8am on the morning of the show, 24th July, they had only four days. The result was a garden which would be a perfect place for the families of Scotty's Little Soldiers to relax in the sunshine.

Founded by war widow Nikki Scott in 2010, Scotty's Little Soldiers supports children across the UK who have lost a parent while serving in the British Armed Forces.

The charity was set up in memory of Nikki's husband and father to her two children, Corporal Lee Scott, after he was killed in Afghanistan in 2009. Each year Suse and ABC select a cause to centre their garden around and this year's plot, which was on show on Wednesday 24th July, was designed with bereaved Armed Forces families in mind. Included in the garden was a stunning seating area where the family could enjoy eating out, raised vegetable beds so that children could learn how to grow things, a 'green wall' of flowers, strawberries and tomatoes, painted panels of Poppies and Sunflowers for visual appeal, a quiet corner for reflection and an artificial grass area, ensuring low maintenance. Fun for the family came in the form of a play area together with a basketball hoop, magnetic play boards and blackboard.

GARDEN DESIGN



To the rear of the garden was a poignant memory tree with heart shaped keyrings hanging from the branches.

These contained heartfelt messages from Scotty's Little Soldiers members to the parent they lost and a bench by the tree provided the family with somewhere to sit and reflect.

'Buds That Bloom' was named by the children of Scotty's Little Soldiers. Designer, Suse Cook, commented: "Each year we select a cause and this year we decided it simply had to be Scotty's – a local charity to us which is simply incredible.

"We have children and also have friends family in the Forces, so the charity's message is one we totally understand and support.

The garden has been designed for predominantly single-parent families

who perhaps do not have time for too much upkeep, therefore everything has been done with this in mind. We hope Scotty's Little Soldiers love it and it was a joy to create."

Scotty's Little Soldiers founder, Nikki Scott, added: "On behalf of the whole charity we want to say a big thank you and congratulations to ABC for their work creating 'Buds That Bloom'.

"It means a lot to our families that someone is thinking about them in this way. The garden looked fantastic in a week where the weather has been perfect for outdoor activities."

> To learn more about Scotty's Little Soldiers, visit: www.scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk



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In 2018 EverEdge were tasked to supply plastic powder coated steel planters for the redevelopment of two Grade II listed Regency Villas. The Villas are being developed for Pegasus Life to provide 50 apartments. Glen Howells Architects have designed the project to fit in seamlessly into the distinguished streets of Montpellier, Cheltenham.

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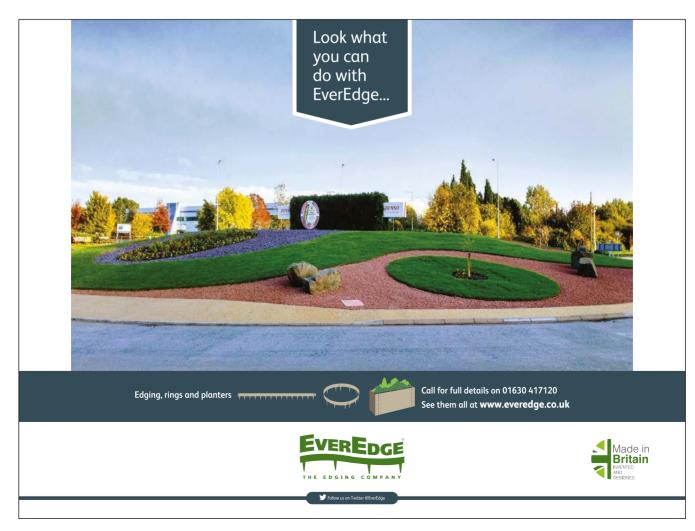
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HOW TO GET YOUR GARDEN READY FOR AUTUMN

Victoria Harrison, Editor of Houzz

As the season of wood smoke and misty mornings approaches, it's time to think about making some seasonal changes to your garden. With the right planting and accessories, you can extend your time outside and enjoy the glorious colours and late season sunlight for as long as possible.

"Autumn is a wonderful time in the garden" says Houzz professional and garden designer Claudia de Yong. "With the low level of evening light casting intricate shadows and the leaves changing colour to reds, oranges and golds, it's just magical. Despite the shortening days, the month of October can bring a richness of colour to the garden thanks to the many late-flowering bulbs, perennials, grasses and foliage."

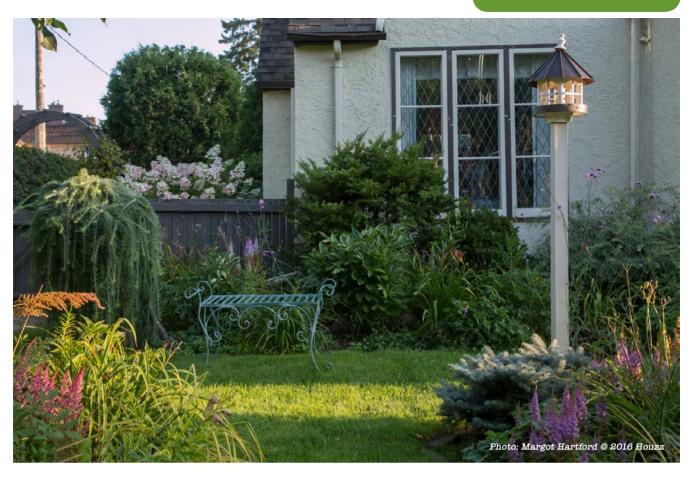
If you want to add colour to your garden in late summer and early autumn, Claudia recommends Sedums as "a staple for the late summer and autumn garden, providing much needed colour and nectar for bees, butterflies and hoverflies." She also suggests Japanese anemone as one of the "few plants that continue to flower right through the late summer into autumn" But she cautions that "it can be known to colonise areas, so plant it where it won't compete with other plants."

If you like blue or purple, she suggests Asters (or Michaelmas daisies) and adds that they are *"invaluable for the* late summer and autumn garden, as well as being wonderful pollinators."

Don't overlook grasses either, as they "really come into their own from September onwards and fill the gap in many borders" says Claudia. "Don't be tempted to cut grasses down, even if they look a bit sad or windswept, as they will continue to hold the border together right through the autumn and into winter, prolonging interest, and some look wonderful in the frosts."

While the garden naturally thins out in autumn, Claudia suggests leaving seedheads on plants to avoid your borders looking too bare. "If you leave the seedheads on and the grasses long, then the season will carry on well into the winter months."

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This will also help garden wildlife too, by sheltering insects and providing food for birds to stock up on before the winter months.

Autumn is a great time for thinking ahead and planning your garden for next year. "This is a great time for planting new wildlife-friendly perennials for next year, and to sow wildflower seeds too," says Darryl Cox, senior science and policy officer of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. "Annuals sown in the autumn tend to flower earlier the following year."

Autumn is also the perfect time to give your lawn a bit of a makeover.

"Mowing will become less frequent from September onwards and, at the end of the month, lawn work should start by first removing any thatch or dead grass that has built up over time" says Claudia.

"Leaving it will restrict any air movement and cause drainage issues as well as moss and weed growth. You can use a spring rake to drag it off or a powered lawn scarifier (which removes lawn cuttings and moss, and cuts through turf) for bigger areas. The lawn will look a mess for a while, but will soon recover."

"After this you can aerate the lawn by pushing in a fork about 6in at 6-9in intervals. Follow this with a top dressing – a mixture of sieved garden soil, sharp sand and sieved garden compost. You can add grass seed if the lawn is a bit worn."

And finally, cheer yourself up on colder days by creating a warm welcome to your home.

Autumn is the perfect time to spruce up your front door, and the approach to your home, as it's generally still mild enough to paint outside. Choose a cheerful colour that will make everyone smile.





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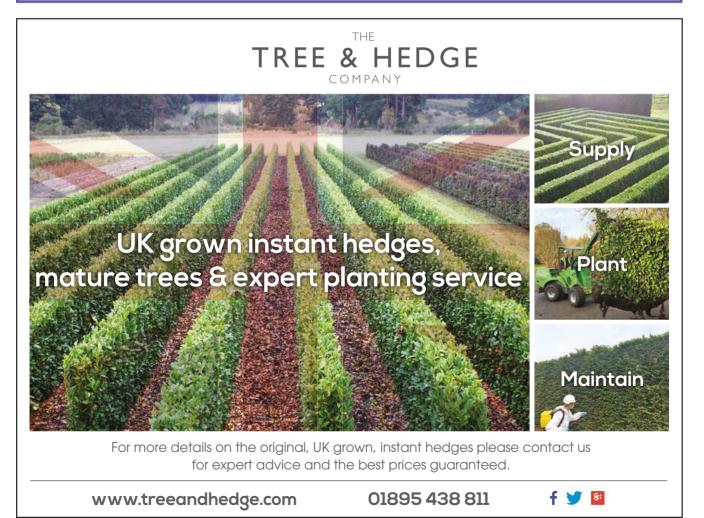
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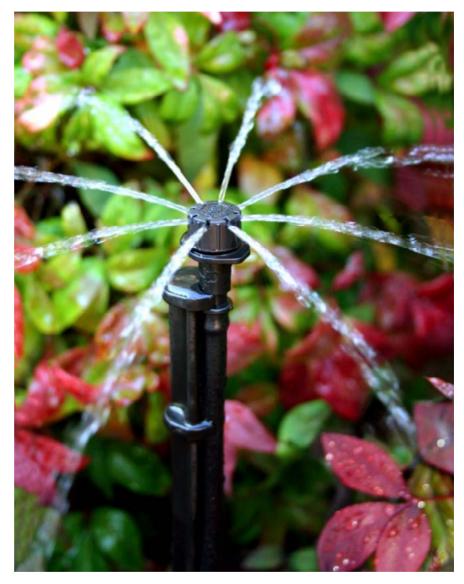


MICRO IRRIGATION FOR TODAY'S LANDSCAPES

Fixed or Adjustable Micro Watering Devices – that is the question for micro irrigation for today's Landscapes

Today's landscape gardens are as diverse and individual as the UK's landscape itself. Micro irrigation in the form of drip and low volume micro spray is seen as an effective irrigation method to maintain and grow these landscape gardens.

Sometimes as irrigation professionals we focus on commercial outcomes for landscape gardens which may not be an ideal solution. A point in question is the use of fixed volume drippers either standard or pressure compensating exclusively in a landscape garden. Plants in a landscape garden are varying by size, type and subsequently their water usage, whereas in a commercial horticultural application such as a vineyard or orchard the plant variation is less and uniform watering is the prime driver. It makes sense to provide precise and uniform amounts of water to these commercial enterprises. For the landscapers however flexibility in their watering systems can be required and therefore adjustable watering devices are popular.





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Uses General garden use where plants water requirements may vary over time.



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As an irrigation professional when providing advice to gardeners it is important to offer product that is fit for purpose for their gardens as well as recommending the appropriate ancillary equipment such as pressure regulators and filters at the start of the systems.

There are benefits in providing adjustable micro irrigation watering devices to landscape gardens:

- Water application can be "tuned" to individual plant or micro climate zone requirements.
- Varying application rates to suit soil conditions.
- The watering coverage of sprays improves the look and feel of the garden.
- The system can be varied over time to suit the changing needs of the garden.

An added advantage of adjustable micro irrigation devices is that the majority of them can be viewed, dismantled and cleaned if blockages occur.



ELEMENTS GARDEN DESIGN EXHIBITS AT HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW KEBONY DEPICTS THE PILLARS OF TIME

Elements Garden Design has today unveiled its latest installation by accomplished designer, Lawrence Roberts, in collaboration with talented sculptor, William Roobrouch at the 2019 RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. Entitled 'Through Your Eyes' Roberts' newest creation has been designed to provide an immersive experience enabling guests to take some time out and enjoy a moment of personal reflection. The design of the garden intends to shine a light on the path of life exploring obstacles that individuals may have to overcome, including issues around mental health, age, family and even friendships. The challenges addressed through the choice of materials and planting, invite the viewer to draw on their own experiences and any personal challenges that may have been faced. Roobrouch's sculpture is the primary focus of the garden which is made from layers of sheet metal to create the shape of a human head. Positioned on a diagonal, the sculpture looks across to the curved Kebony bench in the corner. Kebony, a natural wood made to last, was chosen by Elements Garden Design to create a series of upright timber pillars flowing through the garden described as the 'Pillars of Time'.

GARDEN DESIGN

The pillars culminate to form a curved bench representing the pinnacle of the garden, whilst providing a space to sit and contemplate one's life journey looking back over the path that may have been taken.

Selected primarily due to its impressive environmental credentials, the Kebony wood pillars are a physical representation of time itself, sometimes moving faster, sometimes slower. Developed in Norway, Kebony's revolutionary technology utilises sustainably-sourced wood with improved durability and stability, ensuring that the integral aspects of the installation (the bench and pillars) are both to the highest quality, promising strength and resistance.

Rough stepping stones representing 'The Path of Life' have also been incorporated into the design to demonstrate that at times there are different paths that could be taken - some hard to follow, some difficult to reach. Around the stepping stones Roberts has ensured the planting is bright and vibrant to convey youth and vitality at the first stage. The square stepping stone frames built from corten steel are filled with yellow quartz paddlestones to symbolise multiple decisions that need to be made dictating the path of life. Rough under foot and uneven in texture, the paddlestones are layered in the same direction to provide a feeling of flow through the garden.

Three pools of water incorporated into the garden signify the challenges of life and obstacles that must be overcome; two pools of 'troubled water' border the garden, appearing as black water turbulent and unsettled. Contrastingly, the central pool which remains still and reflective must be crossed to continue the path of life; without a bridge one must take a leap of faith - a step into the unknown. Adjacent to the pools of water are a number of different sized Caledonian boulders strewn throughout the garden to represent friendships that have grown over the years, whilst the split boulder after the reflective pool illustrates the coming together of two people.



Through the introduction of planting Roberts skilfully depicts life's adversities and challenges with a very dark and sombre palette over the garden's central stage encroaching from the edges and culminating around the pools of water. However, the planting towards the bench at the rear has a much more relaxed and softer feel with the use of grasses such as Deschampsia cespitosa and Hakonechloa macra.

Designer Lawrence Roberts, Elements Garden Design commented:

"I have never wanted to create gardens that cost the earth. For me, hardwood timber no longer represents a viable choice, the chain of custody is often dubious and I can't pretend to be oblivious to the problems in the countries where the timber originates from. Kebony offers a real solution it's sustainable, traceable, organically treated and, to top it off, a beautiful and versatile timber to use." Kebony's International Sales Director Adrian Pye added:

"The team at Kebony are extremely impressed by Lawrence Roberts' design and attention to detail which is evidenced throughout his installation at the Hampton Court Show.

We were fascinated to discover how Kebony has been used to illustrate the notion of 'Pillars of Time', and the overall concept 'Through Your Eyes' is a unique and well thought out initiative that has been cleverly depicted by Elements Garden Design."

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LTP PARTNERS WITH LOWER BARN FARM AT GLORIOUS GARDEN FESTIVAL

LTP recently joined its partner, Lower Barn Farm, at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival. As well as offering support and advice to visitors, LTP also supplied ECOPROTEC[®] treatments for Lower Barn Farm's Outdoor Living Show Garden – a stunning creation by multi-award winning garden designer, Robert Grimstead.

Set at a 45 degree angle, to create an altered sense of space, the Outdoor Living Show Garden combined modern materials and a muted plant palette. It reflected the growing outdoor living trend, incorporating an outdoor kitchen and bioclimatic pergola. A variety of stone and porcelain surfaces featured within the scheme, including Eva Porcelain and Stoneleaf 3D wall cladding. Chic surfaces were offset with a striking wall mural by Polish stencil artist, Tank Petrol.

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Bringing over 50 years experience, Fordingbridge, a West Sussex based engineering firm, are continuing to provide their high quality, innovative design and build expertise to a varying number of sectors.

Initially starting in the horticulture industry, the company soon evolved to become one of the UK's leading specialists in canopies and walkways. Working with schools and colleges to provide courtyard canopies, outside classrooms and additional dining space, the nationwide offering the company provides, along with industry leading guarantees, has led to hundreds of successful installations in this sector alone. The company are mindful of all considerations to meet educators needs, therefore Fordingbridge canopies offer a number of advantages including not only the confidence in manufacture quality,

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to full garden centre design and build. Having launched in spring of this year, Rosebank Garden Centre in Carluke, Scotland are the most recent business to benefit from Fordingbridges' "statement building" offering. Combining striking inverted timber curves with a more traditional portal frame building, the centre now makes a bold statement from roadside that they are worth a visit.

Thanks to decades of experience in the industry, and close collaboration with end user, Fordingbridge are able to successfully deliver plant areas, restaurants, areas for soft play and grottos, ensuring the garden centre in question is able to see a return on their investment by expanding their opportunities for revenue throughout the year.

Closely working in conjunction with other project members also comes into play with Fordingbridges' work in healthcare. Completing a number of successful projects directly for NHS Trusts or via architects and principle contractors, the portfolio is an impressive one. This is through the firms' experience working in live hospital environments, ensuring patient and staff safety, and access to the facility, remains paramount throughout each installation. Ambulance bays, emergency wards and discharge suites have all received successful delivery of Fordingbridge products.

While successfully delivering large projects from garden centres to zoo admission buildings, Fordingbridge are proud to give the same level of detail and service to smaller projects. Ranging from rooftop verandas to covered walkways, the business provide the same high quality nationwide installation with each project. This is thanks to the dedicated team of in-house designers, project managers, engineers and installers who make this possible. Every project is overseen by a specialist in that sector, ensuring the most relevant



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The lack of third parties within the design and build process not only adds significant value to the work in a monetary sense, but also the advantages of quality and speed, knowing that any changes can be applied quickly and professionally at Fordingbridges' custom built Arundel factory.

While all of the above remain significant points with regards to professional quality, the simple fact is that Fordingbridge are a business based around people. The experience and drive for innovation is stemmed from each member of staffs' passion for their field and desire to deliver successful results. With 70% of the firms' business coming from repeat customers and referrals, it is clearly an ethos which resonates with its client base.

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LANDSCAPE - the UK's premier event for the industry returns to Battersea Park in central London on Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th of September 2019. LANDSCAPE is established as the essential trade event for discerning landscape designers, architects, contractors, facilities managers and interior designers involved in some of the most important, prestigious and valuable projects in the UK and beyond. The landscaping industry's leading trade event is dedicated to products, services and innovation for the design, build and management of exterior and interior landscape projects, with an array of over 200 new and returning exhibitors all under one roof!

LANDSCAPE is proud to announce that making its return for 2019, in association with The Landscape Institute, is Pecha Kucha 20x20. You may be wondering what PechaKucha means. It derives from the Japanese term for the sound of "chit chat", it provides a lively and informal format to enlighten and inspire. The sessions will take place in the form of a series of presentations, where landscaping professionals will be showing 20 images, each for 20 seconds (hence the 20x20!). Presenters include: Andrew Wilson of the London College of Garden Design, Nicole Brown from Huskisson Brown, Jane Findlay of FIRA, Dan Hitch of WATG, as well as Armel Mourgue & Eugenia Grilli of Gillespies! This year's topic is 'Things that make me go "wow!" so prepare to be inspired and amazed. Join us for a drink on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at the Central Bar Area from 17:15.

Also returning to this year's show are the 'Meet the Designer' sessions. Building on the huge success of 2018 programme, LANDSCAPE has worked with the most popular professionals in the industry to put together four unique and truly insightful sessions. Have you ever wondered how the biggest names in landscaping got to where they are today? This is your opportunity to get to know, and delve into, the lives of some of the most passionate Garden Designers. This year's prestigious line-up features Jonathan Snow, Charlotte Rowe, Kate Gould and James Alexander Sinclair. The Meet the Designer sessions will be held at the on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at the Central Bar between 11:15 and 15:15 so come along, relax, and speak to some major names in the industry.



The LANDSCAPE Show will be open from 10am-6pm on Tuesday the 17th September, and 10am-5pm on Wednesday 18th September 2019. The Exhibition as well as the Seminar, Meet the Designer & Pecha Kucha sessions are all free to attend.

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MILLBOARD DECKING CREATES OCEAN MAGIC!

As part of Hampshire's ongoing Ocean Village project, the new Southampton Harbour Hotel has been built to cement the city's reputation as the UK's shipping capital and to reference the port's maritime history.

HGP Architects were engaged to create a five-star hotel for the marina and they came up with a spectacular design: Southampton Harbour Hotel looks like a luxury ocean liner moored on the waterfront with terraces on multiple levels. The landscaping of the outside areas (the 'decks') reveal an intense eye for detail and perfectly conjure the look and feel of an extravagant cruise ship at sea.

High-end decking was required for all the terraces, and as well as looking the part, materials had to be able to

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- Hornbeam (Carpinus betulus) 1-1.2m, 1.5-1.8m and 1.8-2m high
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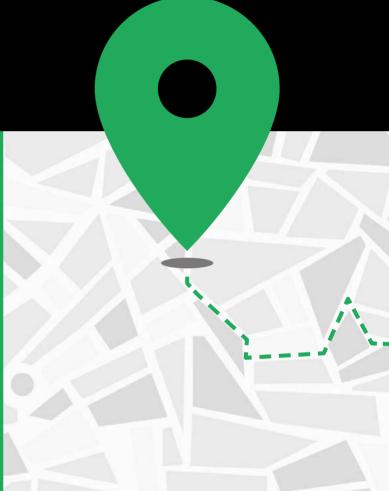






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on concrete block permeable paving at Cambourne remains robust with minimal maintenance

FLOODS SUDS AND PERMEABLE PAVING

Another year of summer flooding in the UK provides a timely reminder of the importance of sustainable drainage – or SuDS – on developments. But there is more to SuDS than flood prevention, with a wide range of other benefits, highlighted by recent regulations, guidelines and case studies, as the trade association Interpave explains.

It's over 3 years since the Government chose to abandon dedicated requirements for SuDS on new developments in England using the 2010 Flood and Water Management Act, relying instead on national and local planning policies, implemented at local planning authority level. But a recent Landscape Institute and CIC Report highlights that this approach has been far from successful and merits rethinking.

New Regulations

In contrast, earlier this year the Welsh Government implemented Schedule 3 of the Act as intended, with measures including establishment of a SuDS Approving Body (SAB) within each local/unitary authority. SAB approval will be needed for all but the smallest developments and the SAB will be required to adopt and maintain approved SuDS that serve more than one property.

The Welsh National Standards point out that: "The SuDS approach mimics natural drainage, managing surface runoff at or close to the surface and as close to its source as practicable. Surface based sustainable drainage components are visible in their operation and performance and are generally simpler and easier to operate, monitor and maintain." By its very nature, concrete block permeable paving (CBPP) is uniquely placed to satisfy these requirements as an attractive, surface-based, multifunctional SuDS technique.

Multi-functional SuDS

Of course, hard surfaces are necessary for developments anyway, whether for roads, parking, drives or play areas. But CBPP also provides an inherent drainage system that requires no additional land take or separate constructions for water storage, treatment or conveyance. In fact, CBPP can also accept runoff from other impermeable paving and roofs, giving further savings. It is therefore well-suited to higher-density urban schemes, as well as other developments.

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And it addresses both flooding and pollution issues by storing and cleaning water runoff at source, avoiding drains surcharging and downstream flooding. CBPP removes water-borne pollution and provides a gradual flow of clean water at the head of the 'SuDS management train' enabling safe, open SuDS features on the surface and enhancing landscape design and biodiversity. This technology also eliminates the cost of pipework, gulleys and manholes.

Reduced Costs

These savings are demonstrated by the Lamb Drove SuDS Monitoring project, which assesses various SuDS techniques, including CBPP, in a management train, compared with a conventional piped drainage system nearby. Completed in 2006, Lamb Drove in Cambourne, Cambridgeshire was selected as a SuDS Showcase project within the FLOWS (Living with Flood Risk in a Changing Climate) programme funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The SuDS scheme was designed by Royal HaskoningDHV with Robert Bray Associates and applied to a conventional housing layout, based around two cul-de-sacs. Two SuDS management trains serve distinct sub-catchments before linking at the bottom of the site. The permeable paving avoids additional land-take for storage and supplies a controlled flow of clean water to other, 'soft landscape' SuDS features such as swales, filter strips, under-drained swales, detention basins and, finally, a detention pond at the bottom of the site.

Despite layout constraints, natural flow routes have been optimized through the site for low and high flows, as well as for exceedance. SuDS have been integrated with landscape design adding amenity, interest and biodiversity to an otherwise unremarkable scheme, and a holistic approach taken.

Overall, whole-life-costs were much lower than those for the conventional piped drainage system.



The Monitoring Report noted capital cost savings of £314 per home using SuDS, with further potential savings available through more holistic design.

Further Savings

Having said that, further cost savings are unaccounted for in these cost comparisons. The SUDS at Lamb Drove achieve 100% of the required flow rate reduction by providing attenuation storage within the site and the immediately adjoining greenway land. This represents a saving as there is no reliance on strategic balancing lakes, which have associated capital costs, maintenance and land take requirements.

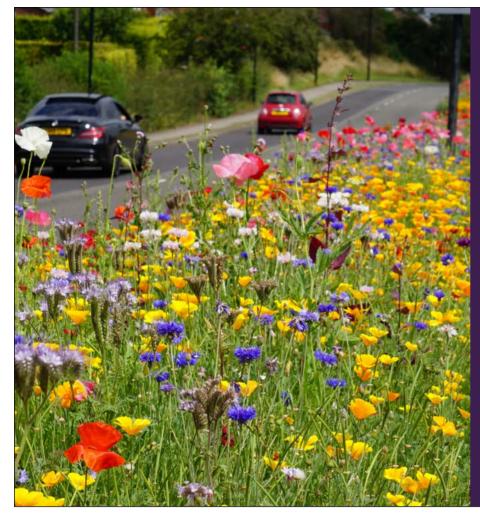
Also, Lamb Drove SUDS do not connect to the adopted public sewer and therefore avoid any connection and annual charges for storm water disposal. Additional efficiencies could have been achieved if the SuDS had been integrated into the original residential design – rather than retrofitted to an existing design – as a part of a wider Integrated Drainage Strategy for the complete Cambourne development using SuDS principles. The project also includes some SuDS features for demonstration purposes, rather than necessity.

Guidance and Case Studies

A new Interpave case study on this project will be launched at Flood Expo on September 11th and 12th at the Birmingham NEC, and free tickets are available at www.thefloodexpo. co.uk. Here, Interpave's presentation by Dr Nick Gorst, in Theatre 25 on Thursday 12th September at 14.00, will demonstrate permeable paving's successful long-term performance, minimal maintenance and costbenefits over conventional paving and drainage. It will also explore new regulatory requirements, technical innovations and permeable paving applications for SuDS.

In particular, the recently published Edition 7 of Interpave's definitive guidance – 'Design and Construction of Concrete Block Permeable Pavements' – includes the latest permeable paving techniques. These include an updated design methodology – in some cases resulting in thinner, lower-cost constructions, enhanced water storage using flow controls and thin CBPP overlays to improve existing road bases.

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As a result of the *"fantastic success"* of its displays of Rigby Taylor's Euroflor urban meadow flower seed mixes, Kent-based stately home Hever Castle has not only expanded the total area planted this year to more than 5,000 m2, but it has also launched a retail scheme where 'ready-to-sow' flower seed kits are available for purchase by visitors.

The meadow flower project on the 400-acre estate, which includes an adjoining golf course, was initiated last year by Hever Castle Golf Club's head greenkeeper Rob Peers to "encourage visitors to both the golf course and the estate to fully enjoy and be immersed by and engaged with the complete site".

He says the project "has been an overwhelming success" with the nine meadow areas – throughout the castle grounds and on areas of the golf course – which feature a wide range of flower species, attracting laudatory comments from visitors in person, in the local press and on social media. Each display is accompanied by an information board about 'creating your own meadow'.

The Euroflor seed mixes (from Top Green, the largest seed producer in Europe) were selected in terms of being 'best fit' options in terms of colour and height, as well as in texture and form, and Rob says particular success has been enjoyed with four mixes - Meadow Breeze, Rainbow Annuals, Bleuet de France and Classic that give displays that will last through the summer and into October/ November.

Commenting, he says: "The main lesson we took from our experience last year was that preparation is the key to success: it is imperative to have the plot as clean and clear as possible at the point of sowing. That said, we do also offer the 'lay down and plant' FloraFleece biodegradable matting Euroflor option, which eliminates the need for extensive soil preparation.

"This year's weather has been completely different to that of 2018 we've had so much rain and a lot less sun than we did in May and June last year. So, not surprisingly, the results have been very different.

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Jacksons Fencing Chilham panels & gate

GARDEN VARIETY SECURITY: TOP TIPS JACKSONS FENCING CONTRIBUTES TO 'SAFETY GARDEN' AT RHS HYDE HALL FLOWER SHOW

Garden and security fence manufacturer Jacksons Fencing provided panels for a 'Safe and Secure' model garden during the RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show at the beginning of August. The joint initiative, between the RHS, Essex Police and Secured by Design, was a showcase for garden security best practice. Most burglaries happen during the daytime, with many of these being opportunistic. The model garden demonstrated a number of simple, inexpensive tactics that homeowners can use to minimise the risk of their homes being targeted. In a recent study with architects, Jacksons Fencing found that 47% of architectural clients seek to reduce the risk of crime by having a secure appearance. Here the team behind the design share their top tips, from a wellplanned perimeter to functional flora. Taking these measures can help deter intruders looking for easy targets.

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The proper panels

Andy Tune, general manager at Jacksons Fencing, says, "Before investing in outdoor security, homeowners should think about what they need solutions for, based on their neighbourhood and surroundings. From there, we recommend researching different types of fencing.

"For total privacy and increased security, we advise using solid panels with no gaps between the boards. Along with being harder to climb over, solid styles add more strength than semi-solid style fencing. "When installing your fencing, be aware of objects that could act as climbing aids, such as trees, bins or children's climbing frames. We also recommend maintaining a clear line of view from doors and windows so you can easily monitor your garden. In the long term, make sure to regularly check that your perimeter is in good condition with no climbing aids, particularly at the rear of your property.

Secured by Design development officer Lyn Poole adds, "The 'Safe and Secure' garden offered visitors lots of information and ideas to take away with them to implement in their own gardens, be it shed, garage, cycle security or even lighting and boundary products.

"For example, barriers around front boundaries should be between 1 and 1.2m high while more vulnerable areas should have a minimum height of 1.8m. In neighbourhoods where the risk of burglary is higher, trellis toppings can further deter climbing."

Roses and thorns

Ian Le Gros, head of site at RHS Garden Hyde Hall, comments,

Jacksons Fencing Chilham panels with Premier Square Trellis topper

"There are several things that can be done to improve security in the garden – most of which are relatively quick and inexpensive to do. Well thought out defensive planting as part of garden design can provide an element of security, whilst at the same time provide a pleasant environment to live and work.

"Plants with prickly stems, spiny edges and spiky flowers can help protect a home while adding a dramatic and attractive aesthetic. For example, sea holly, Japanese rose or white-stemmed bramble."

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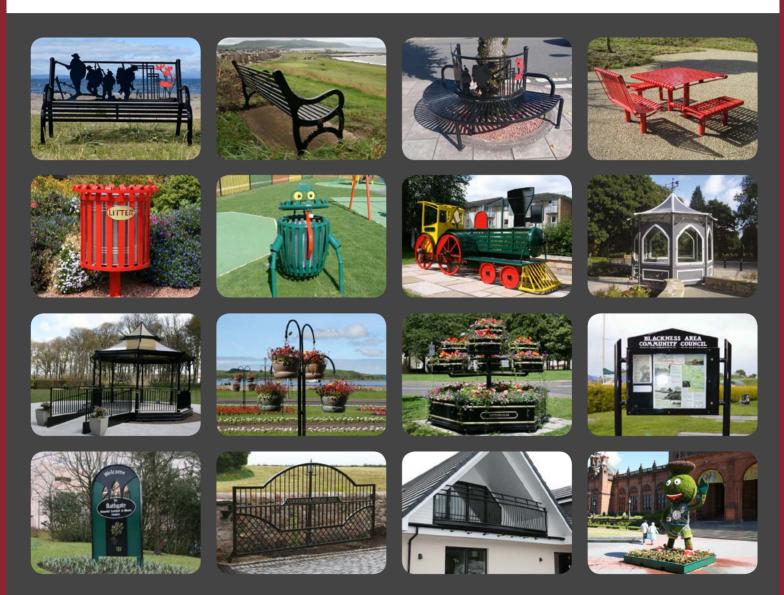
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One way of ensuring your garden is looking its best in the last of the summer weeks is to use practical and decorative floor tiles. Here, Sian O'Neill, Head of Marketing at Topps Tiles, explains how to bring your garden to life in an instant.

Seamless style

"Blending indoor and outdoor living spaces is a growing trend that creates an inviting atmosphere and encourages more time to be spent outdoors. Flooring plays a big part in establishing a flow between the interior and exterior areas of the home, helping to achieve a larger and welcoming living environment.

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"There's no need to tile your whole outdoor space, instead, start with seating or entertainment areas. Treat tiles as a character feature, exactly as you would inside the home. Planned right, it is remarkable how much patterned tiles can bring to a space, especially a neglected side return leading to the garden or an unloved path.



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"Colourful mosaics – think vibrant jewel tones, turquoise or yellow - are also a great way of adding some colourful vibes to previously dark and bland spaces and work really well on balconies or roof terraces."



Practical and safe

"When choosing outdoor tiles, so that you can accommodate that British weather and enjoy your patio with peace of mind, be sure to select a slip resistant tile. Topps Tiles use Pendulum Test Values (PTV) to measure a floor's slip resistance. This entails two different types of testing one that replicates the sole of footwear and the other is a softer rubber designed to provide values relating to wet barefoot contact - the higher the recorded value, higher the slip resistance. For example, for outdoor spaces we recommend PTV of 36+, a high slip resistance.

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JOHN CHAMBERS WILDFLOWER MATTING SUPPLIED FOR BALANCING POND ON NEW BELLWAY HOMES SITE

Green-tech has recently supplied 1000 sqm of John Chambers wildflower matting for a newly created Balancing pond on a new housing development.

PGE Landscaping Ltd is a professional landscaping, fencing and grounds maintenance company working within the construction sector throughout the Midlands and surrounding counties.



They were working on behalf of major UK residential property developer, Bellway homes on their Ashtree gardens development; a stunning development of new homes in the market town of Ashby-de- la-Zouch.

A balancing pond (also known as a balancing lakes, attenuation or retention ponds) acts as a temporary storage facility for watercourses like streams. Rather than water being discharged directly into the watercourse, potentially overwhelming it and causing flooding, the water is stored in the balancing pond.

John Chambers Wildflower Matting has been installed around the pond. It is a balanced mixture of wildflowers and grasses growing in a moisture retentive biodegradable felt, that provide an instant wildflower meadow. Made up of native wildflower species, the Wildflower Turf will provide beautiful blooms that will grow back year after year. As well as being lovely to look at, it will encourage biodiversity and over time will help build up and support an ecosystem.

Jon Austin, Head of Sales & Estimating from PGE Landscaping Ltd said,

"We have worked with Green-tech on numerous occasions and were really pleased with the quality of their John Chambers Wildflower Matting. It was delivered as specified and was easy to lay with instant results. The client was pleased and we've overheard local residents commenting on how impressive it is and how it has created a lovely view for those living in sight of it. They're just waiting for the ducks now! I have no hesitation recommending both Green-tech and the John Chambers Wildflower Matting."

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JOHN CHAMBERS WILDFLOWER MEADOW AT BURNCROSS COMMUNITY GARDEN 'MOST EYE-CATCHING FLORAL DISPLAY IN THE AREA'

Green-tech has supplied John Chambers Wildflower Seed to a community project in Burncross, which lies just outside of Sheffield City Centre. The local community has a group set up; the Burncross Action Team; dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to improve their local area and community.

In 2017, as part of a Greening Great Britain initiative with the Royal Horticultural Society, the Burncross Action Team approached the John Chambers Wildflower team to help them transform a forgotten 'grey spot' in Sheffield into a mini haven for wildlife.

The area had previously been used as storage for various materials and as a result it had a high salt content. The team took this into consideration and supplied enough John Chambers Pro Cornfield Annuals and Pro Coastal 100% Wildflower mixes to cover an area of 500m². The John Chambers Pro Cornfield Annuals Rich 100% Wildflower Seed Mix and the John Chambers Pro Coastal 100% Wildflower Seed Mix has been designed and mixed with a range of wildflower seed for the professional installer. The Pro-range includes mixes that include more commonly found species to suit a wide variety of growing conditions. These mixes provide a beautiful wildflower habitat, encouraging biodiversity in urban landscapes.

GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE

Volunteers from the Burncross Action Team and pupils from Ecclesfield School and Windmill Hill Primary School helped prepare the site for sowing, which has led to an abundance of wild blooms. They also created a super bug hotel to encourage wildlife.

The wildflower annuals established quickly and looked great the first summer. Wildflower Perennial's take a year to establish so first flowered in 2018. The wildflower display was such that the team was proud to win the Britain In Bloom 2018 'Platinum award' for their Burncross Gateway Garden.

RHS Community Outreach Advisor, Gavin Hardy comments,

"Previously a material-handling area for Sheffield council the Burncross Gateway Garden has a higher than normal salt content and the raised seeded areas are largely comprised of loose road chippings making it incredibly free draining. The team at John Chambers provided us with all the help and advice we needed to choose a seed mix to thrive under such challenging growing conditions and the results have been outstanding.

The creation of a wildflower garden has been a huge benefit to the local community from the noticeable increase in biodiversity to the school engagement opportunities the project has generated. One of the big advantages for wildflower areas for community groups is that the maintenance required can be relatively minimal, in this case



consisting of an annual cut in midsummer and the odd bit of weeding to remove undesirable species. A small price to pay for one of the most eyecatching floral displays in the area."

John Chambers Wildflower Manager, Stuart Ball added,

"Burncross Gateway Garden was an old council depot which with the help of the Burncross Action Team, the Royal Horticultural Society, Ecclesfield Comprehensive School and Windmill Hill Primary School, was turned from grey land into a green space with a wildflower garden and landscaping.



This is a fine example of how beautiful a wildflower meadow can be if you have the patience to see it through. I am delighted that the Burncross Action Team are so pleased with the results. The first year of sowing the residents enjoyed a nice display of Annuals coming through. Two years on; there are many more species, giving it more colour and attracting more biodiversity. The annuals have continued to pop through but these have started to dwindle now as they've done their job of giving colour in Year 1 while the perennials were establishing. The show this year is simply stunning."

Now in its fourth year, the RHS Greening Great Britain programme supported by M&G Investments encourages communities to come together to transform unused or unloved sites into vibrant spaces bursting with plants.

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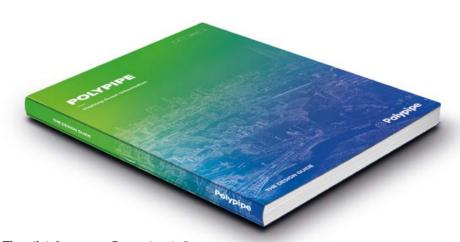
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STREET SCHEME TARGETS GREEN

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A landmark sustainable drainage pilot project in West London is providing evidence to show how SuDS can be effectively retrofitted into a variety of urban environments.

Counters Creek is one of London's 'lost rivers' that was culverted in the late nineteenth century to form part of the combined sewerage network in West London. Its catchment is highly urbanised, has no remaining open watercourses and has a high density of residential basements. In recent years 20% of permeable space has been lost and over 2,000 properties within the catchment have reported sewer flooding.



The pilot, known as Greenstreets@ Counters Creek, is one of Thames Water's largest sewer flooding alleviation projects and includes the introduction of SuDS systems on three roads where the effectiveness of the systems in controlling surface water flows to the combined sewers will be monitored.

Taking in Arundel Gardens, in Kensington, Mendora Road in Fulham and Melina Road in Shepherd's Bush, the scheme – using Polypipe's Permavoid system – helps capture, store and reuse rainwater. Using a combination of products that have been designed to complement the Permavoid system – such as Permatex, Permafoam and Permafilter – has allowed the project to introduce and maintain greenery and trees, including rain gardens – whilst having the ability to filter and treat the water before it enters the vast geocellular tanks beneath.

Polypipe Permavoid geocellular units are manufactured and designed to be durable enough to withstand heavy loads, and so the design includes car parking above, whilst permeable paving is incorporated to capture rainwater run-off at source, directing it to the units below.

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During rainfall events, the Permavoid tanks provide storage for large volumes of surface water whilst restricting the flow into the existing sewer system.

The water, in part, is reused to help maintain soil moistness within the tree pits, feeding the trees and helping to attract biodiversity, cool the air and help to reduce CO2. Whilst the Permafilter, with its hydrophilic properties, intercepts contaminants and oil from the road surface above.



At Melina Road 2,345 Permavoid cells were installed to create four separate storage tanks to sit beneath new rain gardens. The tanks are able to store 88m3 of rainwater captured at source via permeable paving, whilst each of the tanks feature a top layer of Permafoam – a highly absorbent and water retentive material, providing 31 litres of water storage to upwardly irrigate the rain gardens above.

Each rain garden is also connected to the local sewer network to allow excess water to discharge back into the network at a lower flow rate, managing water at source.

A total of 430 Permafoam cells were installed to cover a combined area of 108m2 and provide water supply for vegetation above. This technique mitigates flood risk during storm events, while sustaining plant growth and providing additional green space in the local urban environment. Thames Water approved the Polypipe Permavoid system for its light-inweight construction, allowing for a faster, more efficient installation whilst improving the visual environment, attracting important biodiversity and providing an intelligent multifunctional solution to prevent the historical sewers from flooding.

As a result, the Green Streets project has given the residents peace of mind during extreme weather events whilst providing a pleasant environment to enjoy – one that's now rich in biodiversity.

Polypipe has produced a detailed guide for sector specialists called Inspiring Green Urbanisation which includes projects similar to the Green Streets as well as ingenious drainage solutions for all kinds of landscaping and design projects.

The guide shows how water connects urbanisation and transport infrastructure. It also demonstrates just how these components work together to achieve successful water management solutions and demonstrate multifunctional benefits.

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400 + 600	1075mm	325mm	150mm	475mm
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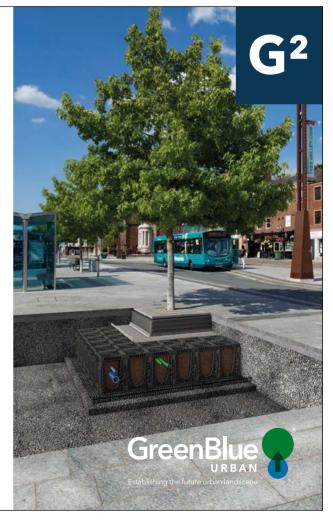
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LIVING WALLS: REVIVING THE URBAN JUNGLE ONE CAR PARK AT A TIME

By 2050 the United Nations estimate that 68% of the world's population will live in urban areas, but with construction on the increase to accommodate overcrowded cities, green areas are rapidly being exploited for much-needed space. This is also having a detrimental effect on our general health and well-being, with 91% of the world's population already residing in areas where air quality exceeds WHO guideline limits . With space now at a premium, the environmental impact of development is emerging as one of the biggest challenges being faced by the industry, as demand increases for healthier, greener urban spaces. Creating new challenges for local authorities, contractors, planners and developers, Steve McIntyre, Urban Environmental Consultant, ANS Global, outlines why even the humble car park has plant potential.

Growing green

Creating a positive difference in inner city environments, living walls have become a prominent feature for ethical design and are crucial for staying on top of ecological requirements. Installed onto wasted space, living walls can transform even the most unlikely structure into a thriving oasis that offers a wealth of benefits; from improving general health and wellbeing, to supporting biodiversity.

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For instance, and despite being a modern necessity, the multi-storey car park is generally a concrete urban eyesore. Towering industrial boxes that encourage high levels of toxic pollution, car parks are often a source of contention for local communities and local authorities alike. However, the addition of a living wall can transform the man-made structure into a thriving urban garden, with benefits that far exceed the aesthetic.

A biophilic solution to today's environmental challenges, living walls can filter out up to 95% of the pollutants generated by vehicles , while also providing an opportunity to reinvent wasted space as living, breathing installations and a glowing symbol of sustainability.

Blooming business

From purifying toxic air and restoring a loss of nature, to benefiting mental health and creating a thriving habitat for valued wildlife, living installations have a central role to play in urban regeneration and the proof is in every finished project.

There are also no limits to a living wall, with a notable ANS Global project seeing the installation of Europe's largest external living wall at National Grid's HQ car park; which incorporates 97,000 plants and 20 different species, including fruit bearing plants. With planning demanding that the design focus on more than just the green aesthetics, every single plant was required to have a green, sustainable purpose while also delivering proven ecological values, such as air purification and biodiversity. The company's commitment to sustainability is now visible for all to see, and with planning requiring a camouflaged construction all year-round, the design is focused on providing an evergreen living wall façade; one which grows, changes and blooms with each season. The project also earned national attention, winning the Best New Car Park Award.

Green infrastructure, such as living walls, has the power to reintroduce nature to urban areas, transforming what would be a metal box into a powerful, visual statement. However, ensuring the right plant palette is selected is vital in ensuring that a living wall will thrive in the long term; this includes considering the local climate, elevation and surrounding environment.

With space only set to become more limited, living walls are likely to become a familiar feature as the industry seeks to adapt to rising environmental pressures. Paving the way for greener approaches to development, living walls are becoming a powerful weapon in overcoming the cost of construction, transforming buildings and skylines into urban forests.



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SUTCLIFFE PLAY LAUNCH NEW INCLUSIVE BROCHURE

Sutcliffe Play, a leading designer and UK manufacturer of children's play equipment and playgrounds has launched a new inclusive play brochure.

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"Working with Sutcliffe Play was a really pleasant experience, they understood exactly what the school was looking for. The contractors were great, and we all worked together so there was minimal disruption for pupils and staff. Everyone is delighted with the outcome and really enjoyed seeing the playground develop as it was being built. They could not wait until it was complete and they could start using it," said Val Tomlinson, School Business Manager at Bleasdale School.

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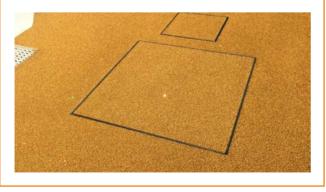
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CROWN SPORTS LOCKERS/ FAIRHAVEN GOLF CLUB CHANGE FOR THE BETTER AT FAIRHAVEN

"A design classic" is how Spencer Grimwood, project manager at changing room specialists Crown Sports Lockers describes the newly refurbished locker rooms at Fairhaven Golf Club, Lytham St Annes.

On Lancashire's `Golf Coast`, Fairhaven has transformed its clubhouse during 2019 - men's and women's changing areas a key first stage of five phases under a £1.3m modernisation.

"The interior designers have come up with something special," Spencer says. "Light and dark shades of walnut, with innovative wash and shower facilities." Recognised as one of the finest Championship courses in the north of England, Fairhaven's Top 100, 18-hole links-style course is hosting regional qualifying for the Open Championship between 2016 and 2020 and saw final qualifying for the Seniors Open in 2019.

With a buoyant membership of 800, a healthy waiting list and thriving women's and juniors' section, Fairhaven was keen to match the quality of the clubhouse with that out on course.

"The project is all about creating modern, clean, airy and stylish provision to enhance member facilities," explains general manager Martin Robinson, "because the clubhouse was simply not up to standard for a destination of Fairhaven's status."

Completed in spring 2019, the £250,000 Phase 1 saw Crown manufacture and install a bespoke scheme in both locker rooms under a project that also included repositioning the clubhouse entrance to the rear of the building.

"I'd known Crown from earlier golf clubs I'd managed," Martin recalls, "and knew they manufactured quality products. We asked three suppliers to tender for the work. Crown's website and case studies showed clearly the quality level we were seeking."





Studying the changing room layouts and sending the club examples of the lockers proposed for members to scrutinise, Crown worked closely with lead consultant Frank Whittle Partnership (FWP) who created innovative designs for the locker rooms, toilets and shower cubicles.

Working alongside main contractor Create Construction, FWP have provided a comprehensive in-house design service spanning architecture, interior design, quantity surveying and structural, mechanical and electrical engineering elements for the multi-phase development.

"Project plans had been prepared some years ago but then shelved until Martin came in post three and a half years ago," says Daniel Thompson, FWP partner. "He has driven the project forward with the backing of the board and gave us free rein on the changing room designs," he adds.

"To launch the project on the right footing from a PR perspective, it was paramount for the changing rooms to look the part," notes FWP interior designer David Simmons. "They were in a dire state, wooden but unfit for purpose and too small to store modern equipment. We sought a bespoke fitout, rather than just joinery."

"The club wanted a more contemporary feel but the facilities had to carry that air of prestige as Fairhaven numbers plenty of older members among its ranks – some in their 80s and 90s - as well as teenagers. It was a question of catering for the more traditional end too." Crown supplied and fitted some 480 key-operated golf bag and holdall lockers, hairdryer vanity units in male and female changing rooms, hanging spaces, towel storage and drops and storage space beneath the wash basins.

Highly distinctive elements feature throughout. "Toilets and shower cubicles include designer glazing," David explains. "There were no doors on the original showers – the new ones are acid-etched, with frosting beneath the club logo.



SPORT & PLAY





"The changing room toilets also serve the newly refurbished 120-seat events room so had to carry the right look to reflect that function and deliver a quality that surpasses what guests have in their own homes."

Benches and marble top vanity units feature sit-on bowls to deliver a striking, classy look. Crown supplied locker doors in two shades of smooth-faced, walnut-coloured Formica laminate, complete with routed vertical stripes and numbers in the doors aces, all hand painted in black. Banks of lockers are finished in alternating light and dark shades to further heighten visual impact.

"Space planning was key," David adds, "as the club wanted to fit as many lockers as possible, without it detracting from the look we had created. We played around with lots of permutations, including the wet areas, to transform the space."

Wilton-Axminster spike-proof carpeting was laid throughout, including benches, in traditional tartan, with purple tinges in the female changing rooms and tiele notes in the male area, set off with neutral walls.

Martin oversaw the changing room upgrade, with Fairhaven director Sue Wood acting as client representative and liaising with the ladies committee on designs for their locker room. "It's larger than many ladies' changing areas," says Martin, "and is kitted out completely with golf bag lockers and plenty of vanity space. They have frosted glass features in the toilets and showers too, with added horizontal bands for extra privacy." Also includes are a few "home comforts" – fresh flowers daily and a noticeboard for example.

Martin visited many clubs with FWP to start developing ideas for a style to achieve the result Fairhaven were seeking. He liked our changing room designs as soon as he saw them and that gave him added confidence working with us on Phases 2, 3 and 4 of the clubhouse upgrade.

"This was a project quite personal to us. We'd handled plenty of metal or laminate locker systems for hotels and sport sites but timber was new for us," says David.

"Cost and design take precedence in choosing a supplier, however Crown as a Made in Britain manufacturer was a good tick in the box. Spencer was happy to visit the club and their price sat well with other locker suppliers.

"Also, as bespoke manufacturers, Crown were comfortable with how we wanted the lockers to look. We told the club and contractors that although we had not used them before, they were the right suppliers for the project."

The changing rooms upgrade has met with strongly positive reaction from

Fairhaven's members, Martin reports. "Ages vary greatly so tastes differ and you cannot please everyone but the vast majority of members really like the new look.

"Members rent lockers for £25 a year," says Martin. "After a little resistance from some, every locker has been taken up, bringing in about £10,000 annually."

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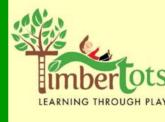
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Because of the success of previous years, the Contamination Expo Series is again co-located alongside RWM, Future Resource, Flood Expo, and the Fasteners Expo, which is set to attract over 22,000 professionals for two unique days for the environmental sector. This all proves that the 11th and 12th of September are going to be two vital days in the calendar for environmental professionals around the continent.

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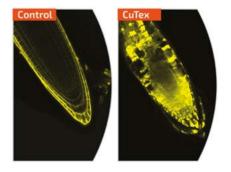
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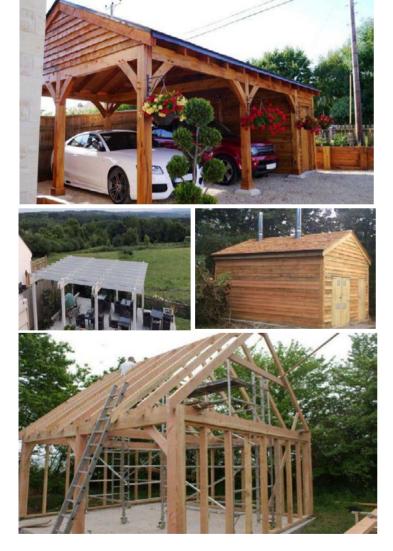
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Quick Costing

For an immediate **guide price** look at our standard timber <u>garages</u> and <u>carports</u>, designed for our most frequent enquiries. You'll find a range of different styles from low pitch to high '<u>room-in-the-roof</u>' structures, plus prices for roof coverings, doors, window and claddings.

Bespoke Designs

A fully bespoke service is available. Send us your client's plans or *basic dimensioned sketches* and we will return a clear and concise quote to you within a few days.

Optional Upgrades

We can supply everything you need to see the job finished including insulation, linings, rainwater goods and staircases. Indicative prices for all these extras in our estimates.

Rooms in the Roof

Design any size or shape & provide the perfect place for:

- Home offices
- Games Rooms
- Gymnasiums
- Storage
- or even additional accommodation

Easy Build – Perfect Look

Simple, rapid erect system lets you build balconies, pergolas, bio-mass plants, carports, room-in-roof carbarns, garden offices, granny annexes, and more

In fact whatever you want !





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