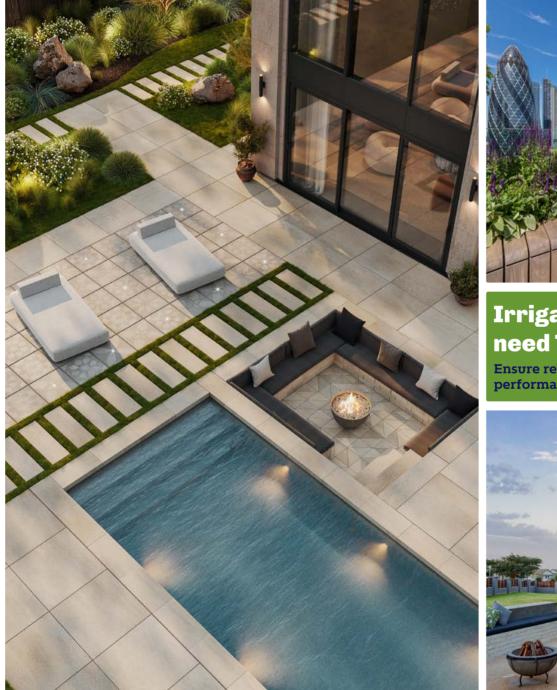
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FIRST LOOK AT RABY CASTLE'S REMODELLED EAST GARDEN

In June 2023, Lord and Lady Barnard invited guests to view the first completed section of the 18th Century Walled Garden which features a unique tiered grass amphitheatre.

The event allowed Raby's members a sneak preview of the first phase of the exciting new design, carefully crafted by world-renowned garden designer Luciano Giubbilei, in close collaboration with Lady Barnard.

Situated just a stone's throw from the 14th century Raby Castle, home to the Vane family since 1626, work began in the eastern section of the Walled Garden in early 2022 and has included the creation of the tiered grass amphitheatre, and the planting of new borders and beds.

Lady Barnard, who is spearheading the rejuvenation of the Walled Garden, was thrilled to share this momentous occasion with the Raby members. "This preview of the East Garden is truly the first step in our thrilling journey to completion. The gardens at Raby Castle have always had huge appeal for visitors, and it was so important to us that we maintained its character and original features. "Part of the scheme to improve the Raby visitor experience includes providing a space in which the public can relax and enjoy the picturesque surroundings. The addition of the grass amphitheatre has created a sunken performance area for enjoyment of the arts, but also for quiet contemplation.

"We have maintained the soul of the East Garden, embracing its provenance and memories, utilising the much-loved combination of herbaceous borders and trees. The space is framed by amelanchier woodlands, which will grow over time to create an intimate





experience for visitors, as they stroll through the interspersed woodland under blossoming trees towards the open amphitheatre, with the castle framing the horizon.

"Evergreens and topiary have been introduced to reflect the balance of formality and informality within the structure of the garden, with Taxus hedging and Osmanthus cloud-pruned plants installed to create flow and mirror the form of the historical yew hedge in the neighbouring Formal Garden. We wanted to mix the soft textures of blossom from the amelanchier, with the evergreen structure, creating subtle impact and inspiration." The Formal Garden will comprise a series of unique mazes alongside the historic Raby yew hedge, with a graceful rill flowing north to south, adding the tranquil sounds and sight of water complementing this calm space. The adjacent West Garden will be the productive space, combining raised beds growing seasonal vegetables, a greenhouse displaying hot house plants and a cut flower garden full of roses, peonies, dahlias and sweet peas.



For further information on The Rising, please visit: www.raby.co.uk/about-us/ development/raby-castledevelopment/





IRRIGATION SYSTEMS NEED TLC – STARTING NOW!

by Paul Jeffery, Managing Director, Waterscapes Limited

With changes to our climate, irrigation systems may be operational until November and within a few months attention is turned again to the Spring Start Up. No matter how long it has been turned off, an irrigation system should not be restarted until it has been fully tested so that existing or emerging problems can be rectified, and the year starts with a fully functioning system.

Whatever the complexity of the installation, it then needs to be managed accordingly under a planned maintenance regime. This well help to ensure reliable and consistent performance throughout the seasons as operational capacity is increased to 100% or higher in the peak dry weeks of summer.

The irrigation technology may range from simple sprinklers or surface dripline through to sophisticated, remotely managed fully automated systems. Start Up checks should cover all elements, helping to reduce costly call outs and repairs, water wastage and longer-term damage to landscapes. Water should be turned on slowly to prevent sudden pressure causing damage to any part of the installation. There may be a need to flush the system and clear out unwanted particles. Sprinkler heads can get blocked not just over winter but throughout the seasons. They should all be checked to ensure also that they rotate correctly and still achieve the required coverage.

Damage caused by rodents, other animals, or garden tools as well as general wear and tear can be assessed when checking surface dripline. Out of sight irrigation delivery systems must also be thoroughly inspected for breakages or leaks to prevent water wastage and ensure low pressure does not result in parts of the landscape receiving insufficient irrigation.



Larger areas are frequently split into irrigation zones with individual watering schedules according to planting. Control valves and controllers should be checked for correct set up and cycle times as well as tested for electrical or supply issues.

After the Spring Start Up, water conservation, cost control and ensuring no under watering in the drier weeks are continuing considerations. Dependent upon the installation, mid-season or more regular planned visits need to be part of every management regime before proper winterisation. It will pay dividends to use experienced professionals to undertake this work as they can also recommend how the performance of the system could be improved through adjustments to watering schedules or investment in additional technology such as flow and rain sensors.

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RHS PARTNER GARDEN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2024

The Royal Horticultural Society is inviting millions of garden lovers across the country - and beyond - to vote for their favourite RHS Partner Garden for 2024.

Now in its fourth year, the contest continues with the "Feel Good" theme and all voters in the popular RHS Partner Garden of the Year competition will be entered into a prize draw to win a pair of tickets to the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival in 2025 with a luxury two-night stay close to the showground as a thank you for their show of support. Last year, with thousands of votes cast, Hidden Valley Gardens, an intimate three-acre cottage style garden in Treesmill, Cornwall, won the overall competition, with a further five gardens winning regional categories.

Previous winners have described how the award has confirmed the appreciation of their hard work shown by visitors. Ian Mabberly, who runs Nant y Bedd Garden in the Brecon Beacons which was crowned RHS Partner Garden of the Year in 2022, said: "We're pretty sure that the increase in visitor numbers in 2023 must have been associated with the win.

"We know that what we are doing here is greatly appreciated by our visitors from what they write in our Visitors' Book, and the award confirms that."

There are 220 gardens in the RHS Partner Garden scheme in the UK and abroad. The scheme gives free access to the garden to the charity's 600,000 members at selected times of the year. Voting for the Partner Garden competition is open to anyone, however, not just members.

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Nine new gardens have joined the scheme this year, including Riverhill Himalayan Garden in Kent, Natural Surroundings in Norfolk and La Mortella in Naples.

Votes can be cast via the RHS website rhs.org.uk/pgoty. Voting is open from 10am on Wednesday 10 April until midday on 27 September, 2024.

Many of the RHS Partner Gardens will also be displaying the link to vote in their gardens, on social media and on garden websites, so it will be easy for visitors to cast their vote for their favourite garden and leave a comment to say what the garden means to them.

Visitors can choose their favourite gardens in each of six regions: Midlands and East Anglia; North and Northern Ireland; Overseas; Scotland; South East and Channel Islands; and South West and Wales.

As before, the gardens will be ranked according to the number of

votes they have received relative to their total visitor numbers for the previous year with the comments they've received from voters to determine the winner for each region and the overall winner.

The winners, who will be revealed in December, will receive a special plaque to display at their property as well as a professional photoshoot of their garden. Gardens that have won in the past two years will be excluded from this year's competition.





RHS Partner Garden Manager Helen Feary said: "We're delighted to be running the RHS Partner Garden of the Year competition again in 2024. Visiting a garden brings so much joy to so many people and it's wonderful to be able to give people the chance to vote for their favourite 'feel good' garden from among the 220 RHS Partner Gardens. The heart-warming comments show us how much these gardens mean to their visitors."

For more information visit www.rhs.org.uk.

DECKING



THE RISE OF BAMBOO: A SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE TO TROPICAL HARDWOODS

In recent years, there has been a significant shift in the construction and landscaping sectors towards more sustainable and eco-friendly materials. This trend is especially evident in the increasing popularity of bamboo decking and cladding as a viable alternative to tropical hardwoods. Here are some key reasons we believe are behind this shift:

Environmental Concerns

Bamboo is one of the fastestgrowing plants on earth, with some species growing up to 3 feet in just 24 hours. Unlike hardwood trees, which can take decades to mature, bamboo reaches maturity in 3-5 years, making it a highly renewable resource that can be harvested without causing harm to the environment. Additionally, it absorbs more carbon dioxide and releases more oxygen than hardwood trees, helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Durability and Strength

Despite being a grass, bamboo is incredibly strong and durable, making it an ideal material for decking and cladding. It has a higher tensile strength than steel and is highly resistant to pests, rot, and moisture. This durability ensures that bamboo decking and cladding can withstand the elements and maintain their integrity over time, reducing the need for frequent replacements.

Aesthetic Appeal

Bamboo decking and cladding offer a unique aesthetic that is both modern and timeless. Its warm colour and fine grain add a touch of elegance to any outdoor space, while its natural texture creates an inviting atmosphere. Bamboo's versatility also allows for a range of design options, from contemporary to rustic, making it a popular choice for a variety of projects.

Cost-Effectiveness

In addition to its environmental and aesthetic benefits, bamboo is often more cost-effective than traditional hardwoods, making it an affordable option for wood products. Its rapid growth rate means that it can be harvested and replenished more quickly than hardwood trees, reducing the overall cost of production. Furthermore, the longterm savings in maintenance and replacement costs make it a more economical choice in the long run.

As the demand for sustainable building materials continues to grow, bamboo is likely to remain a popular landscaping choice in the future.

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TREKKER HITS A SIX AT STATE OF THE ART CRICKET CLUB

Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club, a renowned sporting hub now located in the picturesque Devon coastal town of Budleigh Salterton, has recently undergone a relocation from Ottermouth and a bespoke design and development. This exciting change comes as a result of suffering from seasonal flooding for years in its previous location, causing disruption to the running of the facility and damage to the property.

The Environmental Agency has invested £15m in a Lower Otter Restoration Project to return the area to a more natural state which has allowed for the relocation and complete development of this muchloved, purpose built cricket club.

The relocation and investment brought the opportunity to start from scratch and create a stunning purpose-built hub that meets all of the specific needs of the cricket club, whilst also acting as a social hub for the wider community. This two-story development allows for sports and changing facilities on the ground floor and a large entertaining and social space on the first floor. The stunning raised balcony gives a 180° panoramic view across the two cricket pitches with views all the way out to sea - the perfect place to enjoy a summer afternoon.

For this project, the client was looking for a low maintenance, highly durable decking solution that could withstand the high foot traffic as well as offer a stunning finish that fits with the complete aesthetic - this is where Trekker comes in.

The installation of Trekker Composite Decking brought a transformative change to the Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club pavilion. The Natura Grooved boards in Vulcan added a touch of sophistication to the structure whilst ensuring resistance against the elements. It's Trekker's Natura Grooved range offers more of a raw looking finish with the look and feel of timber, but the durability and easy maintenance of a composite. Made from recycled material and fully recyclable, the use of Trekker FSC accredited products also added to the sustainability of the project.

As spring draws in, spectators and users of the cricket club are sure to be eager to make use of their stunning new balcony whilst immersing themselves in some fantastic games of cricket.

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THE BENEFITS AND BEAUTY OF BUILDING WITH COMPOSITES

Who has the time, or money, for pesky problems such as outdoor building maintenance like painting, refurbishing or replacing wooden decks?

More and more smart people are discovering the beauty and benefits of building with composites.

The ingenuity of composites combines the positive physical properties of different compounds - organic or inorganic - to make life easier and better.

Properties such as weather resistance, decreased flammability, structural stability or pest prevention - are all factors that can be engineered into an enhanced product offering.

Various inherent advantages in the component compounds are combined into composites to offer savvy consumers lower maintenance and degradation prevention, with the added benefit of reduced consumption of natural resources. And the rate at which composites are evolving and becoming a favourable choice is astounding!

The inherent strength and structural stability of bamboo fibre, with its

natural resistance to moisture, act as deterrents against biodegradation such as mould and rot. When combined with high-performance recyclable polymers, Eva-Last decking not only resists degradation but also provide enhanced fade and scratch resistance, meaning your deck looks as good as it did the day you bought it.

Eva-Last's bamboo composite decking, a modern marvel, offers an attractive alternative to real wood, outperforming their traditional counterparts in terms of superior performance and sustainability. That alone justifies the investment. Consider their lower long-term maintenance costs, extended lifespan due to increased weather and pest-resistance, and colourfast properties, together with an array of natural shades and patterns on offer, and you wonder why no-one had thought of them sooner.

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What's more, Eva-Last's 44 000 KWh of solar-power installed at the factory further contributes towards producing eco-friendly composite decking.

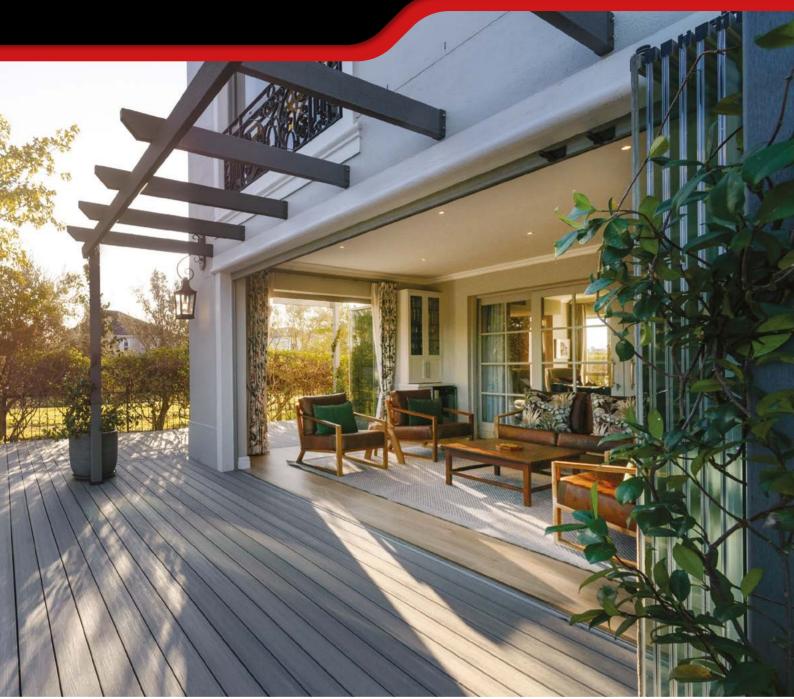
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HOW TO MAKE YOUR GARDEN ECO-FRIENDLY



Playing our part to become more sustainable is more important than ever. Whether that's growing our own food and cutting down on our household waste or renovating our gardens - we all need to do our bit.

Eco-paving manufacturer, Bradstone, highlights five ways in which you can become ecofriendlier and more self-sufficient in your own gardens.

1. Grow your own food

Why not devote a patch of your garden to growing your own food?

Not only is it cheaper but it also reduces your environmental impact - reducing the need for plastic packaging. It's also a great way of getting the children involved in gardening and for children who dig their heels in when it comes to eating their greens, they may be more inclined to eat veggies at dinner time if they grew it themselves. You can grow plenty of different vegetables like carrots, potatoes and peppers, or fruits such as apples and berries right in your own English garden.

2. Installing a water butt

British people are all too accustomed with rain, and no one particularly enjoys it, but you can turn the negative into a positive by installing a water butt to collect rainfall. Manually watering a garden using a hose can actually lead to a considerable amount of water wastage due to it being difficult to measure the amount being used. Not only will a water butt cut down water usage, but it is hugely beneficial for plants too.

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3. Installing wildlife homes

Give nature an extra helping hand by providing some man-made shelter. From bird boxes to bug hotels and hedgehog homes to bee biomes, there are plenty ways you can make your garden that little bit more comfortable for wildlife. The mini beasts will absolutely love these homes and children can learn a lot from observing them.

4. Using household waste as compost

Home composting is favourable because it helps to divert garden waste and some uncooked fruit and vegetable off-cuts from disposal. It reduces greenhouse gas emissions and provides keen gardeners with a self-made supply of compost. This means you have to worry less about your food waste - you can simply turn it into compost and generate an ongoing green cycle.

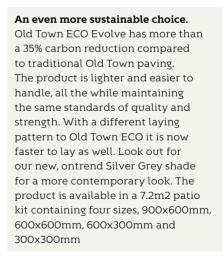
5. Switching out your paving

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Eco-friendly gardens have become a huge trend over the past few years, adorned with bee spas and bug hotels, and continue to be a focal point in 2024. Bradstone applauds the commitment to sustainability, with gardeners taking on the role of stewards for local biodiversity. The integration of these elements not only nurtures the environment but also encourages a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of all living things. With spring just around the corner, there is no better time to start planning your new eco garden.







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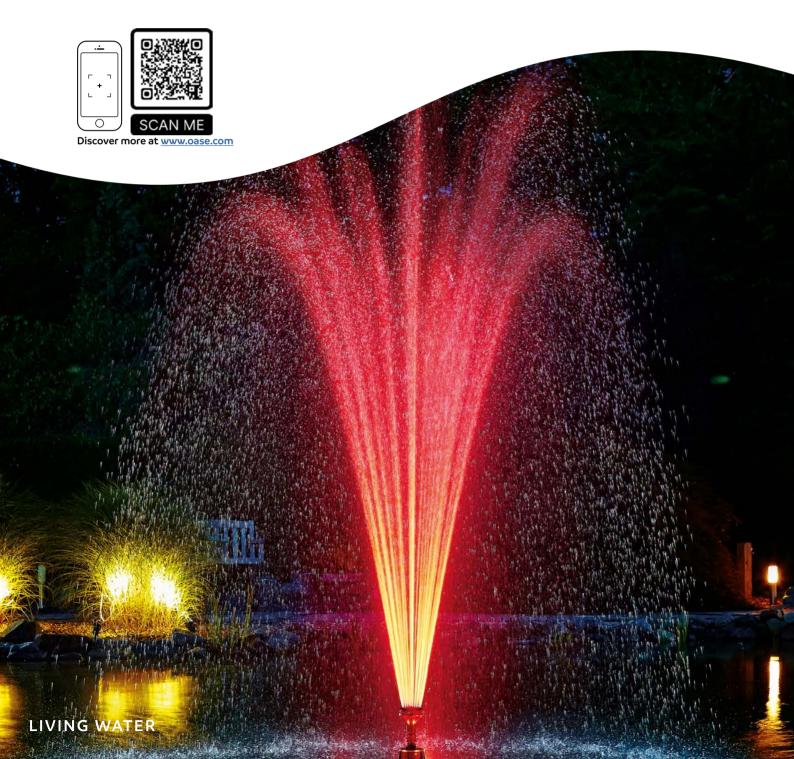
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CMO GROUP PLC 'GROWS' WITH THE LAUNCH OF LANDSCAPING SUPERSTORE

CMO Group PLC, the UK's largest online only retailer of building materials and products, has expanded its offering with the launch of Landscaping Superstore. The new superstore provides trade and DIY customers with quick and convenient access to over 6000 different products for all aspects of garden design and maintenance.

The new Landscaping Superstore becomes CMO's ninth online store which offers specialist product solutions for the most popular building projects. Its launch follows on from the successful introduction of gardening and landscaping ranges to CMO's existing Drainage Superstore and is in direct response to a growing customer demand for more products and project-tailored advice. The new Landscaping Superstore combines a comprehensive collection of gardening tools and furniture, as well as outdoor flooring and building materials, alongside expert customer support and a selection on online guides. Designed to meet the needs of both DIY and professional trade customers, all of the landscaping and maintenance products on Landscaping Superstore are also available via CMO's dedicated trade account service Building Superstore.

With regular special offers and discounts, plus reliable nationwide delivery, Building Superstore offers access to CMO's full product portfolio which includes Roofing Superstore, Insulation Superstore, Door Superstore, Drainage Superstore, Tile Superstore,

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Plumbing Superstore and Clickbasin. co.uk which was acquired by CMO in 2022. DIY customers can also source a full range of inspirational guides and product recommendations through CMO's recently launched consumer focused website, Good Build Superstore.

Commenting on the new addition to CMO Group PLC's online portfolio, Ben Hodson, brand director at CMO Group PLC said: "We pride ourselves on being agile and responsive so we can better meet the evolving needs of our customer base and adding Landscaping Superstore to our offering makes it even easier to find everything you need for exterior jobs. From homeowners wishing to maximise their outdoor living space, to busy builders who need access to a wide range of products quickly and cost-effectively, our dropship online model allows us to source the very best products from leading manufacturers and to supply these to our customers at the best possible price."



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Before we start the tree move process we arrange a site visit with our client and assess the tree's health, size, and root system. We also create a site specific risk assessment to ensure the whole operation is carried out safely.

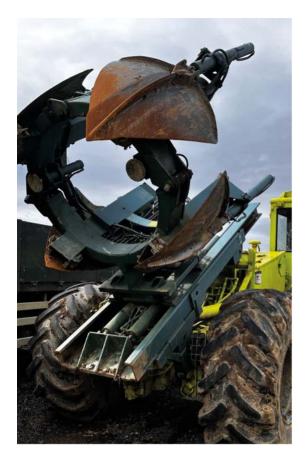
Our team of experts use specialised equipment to excavate the tree with minimal damage to its root structure. The tree is then carefully transported to its new location, where it is replanted and nurtured to ensure its successful adaptation.

Our experienced team will know and understand the benefits and methods of loading and unloading a tree using the correct lifting techniques in order not to stress the tree or root ball. This is imperative for the longevity of the tree's life.

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DECKING COMPANY ELEVATED TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH 'FLOATING' GARDENS



Macdeck Landscaping - a specialist decking company - is gearing up for significant growth after receiving a patent for its unique deck system, which could be used in a range of new sectors.

The company is in talks with builders' merchants and other potential distributors to sell the panel systems across the UK. Macdeck worked with the Advanced Forming Research Centre (AFRC), part of the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS) Group, and the Advanced Composites Group (ACG) of the University of Strathclyde on its development, with the help of the Innovation Voucher Scottish Funding Council (SFC) funding by Interface. NMIS is operated by the University of Strathclyde and is part of the High-Value Manufacturing Catapult (HVMC).

Macdeck's lightweight panels are fixed on top of a timber frame and are designed to cover difficult ground, such as slopes or areas prone to flooding. Customers can choose to have porcelain tiles, gravel or natural turf installed on top of the panels, creating 'floating' gardens in spaces that may otherwise have been unusable. As climate change brings heavier rain and increased risk of floods, Macdeck's product could be used to futureproof gardens and other landscapes. Less soil or other base material is needed to build ground or foundations, and less heavy machinery and concrete is required, making the process much more carbon friendly.

The modern alternative to softwood decking is Composite but some boards can weigh as much as 45kg per square metre, limiting what can be placed on top. However, Macdeck's panels made from a composite material weigh just 10kg allowing the system to carry significantly heavier top layer materials. The material, GRP, was initially designed for use in marine environments, making it strong, durable, and a safer material to walk on.

Tony McCaffrey, Director, Macdeck Landscaping, said: "The patent for our new landscaping solution is a big step forward for Macdeck that could see us breaking into new markets.

"NMIS support and expertise has been invaluable in helping us accelerate the development and refine the product. The positive results of the research gave me the confidence to take the panels to market and apply for a patent.

"We're receiving significant interest from other landscaping companies wanting to use our system. With the patent now in place we can start delivering panels to the other merchants and approach sectors such as civil construction. "Our next step is to expand and grow the business, and we have already hired two new apprentices and we're looking to add CAD designs to support our manufacturing process further."

The AFRC and the ACG teams supported with the product development by carrying out the research on the properties of the panels and a representative unit of the whole system, using both experimental testing and computer modelling.

Katya McKenna, SME engagement lead, National Manufacturing Institute Scotland, said: "We are thrilled to have been part of this project and to witness the success that Macdeck Landscaping has achieved.

"It's great to see a small business turning its idea into reality. Macdeck's unique project aligns perfectly with our mission to make our expertise in materials science and engineering really useful to our industry clients, and we are proud to have played a role in helping it bring the product to market."



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The popularity of Cor-ten steel known for its exceptional strength, longevity and zero maintenance has seen this material become the product of choice for so many landscapers and garden designers. Lux Unique offer a minimum thickness of 3mm on all Cor-ten products because to offer a thinner material would simply compromise on the quality and strength of the product, something many of their competitors do.

The company also offers steels products in powder coated and galvanised finishes.



The in-house design team, technical engineers and fabricators mean that Lux Unique have total control over the design and manufacturing process from inception to completion and can work with clients to create truly bespoke, high quality crafted pieces.

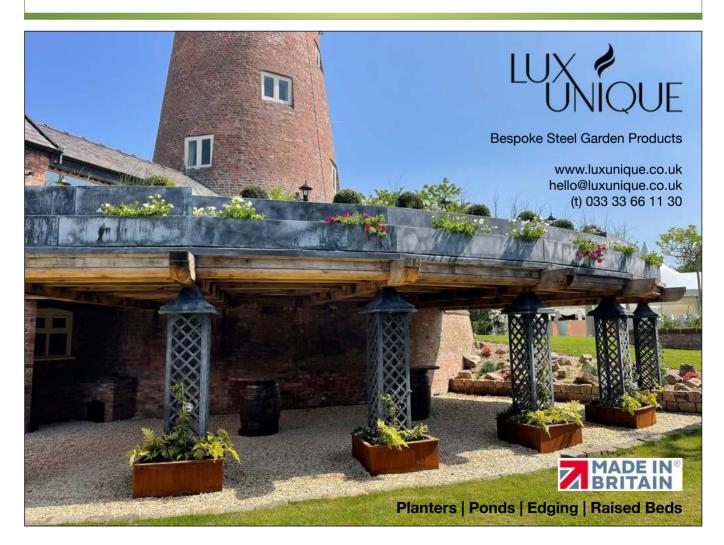
The team has created many bespoke pieces for clients including planters, raised beds, water features, ponds, steps, and garden edging, working with designers on all the technical aspects of



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Its commitment to high standards has placed Lux Unique at the forefront of bespoke fabrication for the garden industry, bringing superior quality UK made products to the market and offering a personal oneto-one service for all its clients.

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In recent years, UltraScape have invested over £420,000 to install 3,771sqm of solar panels at their Tamworth based premises. The power generated by the high specification solar panels will be converted into electricity for use at their site and is also predicted to save at least 36,000kw per month. UltraScape are helping their customers reduce their own carbon footprint with the introduction of environmentally friendly bedding mortars and jointing solutions. UltraScape eco-bed and flowpoint eco both deliver the performance expected of BS 7533 compliant paving installation materials, but contain 20% recycled material vastly reducing the use of virgin aggregates.

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UltraScape eco-bed, flowpoint eco and the other paving installation materials available from UltraScape are delivered to customers on their 37 strong, privately owned fleet which now includes seven CNG lorries. The introduction of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles has resulted in a reduction of CO_2 emissions by 100 tonnes per truck, per year. UltraScape are fully committed to using fuel alternatives and have a further ten CNG lorries on order, and due to be delivered during 2024.

Are pallets taking up space in your yard? UltraScape can take them back! Their experienced Drivers can collect your unwanted pallets and return them to UltraScape to be recycled or reused. Since 2021, UltraScape Drivers collected approximately 28,466 pallets. That's 366 tonnes of wood which has saved around 3,558 trees.

Other initiatives successfully implemented at UltraScape include intelligent lighting, a grey water system and climate control. They have also proudly been zero waste to landfill since 2014 - this means that 100% of manufacturing waste is recycled and not send to landfill.



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Here are our top tips for successfully adding a Timber product to your home:

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There are lots of timber product retailers out there, so it's important to choose carefully and ensure that the product quality and service offering are of the highest standards. At Gardenhouse24, we're passionate about delivering the finest wooden products in the UK, using the highest quality Nordic timber. We strive for perfection in everything we do & we only work with high-quality, FSCcertified suppliers.

2. Planning Permission

Always find out if the structure you are about to build requires planning permission, because failing to do so may mean the taking down of your building in the future. Luckily, most garden rooms don't require planning permission, but we always advise that you check with your local authority.

3. Levelling Ground and Foundation

Next it's time to look for the perfect spot for your cabin. Choose a suitable location for the foundation, ideally a spot that allows natural light in, is perhaps slightly elevated to provide good drainage, and is relatively level. Even if you're on a tight budget, it is good to invest in a solid foundation. The foundation is the base that keeps a building stable for years to come and carries the weight of the entire structure.

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HARTLEY BOTANIC PREVIEWS PLANS FOR ITS 2024 RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW TRADESTAND

Hartley Botanic, England's most historic and respected Glasshouse and Greenhouse manufacturer, will be again bringing its awardwinning tradestand to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this May. This year, the manufacturer has chosen Landscape Architect Rachel Sampson (BA(Hons) Dip. CMLI) as the designer to bring its highly desirable Greenhouses to life, with Stewart Landscape Construction returning for build and planting. This year's tradestand promises to combine elegant and romantic gardening nostalgia, with a glimpse into the most significant trends amongst Hartley Botanic's customers today.

Tom Barry, CEO of Hartley Botanic said; "The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is always the highlight of our year and that of our customers.' It provides a fantastic opportunity to show our Greenhouses in all their glory, with customers able to see their structural integrity, aesthetic beauty and versatility for themselves. This year we will be drawing inspiration from our gardening past, whilst combining this with Hartley Botanic's most exciting trends and developments."

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2. Structurally Superior

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3. A reputation Beyond Compare

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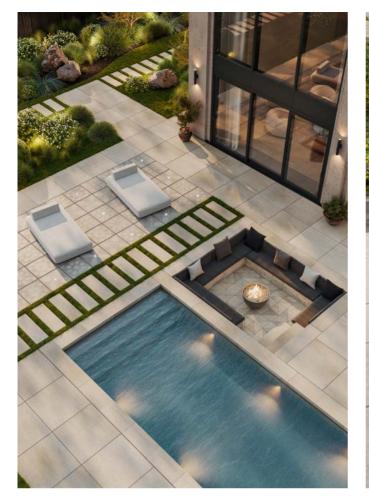
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TECHO-BLOC UNVEILS THIS YEAR'S LEADING TRENDS THROUGH NEW PRODUCT AND COLOR LAUNCHES

Techo-Bloc Inc., a leading North American manufacturer of modern hardscape products, is proud to announce the launch of its new products and colors that reflect this year's landscape design trends.

In sync with the evolving landscape design scene, Techo-Bloc introduces this year's theme of 'Quiet Luxury'. Stepping away from ostentation, the focus is on timeless, investment pieces that lay the foundation for outdoor spaces, mirroring the sophistication seen in contemporary fashion and design.

Trend #1: Warm tones

Embracing the design and fashion fascination with creamy tones, Techo-Bloc introduces the Caffè Crema color. This versatile hue warms up contemporary landscapes from the cold greys we've seen for years. Caffè Crema is now available in popular selections such as Industria HD2 Smooth slab, Para HD2 Smooth slab, Blu 60 mm collection, and Raffinato walls, caps, steps, and edges.

Trend #2: Luxury materials

Introducing the Natural Stone Collection - a testament to quiet luxury. Featuring a Sandstone slab, wall cap & pool coping, and an outdoor step collection, this offering presents large-scale, chiseled natural stone in soft beige and grey hues, providing a modern appeal to the beauty of natural materials.

In the pursuit of contemporary aesthetics, Techo-Bloc also unveils its new Silver Granite color. This meticulously crafted color mirrors the opulence of granite. Available in Para slab, Sleek paver, Industria 600x600 slab and paver, and our Industria 900 paver, Silver Granite epitomizes luxury with its association to premium materials and sophisticated design.

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Trend #3: Rich & Tactile Textures In response to the increasing desire for opulent textures reminiscent of cashmere, velvet, and silk in outdoor spaces, Techo-Bloc is expanding its HD2 Smooth collection. The brand introduces a larger-sized (14x32) Raffinato wall cap/pool coping, complemented by the addition of the sophisticated Beige Cream color to the Blu HD2 Smooth collection, enhancing options for creating seamless pools and patios.

"At Techo-Bloc, we pride ourselves on being pioneers in the landscape industry, constantly setting trends rather than following them. The introduction of our new Natural Stone Collection and new Caffè Crema and Silver Granite colors is a testament to our dedication to staying ahead of the curve. These thoughtfully crafted additions not only capture the essence of quiet luxury, but they also empower designers and homeowners to create outdoor spaces that blend the latest trends with timeless elegance. We believe in offering more than just products; we provide the tools for transformative outdoor experiences. We strive to define the landscape of tomorrow," said Jessica Ciccarello, Marketing Director at Techo-Bloc.

Techo-Bloc's commitment to excellence and innovation is evident in these new additions, providing designers and homeowners with the tools to craft outdoor spaces that



reflect the latest trends and timeless elegance.

Explore Techo-Bloc's NEW 2024 Landscape Catalog for a comprehensive showcase of new products, colors, top landscaping trends, mesmerizing mosaic designs, and an extensive collection of modern products.

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NAVIGATING CLIMATE CHALLENGES IN THE TURF INDUSTRY

Growing natural turf can be an unpredictable venture, placing turf growers in a dynamic landscape governed by weather patterns Within the turf



industry, challenges emerge from the unpredictability of weather events and evolving climate dynamics.

Understanding the volatility of turf cultivation, Inturf acknowledges the array of challenges posed by climate change. From droughts to floods, gusty winds to stagnant conditions, each weather extremity presents unique obstacles. Droughts render grasses brittle and scorched, necessitating extensive irrigation efforts to sustain vitality, while floods compact soil and suffocate grasses, leading to rot and decay.

Addressing flood damage requires substantial investment in drainage and specialised cultivation techniques. Irrigation demands meticulous planning

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and substantial financial resources. Turf growers confront the reality that climate unpredictability directly influences product quality, requiring investment to adapt to changing conditions.

Growing turf requires an extended cultivation period up to 18 months before harvest. This timeline introduces uncertainty into stock planning, as conditions fluctuate over time, potentially resulting in stock shortages or surpluses.

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2024 GARDEN, PATIO AND COLOUR TRENDS

Johanna Elvidge, Head of Domestic Design at Marshalls has shared the garden, patio and colour trends that are likely to make an appearance in 2024:

STYLE TRENDS:

1 - Nurturing Gardens "Garden trends will begin moving away from minimalism and heading towards creating more nurturing and wildlife-friendly environments. We will likely see people bringing more flowerbeds, shrub-filled areas and vegetable planters into the space, livening up the garden and allowing for greater biodiversity. These changes are not only great for the environment but will also have a positive impact on our wellbeing, encouraging more time in the garden and in amongst nature." 2 - Joyful Gardens "2024 will likely see people wanting to transform their gardens into playful, positive spaces that encourage socialisation and time enjoyed outside. These gardens will likely centre around seating areas, outdoor kitchens and fire-pits - all spaces which will encourage to spill home life into the outdoors. Those who have more space to work with may section off their garden to make the most of it. Having regions for open-air cooking and eating, areas designated for children to play in, and an area for brightly coloured flowers to liven the space up through nature itself."

3 - Regenerative Gardens "Having a garden space that focuses on rewilding and prioritising nature has become the forefront for many over recent years. We will see people embracing trends such as No Mow May where they will allow their lawns time to re-energise and grow for the sake of wildlife and natural habitats. This trend sees imperfections being embraced, allowing for plants to take their own course where possible. 'Edible landscapes' will have their place, with people creating vegetable patches and planting fruit trees to create bright and tasty havens both fun and practical, saving you a trip to the shop!"

4 - Luxurious Gardens "Quiet luxury is not only a trend for the home's interior. This can also be achieved in the garden, encouraging a serene space outdoors. This trend is achieved through clean lines of architectural landscaping which can be created through paving, pergolas and planting beds. These clean lines can then be softened through plants and shrubs to showcase the natural beauty of the garden throughout the design. Both light and dark tones can achieve this aesthetic, finding a tone that complements your home can be a great way to elevate the overall look, tying the entire space together."

PATIO TRENDS:

1 - Indian Sandstone "Indian sandstone is a great choice for a garden revamp. Ethically sourced options are still affordable, and the





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natural appearance provides a rustic feel to the space. The varying tones of the stone mean that this paving choice will suit almost any setting and aesthetic."

2 - Porcelain Paving "Porcelain paving is likely to be a common choice for many homeowners in 2024. This type of paving is known for its low maintenance, beauty and durability. This is an ideal choice for many applications, even for those who have moss-prone gardens due to dampness and shade. The wide range of colours and shades makes it a diverse choice for any outdoor space."

3 - Block Paving "Block paving is a popular choice for driveways and garden paths. The range of colours allows for borders and patterns to be created through different layout choices. This paving choice can also complement other materials, maintaining consistency throughout a space whilst still elevating the look"

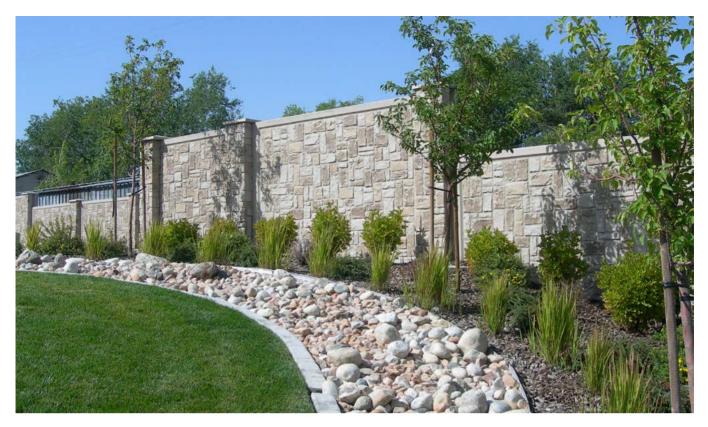
COLOUR TRENDS:

1 - Grey "Grey is a timeless trend, ideal for both modern and older-style homes. The shade complements most types of brickwork, avoiding a harsh contrast between the home and garden. Grey paving can also be a great choice for creating a smooth transition between the outside and inside - a great choice for those with large garden-facing windows and patio doors."

2 - Warm tones "Warm tones have seen a surge in popularity over recent years, with many homeowners enjoying the cosy look these shades provide throughout the garden. The shades can create the atmosphere of a Mediterranean oasis, transporting people to the feel of being on holiday, benefiting mental health and wellbeing."

> You can read more about 2024 garden trends at www.marshalls.co.uk

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PROTECTING & MAINTAINING EXTERNAL PORCELAIN PAVERS

With the increasing popularity of porcelain pavers, it's no wonder that the discussion surrounding maintenance has increased. And there's one issue, in particular, that keeps cropping up - should an external porcelain tile be protected and, if so, should a barrier treatment or a sealer be used? LTP Director, Mark Atkins explains.

Routine sealing of natural stone laid indoors is now common practice. Even the advice to seal external stone pavers is gaining traction, bring with it benefits in terms of performance and aesthetics. Porcelain pavers, however, are seen as a different animal. Because matt porcelain doesn't need to be sealed, it's generally laid and assumed that it will look after itself.

In some respects, this is correct. Only porcelain tiles with a polished finish need to be sealed. This is because the polishing process exposes capillaries - effectively, lots of microscopic pin holes - which remain porous. If the surface of the tile isn't sealed, grout and spillages will penetrate quite easily and stain the tile. It will also be vulnerable to organic stains once installed. Many matt porcelain tiles, on the other hand, don't need to be sealed. However, if the tile has a textured surface - which is generally the case in external applications - it will benefit from application of a quality barrier treatment before grouting.

What is the difference between a sealer and a barrier?

The difference between a sealer and barrier is down to the active ingredients.



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For example, ECOPROTEC Pre Grout Protection is a barrier treatment designed for use on textured, matt porcelain tiles. It protects the surface of the tile from grout and jointing compound during installation, making it easier for the residue to release and be cleaned out of the textured finish. Its formulation is very different to that of our sealers, which have smaller 'actives' and, in the case of MPG Sealer. contain nano waxes. The carrier within Pre Grout Protection is mildly acidic. This allows for deeper penetration into the fissures of textured porcelain tiles, where it then dries and leaves the active ingredients behind. As they dry, they cross link within the low points of the glaze. This provides protection against penetration from cement and resin-based grouts, making the removal of any residues much easier. The treatment is completely invisible once cured, so it doesn't alter the appearance of the porcelain. ECOPROTEC Pre Grout Protection is primarily used as a pre-grout solution, but it can also be applied to help assist with ongoing cleaning and aftercare, especially on external 20mm porcelain paving.

Polished porcelain sealers have a completely different formula. As well as having anti stain-based ingredients, they also include a blend of nano waxes that, following application and drying, are polished into the surface either mechanically or by hand. Polishing forces the nano wax into the open pores within the polished surface, giving it an enhanced, smoother finish. For these types of surfaces, we recommend MPG Sealer H2O from our LTP range.



The 'actives' in ECOPROTEC Pre Grout Protection are too large and will not penetrate a polished surface as efficiently, so they will not work well on this type of surface. Equally, a stone sealer, like our own ECOPROTEC Ultimate Sealer, cannot be used on a textured porcelain surface as it will just dry onto the surface without penetrating. This can often result in a micro film that remains following application and turns white/opaque when exposed to moisture.

Ongoing maintenance

Just like indoors, outdoor tiles will benefit from a periodic clean. Keeping the surface relatively



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clean will prevent a build-up of dirt in the textured surface. This, in turn, will make ongoing cleaning easier and will maintain the tile's slip resistance. As a general rule of thumb, it's worth cleaning porcelain paving every couple of months or so - ideally, three times during late spring/summer and twice during the winter. Surfaces that are regularly cleaned will be far easier to keep clean. Regular cleaning of inside-tooutside surfaces, like those that run through bifold doors, will also help maintain a seamless aesthetic.

Jet washing may seem like the best method for a fast clean but it will only wash dirt off the surface of the slabs. High pressure water will also damage grout joints. A specialist treatment, like ECOPROTEC General Cleaner, will react with the dirt and organic matter, and will help break it down.

For more advice and information about other ECOPROTEC cleaning and sealing solutions, please visit www.ecoprotec.co.uk or contact the ECOPROTEC technical team on 01823 666213, email technical@ecoprotec.co.uk and browse ECOPROTEC TV on YouTube.

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MICROSUDS SOLUTIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN

In the dynamic realm of urban development, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) have emerged as a critical component of responsible planning. Among SuDS approaches, "MicroSuDS" stands out for its focus on finely tailored stormwater management solutions. In this article, we'll delve into the significance of MicroSuDS and how GreenBlue Urban's innovative products lead the way in creating resilient, sustainable, and costeffective urban environments.

The Essence of MicroSuDS:

MicroSuDS, or Micro Scale Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, takes a nuanced approach to stormwater management by integrating smaller, localised solutions. Unlike traditional SuDS, MicroSuDS solutions are both effective and discreet, enhancing water management without compromising space or aesthetics.

GreenBlue Urban's Contribution:

GreenBlue Urban champions sustainable urban development with cutting-edge products that align seamlessly with MicroSuDS principles. Incorporating these solutions into new developments offers a triple-win scenario - saving time, cutting costs, and reducing maintenance efforts. ArborFlow Tree Pit Systems: These systems provide a habitat for urban trees while managing stormwater effectively. By enabling rainwater infiltration into the soil, ArborFlow reduces surface runoff and prevents flooding, enhancing biodiversity and green infrastructure.

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Biodiversity Net Gain Legislation:

With the introduction of Biodiversity Net Gain legislation, there's a greater emphasis on enhancing biodiversity in developments. GreenBlue Urban's MicroSuDS solutions align perfectly with this legislation, creating urban environments that efficiently manage stormwater and contribute positively to biodiversity.

Collaboration for Long-Term Success:

GreenBlue Urban collaborates with developers, local authorities, and environmental experts to implement MicroSuDS solutions that withstand the test of time. This collective effort ensures urban environments meet regulatory requirements while thriving in resilience, sustainability, and biodiversity.

As urban landscapes evolve, integrating MicroSuDS solutions becomes essential. GreenBlue Urban's innovative products offer a comprehensive toolkit for developers seeking to enhance stormwater management, save costs, and promote biodiversity. Embracing MicroSuDS principles and Biodiversity Net Gain legislation paves the way for sustainable, resilient urban environments for future generations.

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GREEN-TECH HELPS BRADFORD COUNCIL CREATE A NETWORK OF RAIN GARDENS TO REDUCE FLOODING

Bradford Council secured funding to carry out highway improvements and sustainable landscaping works to an area of the city known locally as the 'Top of Town'.

The funding was secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, through the Bradford City Centre Townscape Heritage Scheme, and European Regional Development Fund, through the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020.

The project, designed by Bradford Council's own Landscape Architects and Highways Engineers, set out to create a safe, healthy, attractive, and community-friendly environment for residents, workers, and visitors, which supports existing and new businesses at the Top of Town. It focused on North Parade, Rawson Square, and Northgate with a view to these public realm works being rolled out to the wider City Village area in the future.

A community engagement programme was conducted and resulted in overwhelming support for the greening of public spaces and the creation of new public spaces.

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The designs that were developed reflect the public consultation by introducing street trees and rain gardens and creating better public spaces on Northgate and Rawson Square.

Eric Wright Civil Engineering was awarded this high-specification public realm scheme and following the specifications set by the Council's Landscape Architects turned to Green-tech for the supply of materials for the soft Landscaping element of the project.

The project aims to deliver local improvements that help tackle climate change, reduce the risk of surface water flooding, and help preserve and protect the environment of the conservation area.

This is addressed in the soft landscaping scheme that included the installation of a new tree planting scheme and raised rain gardens as part of a Sustainable drainage system (SuDS) throughout the scheme, which consisted of planting 2,000 plants and 34 trees.

The Project Landscape Architect, Andrew Mindham, has been recognised as a Rising Star in the 2023 susdrain SuDS Champions Awards.

SuDS are designed to manage stormwater locally to mimic natural drainage and encourage its infiltration, attenuation, and passive treatment. A network of 'rain gardens' has been installed in Bradford as part of a drainage system that is designed to help mitigate local flooding risks. Rain gardens are areas of planting designed to temporarily hold, filter, and soak away any rainwater that runs off buildings and paved areas in a more sustainable manner rather than straight into sewers and helps to prevent the overloading of sewers.

Green-tech supplied 440 tonnes of Bioretention Soil and 240 tonnes of Green-tree subsoil to create the rain gardens. Green-tree Bioretention Soil provides an efficient permeability rate to avoid waterlogging on the surface area but holds sufficient nutrient levels and organic matter to support the vegetation used. It has been developed around the CIRIA SuDS manual guidelines for filter media in a SuDS application and uses the highest quality sands and green composts.

The planting of semi-mature trees will contribute to the physical landscape, whilst creating new habitats and increasing biodiversity by providing wildlife corridors and connections between green spaces. Providing options for wildlife to travel is essential for urban biodiversity.

Working in a busy city centre with high volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic caused significant challenges for all involved. There was limited access to areas of the site and restricted space for material storage. Needing to avoid double handling and risk of contamination, all soils were delivered directly to the working areas with GRAB lorries and spread within the planters. A just-intime delivery approach was adopted which considered the works access and delivery times to reduce the impact on the local area.

Harry Logg, Project Manager from Eric Wright Civil comments, "This project was within a heritage area, traditional high-quality paving was installed throughout the site and the soft landscaping had to compliment that. Green-tech was chosen as they supply specialist soils to a high specification, meeting our biosoil drainage requirements whilst also being competitively priced. They are collaborative in their approach to working. Ben from Green-tech was always available by phone and email to respond quickly to the deliveries we requested and kept us updated on their scheduling. This was a critical factor in the success of the site given its location. The soils delivered were always of the same consistent quality, had good workability, and the new planting within soon flourished. We are delighted with the end results".



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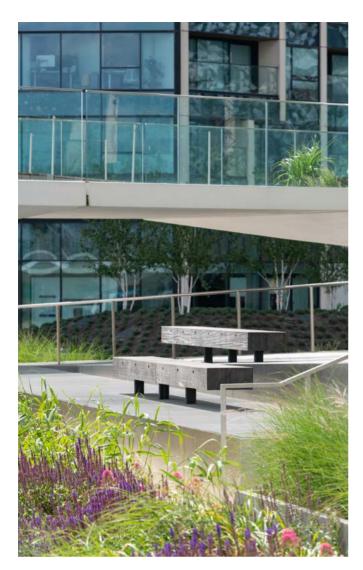




TRANSFORMING THE PENINSULA

In the heart of London, the Greenwich Peninsula regeneration project is an ambitions initiative aiming to revitalize a sprawling 79-hectare derelict post-industrial site into a vibrant urban community accommodating 35,000 residents. With an estimated value of £8.4 billion, this project marked the largest urban regeneration effort in Europe. Woodscape, a leading provider of bespoke street furniture solutions, were initially contracted to supply Jet Planters and Litter Bins across the site, however, as the project evolved, their involvement expanded. Recognising their expertise in crafting bespoke street furniture, the project stakeholders entrusted Woodscape to provide tailored solutions, including bespoke seating in a variety of sizes, shapes and designs, harmonising with the site's aesthetic and functional requirements.

Woodscape's role extended beyond mere product provision. They actively engaged in developing designs, assisting with material





selection, and maximising the efficient use of the chosen materials. Their proven track record in managing large-scale, complex projects distinguished them as an ideal supplier, capable of delivering exceptional results while adhering to bespoke specifications.



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The Greenwich Peninsula regeneration project boasts several remarkable features which showcase Woodscape's contributions. The Tide, London's first ever elevated linear park, spans over 1km (with plans for expansion to 5km), exemplifies the project's scale and innovation. Additionally, the inclusion of OPO by BeBox, an immersive meditation space inspired by the natural surroundings, underscores the project's commitment to fostering community well-being amidst urban development.

Woodscape's participation in the Greenwich Peninsula regeneration project demonstrates their commitment to excellence in urban streetscape design. Through collaborative engagement, technological innovation, and meticulous craftsmanship, Woodscape played a pivotal role in transforming a neglected industrial site into a thriving urban enclave, setting a new standard for sustainable, community-centric development in Europe.

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OUTDOOR GARDEN LIGHTING



"With Spring now finally here, our attention is drawn to our outside spaces as we hope to make them look and feel more inviting. Winter can leave the garden looking somewhat unloved but with just a little TLC, you can soon have it looking like a place to kick back as hazy summer days roll into warm balmy nights. With longer days beckoning us to bask in our gardens, soon weekends will be adorned with festivities from dawn to dusk! Garden lighting can elevate the look and ambiance of your outdoor space, and when it comes to illuminating your haven, Sparkle Lighting reigns supreme. Their ethereal outdoor lighting collection ensures that your abode is draped

in a romantic aura, beckoning you to revel in the warm embrace of natures wonder.

We have curated a list of our top 5 ways to use lighting in different areas of your outside space. From pergolas to dining areas, flower beds to fences, and pathways to driveways, these lighting ideas will add a touch of sparkle and create a magical atmosphere in your garden.

1. Light a pergola

With a little thought you can make this a stunning focal point by dressing with festoon lights, pergola fairy lights, solar lanterns and even outdoor hanging pendant lights.



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2. Illuminate your outdoor dining area.

Gone are the days of having just a Citronella candle burning on the table while you're dining alfresco. The options for outdoor table lighting are endless and offer a fantastic way to enhance your patio lighting. Consider opting for a USB Rechargeable Table Lamp, offering both ambient lighting and flexibility. Once charged they provide 9 hours of delicate light and make the most delightful, modern & stylish garden table lights. If you prefer the romantic glow that a candle offers, then LED candles are an ideal choice for your outdoor dining setting. LED candles, flicker like a real candle and give a sumptuous glow as if they've just been lit. They are also waterproof and come with a useful timer so you don't even need to remember to turn them off once you have finished your evening outside.

3. Delicately light a flower bed.

As the sun goes down, flower beds can fall into complete darkness and you lose the lovely colour that the garden offers during the day. Dotting solar powered fairy lights throughout your flower beds can bring the garden back to life at night and create a dramatic backdrop to enjoy your evening outside.

4. Add a glow to your fence or wall.

Garden fences are the perfect place to hang outdoor lights to illuminate your garden. Festoon lights are a great option for outdoor fence lighting and can be strung along for a look reminiscent of holidays abroad. Have a climbing plant nearby? Intertwine Garden Ivy Lights, to make a beautiful feature.

5. Light up a garden path.

Not only will this help elegantly guide you through the space but can also offer a lovely welcoming glow if you arrive home after dark. A simple string of festoon lights will beautifully guide you to your front door and make perfect pathway lights. Or for something more dramatic, line both sides of your drive with solar powered stake lights that can be easily put into the ground, and will add a magical touch to your outside space.

Carefully chosen garden lighting allows you to transform your outdoor space. Let your garden shine and become a haven of tranquillity, ready for evening hosting outside!





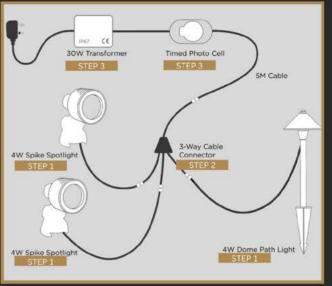
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Paul Navlor - MD NiteLux:

garden lighting innovator is a testament to his passion and expertise. Beginning his career as an electrician, Paul honed his skills before delving into garden lighting under the mentorship of industry veteran Dave Milsom of GLI Design.

Inspired by his mentor's guidance, Paul founded Greenlite, dedicated to designing and installing lighting solutions. With a vision for excellence, he later established NiteLux, a superior brand known for its innovative designs and eco-conscious approach. NiteLux stands out as a leading choice in garden lighting, reflecting Paul's dedication to quality and sustainability.

Why is NiteLux so different?

Paul's approach has always been to understand the problems customers could come across from 1st hand knowledge of installing landscape lights for over 20 years.

This is reflected in the huge knowledge base that has been acquired and which is regularly passed onto customers by advice tips and tricks which are freely given.



He often carries out free walks and talks on prospective installations giving advice on what to light and why. The feedback from landscapers. designers, and electricians has been very rewarding.

Paul gives all the help that wasn't available or wasn't freely given when he 1st started out in garden lighting.

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Zeta's standalone, self-contained solar powered bollards utilise solar energy using LED lights and can be specified for use along pathways and cycle paths, car parks, residential estates or in other public areas to provide illumination and enhance safety. The solar bollard can help reduce carbon emissions and decrease energy costs and is an attractive option to deploy to counter rising energy prices and budget constraints.

In addition to being environmentally conscientious, Zeta has prioritized the design element of the solar bollard. The extruded aluminium body offers a sleek and modern aesthetic that will seamlessly integrate into many types of outdoor spaces. The robust casing material provides durability and longevity, ensuring the bollards will withstand harsh weather conditions. Zeta's commitment to sustainability is further demonstrated with the uniquely designed solar bollard being available in sustainably sourced hardwood as a material choice for a long-lasting lighting solution, highlighting their dedication to responsible sourcing and eco-friendly practices.

Whether for commercial or residential applications, these easy to install bollards require minimal maintenance as they have no moving parts.



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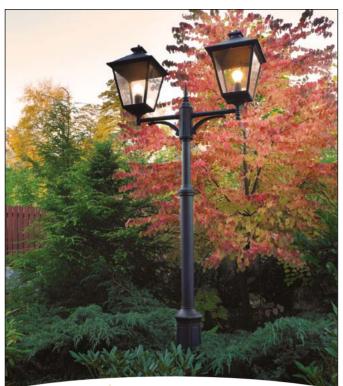




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Harley Haddow enlisted Thorn Lighting's design team for a complementary lighting scheme for Ayr Riverside's rejuvenation. The project required a sensitive balance between luminaires to achieve the correct lux levels and uniformity while maintaining a unique and contemporary appearance.

Scott Thomson of Harley Haddow stated, "Thorn's Contrast luminaires provided the ideal solution for this project. They not only met the stringent requirements of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) but also satisfied our landscape architect's need for an aesthetically pleasing scheme and open space. The bespoke columns and lighting design played a significant role in achieving the project's objectives."

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Palmer Nurseries, a horticultural hub in Leeds which is home to a plant nursery, garden centre and landscape operation, is proud to announce its collaboration with Inturf, a national turf production specialist, to introduce premium turf options to customers across West Yorkshire. This partnership highlights a significant step forward in providing environmentally friendly turf solutions designed to meet the diverse needs of commercial landscapers, DIYers, homeowners, and sports facility managers.

Inturf's Classic turf, now available through Palmer Nurseries, is a testament to innovation and sustainability in landscaping. Crafted without plastic or netting, this turf is not only aesthetically pleasing but also environmentally friendly. Its composition, carefully designed to absorb more carbon dioxide, significantly reduces its impact on the surrounding environment.

"Adding turf to our list of supplies in our horticultural hub is an exciting step forward for us in becoming a onestop shop for landscaping needs. Our partnership with Inturf allows us to offer customers a premium turf option that combines durability, aesthetics, and environmental responsibility," says Ben Palmer, Director of Palmer Nurseries. "As one of only a few suppliers who do not grow plastic netting, Inturf were the perfect partner for us."

In addition to its environmental benefits, Inturf's Classic turf boasts exceptional strength, making it resistant to both drought and wear. Its unique blend of shoot density



and fescues ensures a vibrant green colour throughout the year, perfectly complementing every season.

"We are excited to add Palmer Nurseries as our West Yorkshire stockist to bring our environmentally friendly Classic turf to a wider audience," says Alex Edwards, Joint Managing Director of Inturf. "By offering this premium turf option, we aim to provide customers with a sustainable landscaping solution that exceeds their expectations in terms of quality and durability."

The partnership between Palmer Nurseries and Inturf ensures that customers can rely on locally sourced, premium turf options backed by expert knowledge and support. Whether it's for residential lawns, commercial properties, or public spaces, customers can trust Palmer Nurseries to deliver the finest turf solutions for their projects.

Palmer Nurseries invites customers to explore its expanded turf offerings from Inturf, now available at their site on Calverley Lane in Leeds.

For more information about Palmer Nurseries and its turf offerings from Inturf, please visit www.palmernurseries.co.uk/turf

CHOOSING YOUR PERFECT LAWN SEED IS AS EASY AS 1,2,3



A helpful guide from the experts at Johnsons Lawn Seed

As the UK's premier lawn brand, Johnsons Lawn Seed takes pride in being both the oldest and the most trusted name in the business. We understand that not everyone possesses the same depth of knowledge as we do, making the task of selecting the ideal lawn seed a daunting one at times. With a commitment to simplifying this process, our team has crafted a user-friendly guide to ensure that lawn owners always make the most informed choices.

Why does the right seed matter?

While all lawns may appear green, each one is unique in its own right. Factors such as usage patterns, drainage capabilities, and underlying soil composition vary from lawn to lawn, making the notion of a universal solution impractical. Different grass varieties are meticulously bred to address these diverse needs, rejecting the concept of a one-size-fits-all approach to lawn care.

With a legacy spanning over a century in plant breeding and seed production, our parent company,

DLF Seeds, stands as a beacon of trust in the industry. Leveraging this extensive experience, Johnsons Lawn Seed meticulously selects, cultivates, and rigorously tests all grass species before blending them into tailored mixtures designed for domestic use, capable of withstanding whatever we might throw at our lawns.

How to choose your perfect lawn seed

STEP 1 - Identify your lawn's primary concerns

The initial step in achieving a lush lawn involves understanding

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its unique circumstances and identifying any factors that may impact its health and appearance. Whether it's the presence of pets, frequent use by children, shaded areas caused by surrounding trees, or unsightly bald patches in need of repair, recognising these challenges is essential. Equally important is considering your lawn care preferences, whether you're dedicated to meticulous maintenance or prefer a lowmaintenance approach.

STEP 2 - Select the ideal mix

Once you've assessed your lawn's needs, it's time to find the perfect match among our diverse range of seed blends. Each Johnsons Lawn Seed mix is conveniently labelled to facilitate quick and easy selection, catering to various lawn requirements:

- Tuffgrass Ideal for lawns subjected to heavy wear and tear.
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- Luxury Lawn Perfect for creating an ornamental, finely manicured lawn.
- General Purpose A versatile option capable of addressing common lawn care challenges.

STEP 3 - Refine your choice

With our comprehensive portfolio, you can further refine your selection to meet specific needs. For example:

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SUMMARY

Choosing the perfect lawn seed is as simple as 1, 2, 3:

- Assess your lawn's needs and challenges.
- Select the appropriate seed blend from our range of offerings, aided by convenient packaging features such as QR codes and helpful tips.
- Customise your choice further to address specific requirements, leveraging our scientifically developed solutions.

So, what are you waiting for? It's time to transform your lawn into a verdant masterpiece!

Find out more

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Toro has a stellar track record of utility vehicles that are both reliable and efficient people transporters as well as work horses, and with the Vista that legacy continues but with an emphasis on comfort. A sturdy frame design stems from decades of success with Workman utility vehicles and is specifically designed to carry passengers and cargo with ease. It's paired with spacious seating for four, six or eight passengers, ample storage, cargo-enabled fold-down rear seats, independent suspension, and an ergonomic design to ensure a comfortable ride and plenty of legroom.

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In today's drive towards sustainability and ecological stewardship, biochar is emerging as a key component, particularly when utilised as a tree soil improver. It's becoming essential for enhancing both new plantings and the revitalisation of older and veteran trees.

The Magic of Enriched Biochar Explained

Biochar is a form of charcoal, produced through the process of pyrolysis - the thermal decomposition of organic material in the absence of oxygen. Its application in landscaping is transformative, enhancing soil properties, increasing water retention, and providing a refuge for beneficial microorganisms. In the quest for greener landscapes, the superiority of enriched biochar over its plain counterpart marks a significant advancement. Enriched biochar, such as that offered by Carbon Gold, goes beyond the basic benefits of traditional biochar by incorporating a blend of natural biology and fungi. This not only addresses the inherent issue of nutrient leaching associated with plain biochar, but also fosters a more conducive environment for plant and tree growth.

The addition of beneficial microbes and mycorrhizal fungi into the biochar matrix creates a symbiotic relationship with the plant roots, enhancing nutrient uptake, improving soil structure, and increasing water retention. These enriched properties ensure that trees and woody plants are not just surviving but thriving, by getting off to the best possible start with a robust foundation for long-term health and growth.

Pioneering Urban Greenery with Carbon Gold

For new plantings, the integration of biochar-based soil improvers can significantly accelerate growth by improving root development and nutrient uptake. This is especially crucial in urban environments where soil quality often lacks the richness found in undisturbed natural landscapes.

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Revitalising Veteran Trees with Biochar Tree Soil Improver

Moreover, the rehabilitation of older and veteran trees presents a unique set of challenges, often involving compromised soil health. Here, biochar's role becomes even more critical. Its ability to rejuvenate and restore soil fertility can breathe new life into ageing trees, enhancing their ability to withstand the stresses of urban environments and disease. Carbon Gold's Biochar Tree Soil Improver, with its added natural biology and fungi, offers a lifeline, promoting healthier, more resilient arboreal plants.

Sustainability: The Core of Biochar's Appeal

Sustainability is at the heart of biochar's appeal. Carbon Gold's products have been organically certified by the Soil Association since 2007 and are produced in an eco-friendly manner within the UK, emphasising local sourcing and minimising carbon footprint. This aligns with the broader goals of landscape and urban design to create sustainable, green spaces that contribute to the well-being of communities and the planet.

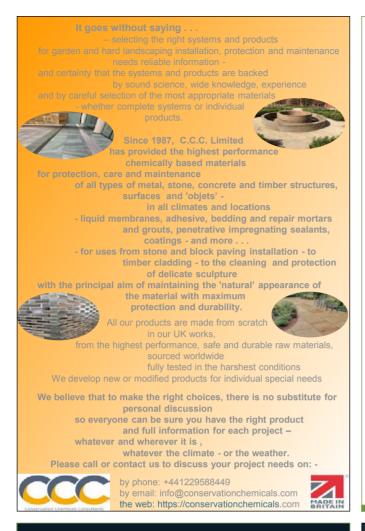
The use of enriched biochar in landscaping represents a significant step forward in sustainable urban development. Carbon Gold's innovative products exemplify the potential of combining traditional knowledge with modern science to address environmental challenges.

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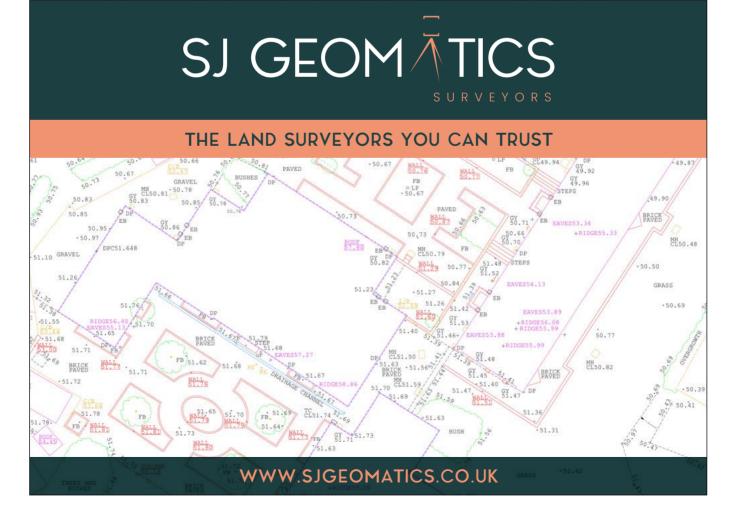
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SMALL SPACE: BIG IMPACT FOREST GARDEN'S TOP TIPS FOR BRINGING BIG STYLE TO SMALL SPACES

Spring is just around the corner and homeowners are looking to transform the most compact of outdoor spaces, according to new research from Forest Garden - the UK's leading manufacturer and distributor of wooden garden products.

Using data from Pinterest, Forest Garden found searches soaring over the last month for 'small garden' terms, with 'small back garden' up 100%, 'small city garden' up 90% and 'small garden design' up 100%.

Jenny Davis, Head of Marketing for Forest Garden, said: "Homeowners are making use of every inch of their outdoor space. "From vertical gardens packed with colourful blooms to cosy seating spaces nestled in the tiniest nooks, homeowners are looking for clever solutions to maximise functionality and aesthetics in limited space."

Here, Jenny shares Forest Garden's guide to maximising every inch of your garden, to create a space that adds value to the rest of the home.

Designing a small garden

Less is more in a small garden but that doesn't mean everything needs to be small. A lot of small elements can create a very cluttered feel, so you may be better off choosing bigger more dominant features and planting to balance the space - but at the same time, don't overwhelm the space. Think simplicity.

The sky's the limit

Vertical space is hugely important in a small garden where often you have more space upwards than you do outwards. Think about growing plants on walls, training them upwards or hanging them from a structure such as trellis, our living screen planter (great for rental properties as it doesn't need to be fixed to a wall) or our vertical slatted wall planter.

Vertical structures that can serve multiple purposes are ideal, think

privacy screening that can also provide support for climbing plants.

Multi-functional fixtures

Clever multi-purpose usage of areas is going to be the ideal situation. A space that works for two different purposes. Think about storage under bench seating rather than freestanding garden furniture. Raised beds or linear planters that can also act as dividers.

Forest Garden's fold-down garden bar provides a brilliant entertaining space and when not in use can be folded away almost flush with the wall.

Finishing touches

A tree is always an asset to an outdoor space, even in a small garden. It leads the eye, attracts wildlife and can look really pretty adorned with solar lights. Garden designers always champion trees in small gardens.

Mirrors and reflective surfaces are also useful in giving the illusion that the space is bigger than it really is.

Jenny added: "When it comes to small garden spaces and courtyard gardens, every choice and every inch counts. Applying key design principles can turn even the

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most compact courtyard into a lush, inviting hideaway with focal points leading the eye and space maximised through the use of vertical gardening."









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NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS THAT ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY

Pictorial Meadows are committed to increasing biodiversity in gardens and urban communities. They believe embracing the beauty of flower meadows is not just about creating an aesthetically-pleasing environment, but also about fostering a lasting and harmonious coexistence with nature.

The Pictorial Meadows Difference

With over 20 years of dedicated research and development, in partnership with the University of Sheffield, Pictorial Meadows are committed to creating naturebased solutions that are proven and reliable. Recognising that societal acceptance is crucial for the longterm success of such planting styles, their goal is to make biodiversityrich flower meadows accessible and appealing to all.

Quick and Colourful

Annual flower meadows are an excellent starting point when wanting to increase biodiversity into projects. Not only are they affordable and easy to implement, but they yield quickwins and vibrant results. The burst of colour is often a talking point for people, as well as a magnet for insects and pollinators that enrich the local ecosystem. These annual seed-sown meadows can be a very rewarding introduction into the world of colour and biodiversity, paving the way for more extensive and longer-term planting practices.

Simplified Long-term Solutions

If you want to remove the complexity of growing from seed, Pictorial Meadows' pre-grown turf simplifies this process as all the professional horticultural growing has been done in advance, providing an instant and long-term planting solution. But it doesn't have to be a distinct choice between perennial seed and turf - a combination of both can be



employed by carefully thinking about sightlines and planting densities. Strategically placing turf at frontof-view in a planting area will allow perennial seeds to establish behind. This will give quicker and higher flower densities in the foreground, and slower and lower densities at the rear.

Perennial Turf: A Biodiversity Powerhouse

For those seeking the highest levels of biodiversity with minimal effort and instant results, Pictorial Meadows' perennial turf range is the go-to solution. Offering various mixes tailored to different location requirements, this product contains over thirty different species that boast long-season flowering and exceptional winter interest. The ease of implementation, coupled with the visual spectacle and ecological benefits, makes their perennial turf an ideal choice for all types of projects. Even over winter, biodiversity is being supported; leaving the dead flower heads standing over winter benefits not just biodiversity in the garden, but also local wildlife by providing a habitat for invertebrates and a resource of oil-rich seeds for winter-feeding birds.

Reliable and Trusted

In addition to having won awards for sustainability and biodiversity, customers are delighted with results. After installing Pictorial Meadows' 'Classic' mix at Clumber Park, the National Trust's Head Gardener, Dene Wood, talked about how the increase in pollinator numbers was not only evident to visitors, but also celebrated. He humorously remarked, "If only those extra visitors (bees and insects) were counted in our visitor numbers!"

Pictorial Meadows is part of The Green Estate Community Interest Company and offers a range of designer meadow seed mixes and turf alongside a professional meadow creation, management and consultation service.

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Thomas Sanderson, a leading UK window dressing and garage door specialist, has unveiled a new range of smart electric pergola awnings.

Offering a more permanent and expansive shading solution than traditional awnings, pergola awnings create an outdoor room, perfect for entertaining, relaxing, or simply enjoying the fresh air.

"With the UK awning market experiencing significant growth and searches for 'outdoor living furniture' increasing by 67% in 2023 vs 2022*, people are now spending more time outdoors than before the pandemic. Thomas Sanderson is responding to the ever-growing trend of creating luxurious outdoor living spaces," says Abi Clewley, product manager at Thomas Sanderson.

"Our premium pergola awnings cater to this demand perfectly. Blurring the lines between indoors and out, they offer extensive coverage, are ideal for larger areas and come with a host of smart features for ultimate convenience, like app, remote or voice control for shade levels, lighting, and even heating.

Crafted with premium materials and available in a wide range of on-trend fabric colours and frame finishes, these awnings are not only highly durable but also stylishly complement your home's architecture. They provide exceptional sun protection, ensuring a comfortable outdoor experience even on the brightest days. And thanks to their versatile design, they're engineered to withstand various weather conditions, making them perfect for enjoying your outdoor space year-round. Plus, with our professional installation and ongoing support, you can enjoy peace of mind knowing your pergola awning is built to last."

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ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 48TH NATIONAL LANDSCAPE AWARDS



The British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) is delighted to confirm that entries into this year's National Landscape Awards are now open. This year there are 30 categories open for entry, with all winners automatically being eligible to win one of our Special Awards, which includes Best First Time Entrant, Best Design and Build and Best Newcomer to BALI.

Entry into the National Landscape Awards is exclusive to Accredited members and Training Provider members of the Association.

The Awards are a fantastic opportunity to showcase your exceptional capability and expertise to the landscaping industry. Winning a National Award is recognised as a stamp of excellence, setting you apart and providing you with a unique selling point for your products or services.

The Awards are a great way to recognise and celebrate the hard work and commitment your employees make to delivering exceptional schemes and first-class customer service. The associated publicity generated will increase the visibility of your business, providing you with new opportunities, potential partners and end clients.

To assist members with the online entry process Chair of the Judging Panel, John Melmoe and Events Project Manager, Emily Feeney, will be holding an online workshop on the 15 March centred around key areas of the entry process to help members get ahead on their submissions. After this date the workshop will be available on-demand through the Awards website baliawards.co.uk.





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The National Landscape Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday 6 December 2024, JW Marriott Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London ✗ @BALI_Landscape **o** balilandscapeuk

Visit baliawards.co.uk for entry criteria and to start your entry

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In a significant announcement that is set to redefine efficiency and safety in grounds maintenance, Advanced KFS Special Vehicles (AKFS) has solidified its position as the pioneer in innovative vehicle conversions. For years, AKFS has been at the forefront of engineering bespoke vehicle solutions for industry giants, including Glendale and idverde, enhancing operational capabilities with their groundbreaking Plant & Go® and Load & Go® vehicle conversions.

Glendale has been particularly impressed by the Plant & Go® model's low floor design and generous payload capacity of 1430kg, which perfectly aligns with their operational needs. Similarly, idverde adoption of the Load & Go® beavertail conversions, renowned for their adaptability to any chassis, underscores the versatility and customisability AKFS brings to the table. Specialising in lightweight yet durable engineering, AKFS's Load & Go® beavertail conversion stands out with a total conversion weight of just 320kg, including assisted tailgate; ensuring that businesses benefit from the best possible payload options. The commitment to tailor-made solutions extends to offering bespoke conversions that meet the specific needs of each customer, backed by extensive experience and advisory on design modifications.

The Plant & Go® model is designed with operator safety in mind, featuring a low working height and an efficient tailgate to facilitate the smooth transition of large mowers and equipment from transport to operation. With a width of 1810mm between wheel arches, it comfortably accommodates most large ride-on mowers, supplemented by additional storage for tools and equipment. Customisation options, including towbars, winches, lighting, and more, allow for a vehicle that meets both personal and regulatory needs.

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The GP360 Eco Fusion Pulse is one of a range of sustainable site welfare units from one of the UK's leading temporary accommodation manufacturers, Genquip-Groundhog. The unit is built to provide an advanced environmental solution, whilst ensuring that the operator is fully compliant with all CDM - Construction (Design and Management) regulations and HSE- Health and Safety Executive legislation. Safe working regulations state that site workers should have access to sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, access to drinking water, accommodation for drying and changing clothes, and an area for rest and eating.

The GP360 Eco Fusion Pulse mobile units are suitable for accommodating six persons, which provides pleasant and safe working environments, ideally suited for contractors working on outside projects.

The GP360 Eco Pulse welfare unit is supplied with a current electrical installation test certificate. It also features a highly secure double lock door, tough security window shutters and an anti-theft secure nose cone. The GP360 Eco Fusion is operated by an on board 12V battery system that powers the energy-saving LED lights, heating, hot water and USB inverter sockets. The battery charger automatically charges the on board batteries and ensures the smooth operation of the hot water system, kettle and microwave. The battery charger is fitted with an auto-stop timer to save overrunning and unnecessary wastage. Users of a GP360 Eco Fusion Pulse will benefit from reduced fuel usage, less generator servicing, longer generator life, fewer breakdowns and low noise pollution.

The GP360 Eco Fusion Pulse features a roof-mounted solar panel that provides the power for heating, lighting, hot water and electrical sockets. Genquip-Groundhog engineers have calculated that this system can ease carbon discharges and bring about cost savings of up to 80% - by simply reducing the reliance on a diesel generator, which restricts harmful emissions. The on-board low flush toilet system, which is considerably more comfortable than a chemical toilet, reduces water use and waste on-site. Most site projects have set rigorous targets to reduce the impact on the wider environment. These goals include; carbon, waste and water. Therefore using a GP360 Eco Fusion can help a contractor to meet these objectives.



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Playspaces design, manufacture, supply and install bespoke outdoor playground equipment, providing individual play equipment pieces or complete turnkey playground installs. Their extensive range of timber playground equipment has products suitable for every age and setting, including safety and all-weather surfacing. Their bespoke designs and robust high-quality installations are suitable for schools, nurseries, parks and commercial outdoor play areas. The New Robinia Forest Range is especially suited to commercial applications for parish councils and play park owners concerned about the higher carbon footprint of metal play equipment. Timber play equipment by its very nature represents a huge source of carbon capture - especially an untreated natural European Hardwood like Robinia! Playspaces play schemes comply with the most stringent safety standards and all Playspaces manufactured products come with full installation instructions, with each component part simple to identify. From trim trails and towers to climbing frames, swings, slides and more,



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STIHL has launched two new professional battery pole pruners, offering greater cordless performance than ever before. The two tools, forming part of the AP System, give professional landscapers and arborists lightweight operability and maximum power for unrivalled efficiency.

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While the HTA 160 boasts a rigid telescopic shaft with a maximum length of 405 cm, the same reach as professional petrol models, the HTA 150 offers a shorter, fixed length



shaft best suited to thinning work in young stands.

Battery pole pruners offer numerous advantages compared to petrol models, such as a low noise and emission free work environment, low running costs and easier maintenance.

Thanks to the lightweight magnesium gearbox, both models are easy to manoeuvre into the desired position for precise cutting. The design of the sprocket cover is also optimised to promote efficient ejection of the wood shavings for faster working too.

Like many tools in the AP System, the HTA 150 and HTA 160 feature a metal mesh air filter, helping to cool the battery and motor during operation and further enhancing the lifetime of the product.

Compatible with the Smart Connector 2 A, both models allow users to gather insights from the tool, such as working time and working speed history. Not only this, but this intuitive feature also alerts the user when maintenance tasks are due on each individual tool to maximise productivity.

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The M18 FUEL™ QUIK-LOK™ Attachment System provides ultimate versatility to complete a wide range of applications. ■



ACHIEVING INSTANTANEOUS THROTTLE RESPONSE WHILE MAINTAINING A LIGHTWEIGHT AND ERGONOMIC DESIGN, OPERATORS ARE PROVIDED WITH IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY AND VERSATILITY ON THE JOB.

Now consisting of over ten attachments and offering yearround application versatility, the M18 FUEL[™] Outdoor Power Head with QUIK-LOK[™] is compatible with a new cultivator, reciprocator, hedge trimmer, and blower.



KUBOTA LAUNCH THEIR LATEST GENERATION OF ZERO-TURN MOWERS

ubota fully supports the declaration of the world becoming a fully sustainable carbon neutral environment by 2050. In conjunction with world demand on zero emissions, Kubota has to deliver and meet the customer's needs for a productive, efficient and durable machine. The Ze electric zero-turn models not only meet productivity requirements, but also with a higher level of operator comfort through reduced noise levels and less vibration during operation.

Together these mowers are specifically aimed at environmentally concuss customers such as municipalities, professional contractors and residential owners that want to maintain large lawn areas with reduced maintenance, simplified operation and higher levels of operator comfort.

The engineering development of the Ze range began back in 2017 where the key requirements always remained the same and that is a machine that can operate for a full working day providing excellent driver comfort and outstanding cutting quality. Testing has been carried out throughout Europe to ensure that the performance is consistent whether it is in wet tall grass or dry rigid grass.

Silent power

The "heart" of the Ze is a 48V / 10kW battery which is located at the rear of the machine, pretty much where an engine would sit. This battery has the capacity for over 15 000m² of mowing operation. The Ze has a unique feature in that the battery pack can be quickly and easily removed and another fully charged battery fitted. A second battery and fitting trolley is available which will allow the operator to work continuously during the busy grass cutting season.

Recharging of the battery can be done from the charge connector on the Ze or independently away from the machine.

A charger which is compatible with both European and UK domestic plugs is provided and a full battery recharge takes approximately 5 hours.

Electric drive

There are a total of three electric drive motors on the Ze. Two drive motors (one for each wheel) and one drive motor for the mower deck. The battery discharge can be optimised as the drive power to the cutting deck can be adapted to suit the working conditions. There is a choice of three working modes -ECO, Standard and Boost. The key difference is the blade speed and the mode can be set according to the work required.

High quality cutting performance whatever the conditions

Kubota know how and technology is incorporated into all areas of these machines. A prime example is the K-sense. Forward speed to deck cutting speed is continuously monitored to provide optimum performance. Should the deck encounter a heavy load, the forward speed would compensate and slow down to ensure the best possible cutting quality. When the load reduces the travel speed automatically increases.

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The Ze Series is available with 42" or 48" side discharge mower decks. Both deck options can be fitted with a mulching kit.

Simplicity and comfort incorporated

The deck lifting and lowering is a low effort foot pedal control. Quick-dial deck height setting adjustment ensures cutting height can be set quickly and easily. When the motion drive levers return to neutral the auto parking brake is engaged for safe dismount.

A deluxe high back seat with position adjustment, armrests and additional lumbar support ensures ultimate comfort.

Right from the start of development, the engineers knew that meeting the environmental targets set could not be at the expense of productivity, performance and comfort. The end result is the Ze Series which incorporates the best of both.

These new products will be presented for the first time at Saltex in UK, Agritechnica in Germany and Paysalia in France. They will be available on the market from April 2024.



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JACOBSEN® UNVEILS FULLY ELECTRIC MOWING SOLUTION WITH PACE TECHNOLOGIES CONNECTIVITY

In 2024, Jacobsen will become one of the first manufacturers to offer a fully electric golf course mowing service solution. With the Eclipse 2 ELITETM walking greens mower, ELITE lithium outfront and ARI ELITE articulated rotary mower joining the already successful Eclipse 360 ELITE and SLF1 ELITE models.

Jacobsen has scaled up the power requirements for fairway and rough machines using tried and tested Samsung® Lithium SDI technology. By partnering this technology with Jacobsen mowers, turf professionals can cut all day on greens, tees, fairways, or roughs, while always maintaining Jacobsen's famous quality of cut. Extending the benefits of lithium to the entire course enables golf organizations to reduce their carbon emissions further, but there are also significant user benefits. With noise and vibration greatly decreased, a day of cutting fairways or rough will have less stress on the operator, bringing increased comfort and productivity.

To enhance the efficiency and productivity of these machines, Jacobsen has added PACE Technology™, an equipment management and geofencing system that is a screenless web-based solution. PACE can be accessed from any device and features real-time tracking and task management to maximize the effectiveness of your operation. Users can track and measure the power output per hole of the machines to maximize their performance and develop a bespoke picture of how they work on the course.

Testing these innovations and their capabilities has been a big consideration. Jacobsen, Cushman®, and PACE have collaborated with 26 courses across three continents in 2023, including Sage Valley Golf Club, South Carolina, Loch Lomond Golf Club, Scotland, and Peninsula Kingswood in Australia.

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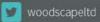












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