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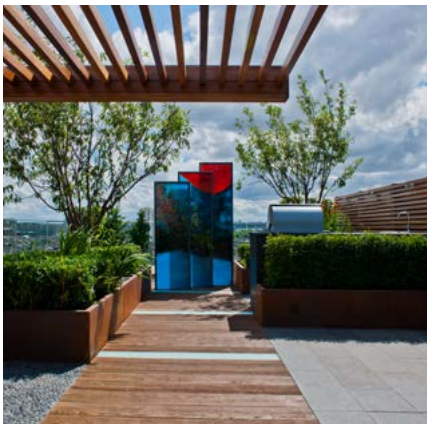
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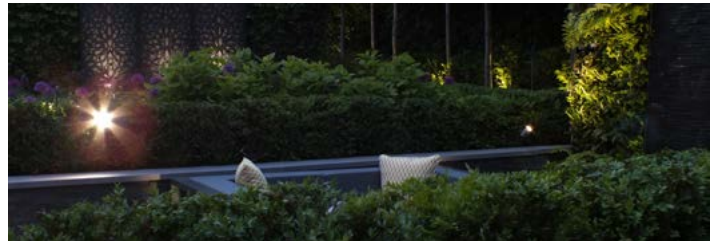


An average garden can take several years to fully develop after the initial build and install process. This means waiting for trees, hedging and shrubs to mature, leading to - initially - an unfinished look. However, a growing trend in Landscape Design - and one that Aralia has practised for years - is 'Instant Gardens'. Rather than waiting for gardens to mature and flourish, growers can now provide fully mature specimens which can be placed straight into your garden or roof terrace for an immediate finished look. Aralia Landscape Architects have the knowledge to install these fully mature trees,

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**Michael Bryn-Jones,**  
**Managing Director, St George PLC**

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Written by Francesca Fox

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The LANDSCAPE Show is returning this September 18th and 19th for another year of providing industry expert advice and showcasing a vast range of suppliers and manufacturers from across the industry. Exhibitors will be displaying everything from their bestselling to their latest products, innovations and technologies. LANDSCAPE brings together Garden Designers, Landscape Architects and Contractors alike all under one roof for two days.

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The LANDSCAPE Show aims to inspire and enlighten their visitors and are doing so with the help of many educational and entertaining events. This year will see the

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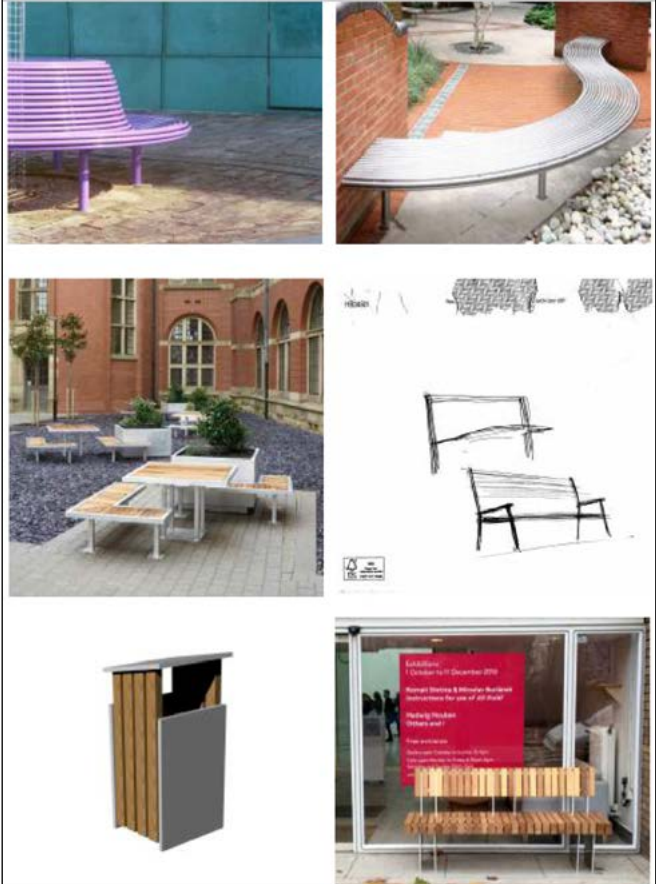


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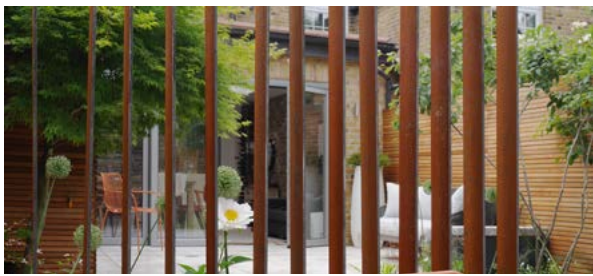
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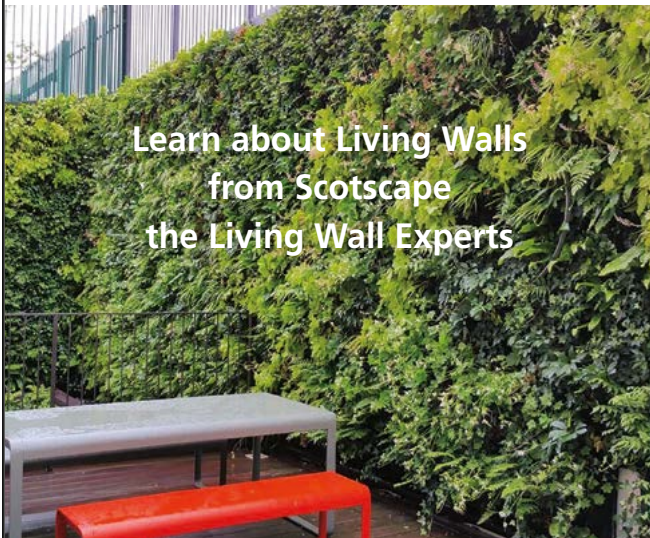
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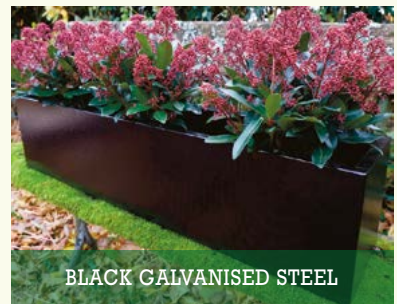
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I have had a fascination with a everything growing from a very early age. Little did I know I was going to get into this industry at that stage however. It's sad that there are a small but nether-the-less substantial number in our industry who have grown up without the passion or enthusiasm for the plants that star in all our garden creations. It's far too easy to pick up a list 'to get the scheme through planning' and we have all seen car parks with 'the usual suspects' both species and maintenance regimes! We can do so much better.

Kuro is a garden of two halves. The black half of the garden is monoculture planted with *Equisetum hyemale*. Inside the 4m square mirrored cube contains its antithesis, a white ornamental forest spear headed by *Betula utilis* var. 'jacquemontii'. This is overused on many occasions but here, 'it does what it says on the can' as the saying goes. The sheer mention of *Equisetum*, or x *Cuprocyparis leylandii* can bring on a cold sweat in some but there is nothing wrong with these plants if chosen correctly and maintained properly. It's not the plants fault they do what they do and, in many occasions, so well.

Specimen planting can be stunning. More and bigger however does not mean better. Carefully selected and minimal choice can show plants off to their best like this *Olea europaea* in a modern family Mediterranean garden setting.

This front garden is just 27sqm in size. The brief was to have all year-round interest, kerb appeal and minimal maintenance. With just 6sqm of planting this was a challenging brief. Using seasonal bulbs, spring and long flowering summer colour e.g. *Geum* 'Mrs J. Bradshaw' *Erysimum* 'Bowles's Mauve' and *Cirsium rivulare* 'Atropurpureum' and a season finale of a red *Acer palmatum* 'Bloodgood' at the tail end of the summer, the cobble shapes, grasses and *Acer* skeleton picked up the interest thread for the winter. Nothing unusual in here but right plant, right garden, looks great and happy client!

These *Stipa gigantea* have been planted as a translucent screen between two garden areas and provide both a temporary translucent screen and a feature without the need for any hard landscaping.





This university quad was originally block planted with *Fatsia japonica* and *Mahonia x media* 'Charity'. They were 4-5m high and covered the first-floor windows. It took many months to persuade the university that removing everything and starting again with a fresh approach; one with playful colour that it would both attract students outside and be similar in terms of cost to maintain.

There are some fantastically designed gardens and outdoor spaces created by some very talented designers but sadly, there are clients as well as designers that are scared of what they don't know or are used to. Life begins at the edge of your planting zone. Choose carefully, and don't be afraid to push the boundaries!

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Grays' stand at last year's Chelsea flowers show won 5 gold stars.

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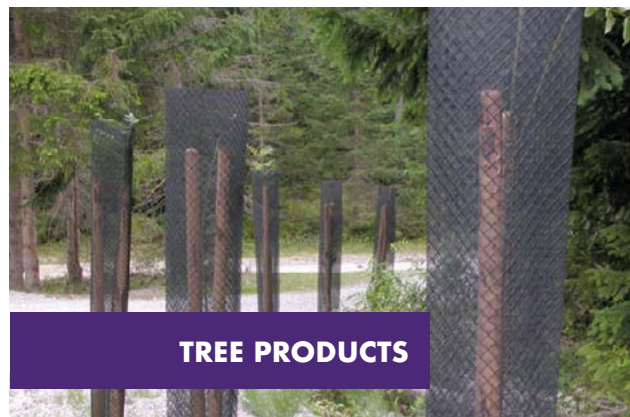
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## ‘LIFE AFTER BREXIT’

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*'Life after Brexit' is this year's Conference theme.*

This year, on 3rd October 2018, the Chartered Institute of Horticulture (CIH) will be holding their annual Conference in London, at the Farmers' and Fletchers' Livery Hall, 3 Cloth Street, London, EC1A 7LD. The CIH are delighted to welcome distinguished speakers from both the UK and the Netherlands, discussing a range of topics pertinent to horticulturists in all sectors.

Enjoy listening to John Adlam, Principal of Dove Associates, delivering the James Bruce Memorial Lecture; focusing on 'Growing a Horti Culture'. Alongside John is Jacob Kolff, Owner, Kolff Plants and one of the largest exporters of hardy plants in the Netherlands, Jacob will discuss UK imports of hardy nursery stock, both now and in the future.

Joining them is Jeroen Van Buren, from Delphy BV, Netherlands. Jeroen's subject is the 'Digital Revolution and how this impacts on the largest Horticultural consultancy in the world.

From the UK, Dr Ed Moorhouse addresses the challenges and opportunities facing salad and vegetable growers post Brexit, given that a significant amount of our fresh produce is sourced from overseas.

The success story of Berry Production in the UK will be delivered by Alastair Brooks, Chairman of Berry Gardens and owner of BR Brooks and Son.

Berry production is the huge success story of British Horticulture and Alastair will be sharing his thoughts on breeding, growing and the public desire for berries.

Jack Ward, CEO of the British Growers Association will be sharing the current mood of his growers and their success stories, the challenges and the growing climate immediately post Brexit.

Finally, and not a stranger to conference, Graham Spencer, Director of Plants for Europe will be asking 'Where are we now and what should you do?'

Graham is in the unique position of serving on many European Committees at breeder, grower and agent level and will be sharing the impact of Brexit on Breeding, Plant Varietal Protection and Royalties across borders European and other continents.

All sectors of Horticulture are represented this year, from Ornamentals, Fresh Produce, Soft Fruits and Field Vegetables to Plant Breeding, Consultancy and Advisory. There truly is something for everyone!

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# GARDEN DESIGN TRENDS FOR 2018 FROM THE SGD

The Society of Garden Designers leading designers give their predictions on the hot new trends in garden design for 2018, including the planting, landscape materials and design styles we can expect to see in our gardens this year.

## DESIGN THEMES

### OUTDOOR LIVING

According to award-winning garden designer John Wyer FSGD, outdoor structures are set to be big in 2018, and not just your average summerhouse. 'Plug and Play' pergolas, with integrated drainage, lighting and heating, will be the must-have garden feature, whilst outdoor kitchens will also continue to grow in popularity, with dedicated spaces for cooking, eating and entertaining becoming a central focus.

### ASYMMETRY

While polygonal paving was big at RHS Chelsea last year, it's all about asymmetry in 2018 according to the Society of Garden Designers. Prepare to see a contemporary update on the classic crazy paving with large-scale natural indigenous stone, says Cassandra Crouch MSGD. Gardens will also feel less structured, as geometric lines and hard surfaces are softened by planting, and edges are broken down to create the feeling of a garden that has been there for years.

### ECOLOGICAL GARDENS

Designer James Scott MSGD believes that gardens designed to benefit the environment and encourage wildlife will also be big in 2018, with native plants and locally sourced materials becoming increasingly popular. Similarly, as interest in producing our own food continues to grow, we will see a trend towards edible planting with greenhouses making a comeback

## MATERIALS

### COPPER

Copper, both as a material and colour, will make a big impact in 2018 according to Paul Hensey FSGD. Weathering to a beautiful bluish-green patina, hard landscaping in copper can provide a wonderful sense of warmth to planting and a contrast to surrounding gravel, stone, or wood.

Where a perpetual copper colour is preferred, copper-effect stainless steels will be a popular alternative while, more generally, we will see a move away from shiny stainless steel finishes says Cassandra Crouch MSGD, with a natural weathered patina becoming popular instead.

### WOOD-EFFECT TILES

We've already seen them becoming increasingly popular in interior design, and now wood-effect porcelain tiles look set to become a trend in garden design suggests designer John Wyer FSGD, who first used them two years ago on his award-winning garden at the RHS Chelsea flower show. Hard-wearing, scratch, stain, and heat-resistant, in 2018 we'll see them used for both flooring and cladding in a variety of patterns.





## MATERIALS

### TEXTURED PAVING

Hand-made bricks and textured paving blocks will be big in 2018 believes designer Jane Finlay, with their irregularities and imperfections bringing a natural element to small urban gardens; end-grain oak blocks replicating original wooden cobbles, still seen in historic settings such as Blenheim Palace, are also predicted to be popular.

### LIMESTONE

After taking centre stage in James Basson's award-winning garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show last year, Limestone is set to make a return to the domestic garden this year with the introduction of harder-wearing mid-toned stones rather than the bright white varieties of a few years ago, reflecting the natural, warm colour palettes popular in interior design. Adolfo Harrison MSGD also predicts a trend towards mixing different stones together to reflect the various colours and tones within the garden itself.

## PLANTING

### SHRUBS

It's all about shrubs this year, say designers from the Society of Garden Designers. We'll be moving away from naturalistic perennials and grasses to provide accent and structure to the garden according to Cassandra Crouch MSGD, while interest in exotic and unusual specimens will be particularly prevalent, says John Wyer FSGD. *Euonymus oxyphyllus*, an elegant, slow growing shrub from Korea is becoming increasingly popular thanks to its rich, emerald green leaves which turn to shades of yellow, bronze and red in the autumn, and produce a spectacular show of colour in the summer from its cherry-like fruits.

### LOW LEVEL WOODLAND PLANTS

A trend seen at the new NEO Bankside development opposite London's Tate Modern, low level woodland-style planting mixing ferns, mosses, anemones and tufted grasses is something we can expect to see more of in 2018 says designer Adolfo Harrison MSGD, working particularly well in tricky shaded city gardens.

### ARCHITECTURAL PLANTS

Sharp architectural planting contrasting with softer organic hard finishes, sometimes mixed with country-style planting to blend sharper elements together, will also be popular according to Jane Finlay. Plants such as the *Sabal minor* (dwarf palmetto) or *Chamaerops humilis* (dwarf fan palm) will be popular alongside *Tetrapanax papyrifera* 'Rex' which, with its height and 2ft palmate leaves, can transform even the most humble planting around it in to something far more exotic says Adolfo Harrison MSGD.

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# MEET SIYANDA

## PROTECTOR OF PLANTS

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Meet Siyanda, who this October will be inviting visitors to join her mission protect the world's plants. For just nine days, Kew is teaming up with award-winning theatre company, Theatre-Rites to bring to life the story of the magnificent Temperate House and its precious plants through a theatrical experience using live music, puppetry and performance.

Siyanda, a completely original creation, is the guardian of the glasshouse who will be imparting her incredible knowledge and wisdom of some of the temperate plants of Africa. A larger-than-life puppet, she towers at six feet tall, her dress adorned with seeds, grasses and other special items to assist her on her quest. Accompanying her are three performers, her fellow 'Plant

Protectors' who will help visitors on their adventure.

The Temperate House, the world's largest surviving Victorian glasshouse, has recently reopened its doors after a huge five-year restoration. Housing over 10,000 plants from across the world's temperate zones, this magnificent structure is the jewel in Kew's crown and an utterly unique performance space.

A resounding call from a 'Plant Protector' will signal the start of the performance, calling visitors young and old to gather and ready themselves for a journey. On this exciting experience, visitors will discover why these plants are so important to us all.





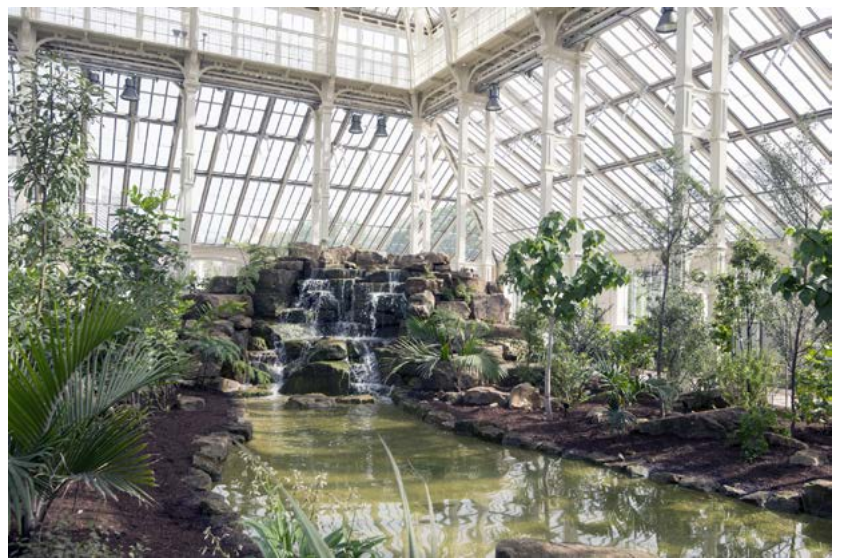
Moving through the leafy Africa Zone, Siyanda will tell the stories of some of the special species that call the Temperate House their home. From ancient palms, to plants that can cure diseases, to plants on the brink of extinction and in need of our care and protection. One such specimen is the majestic Wood's cycad, *Encephalartos woodii*, which is completely extinct in the wild and as such has been dubbed 'the loneliest plant in the world'. Siyanda will also reveal the work of Kew's incredible army of horticulturists and scientists who collect, study and nurture plants from all over the globe.

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*We're thrilled to be partnering with Theatre Rites to produce a brand new theatre performance inspired by the incredible Temperate House at Kew. Siyanda and her Plant Protectors will delight visitors of all ages, encouraging them to learn about the wonderful world of plants and what we can all do to care for them*

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Gina Koutsika, Head of Visitor Programmes, Events and Exhibitions at Kew



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*We are thrilled to be creating a new experience for Kew visitors. It has been wonderful to work with Kew staff and to have an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the magnificent Temperate House, truly getting to know its contents.*

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Claire Templeton, Executive Producer at Theatre-Rites

*Performances are included in the standard ticket price and will take place daily at 11am, 12 noon, 1:30pm, 2:30pm and 3.30pm between 20 - 28 October. For more information or images, please contact [pr@kew.org](mailto:pr@kew.org)*

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Peter Ratcliffe, Sales Director of GreenBrook Electrical, discusses the growing demand for outdoor power products and the up-selling opportunity for the wholesaler.

These days our gardens are part of our living space and a venue for our leisure time, leading to a considerable increase in the number of outdoor power applications. Exterior lighting, water features, heaters and hot tubs are all commonplace, plus seasonal electrical requirements (such as Christmas lights) have also meant that consumers are looking for better outdoor power solutions for their homes.

Demand for practical outdoor power solutions is also growing in the commercial market too as no longer is the need for outdoor power confined to locations like building sites and commercial areas. The smoking ban has seen pubs, restaurants and public halls invest in providing outdoor areas which are not only often lit

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It's by signposting contractors and specifiers to added-value features such as these that wholesalers can help to identify the most functional, cost effective and fit for purpose solutions.

With safety so high on the agenda, IP rated sockets with integral RCDs are a popular choice as these remove the need for an RCD adaptor and avoid the risk of nuisance tripping.

For commercial applications, the safest option is often to opt for an IP rated spur unit to avoid any possibility that electrical cables could be unplugged by mistake or due to vandalism. Meanwhile, if energy efficiency is part of the brief, an IP rated digital timer could be the most appropriate choice as this would allow devices such as outdoor lights – in either domestic or commercial settings – to be switched off automatically when not required.

Ultimately, outdoor power is an upselling opportunity for contractors and wholesalers alike. Any domestic or commercial building can benefit from the availability of outdoor power; a professionally installed socket, spur, switch or timer enhances both the flexibility and the safety of outdoor power usage when compare to the old fashioned extension lead approach. It pays, therefore to know what is out there and to maximise the opportunity outdoor power can provide.

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Warwickshire-based decking manufacturer Millboard has released another decking innovation – a Bullnose Board. Until now, the options available for providing an attractive and sturdy edge to decked areas have been limited. Building on the success of their existing popular Bullnose edging, Millboard has created the Bullnose Board.

At 150mm wide, with a bullnose profile down one side, the new Bullnose Board provides plenty of surface area for a very stable fix, and provides a refined appearance to a deck's perimeter. Like all Millboard decking, it is moulded from genuine timber samples and hand coloured during production. And like the existing Bullnose Edging, the attractive wood grain extends right round the bullnose profile, maintaining the authentic appearance of real wood to the last millimetre.

Millboard Marketing Manager, Caroline Birdsall, commented: "The finishing touches to a beautiful decked area are often what lift a deck from being attractive to spectacular. Attractive edgings are a key element, but can be the trickiest to install and most prone to wear. Our Bullnose Board offers tremendous resilience and stability and is as easy to fit as the board alongside it.

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The Bullnose Board's functional and aesthetic benefits are particularly useful when constructing multi-layered decks. It combines perfectly with Millboard's standard 176mm board to form steps with regulation-compliant tread depth. The generous width of the board also enables creation of an overhang, beneath which LED lighting can be installed. The stylish effect that this provides also enhances safety by highlighting changes in level.

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It is made from 95% recycled materials and available in three



stunning colours, Sand Stone, Smokey Grey and Spanish Leather, meaning UPM ProFi Vision is as beautiful as it is durable.

UPM ProFi Piazza is an affordable, high-performance decking with a modern hardwood look that is remarkably resistant to stains. Again, boasting ultra-low maintenance properties as well as excellent colour durability and fade resistance, it is available in three rich colour shades, Brazilian Walnut, Streaked Ebony and Silver Ash.

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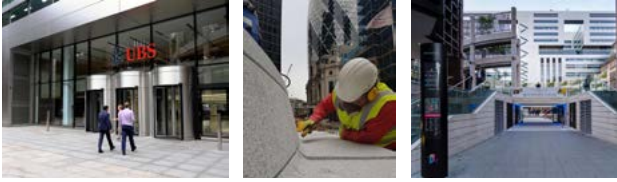
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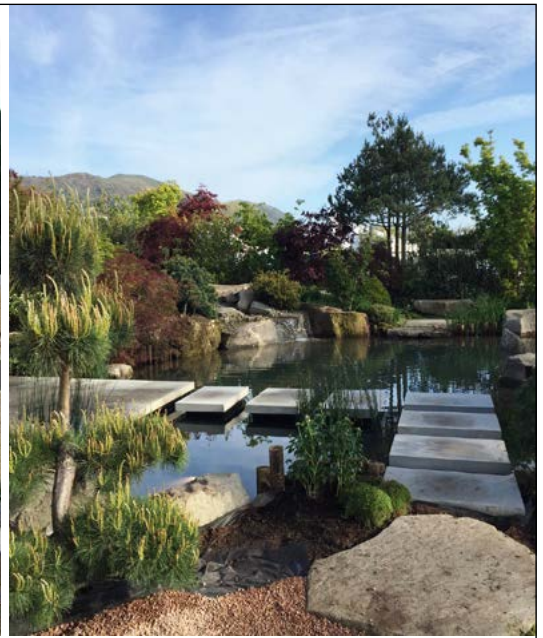
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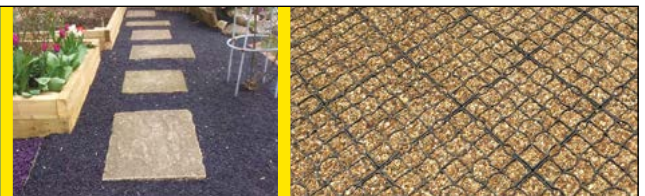
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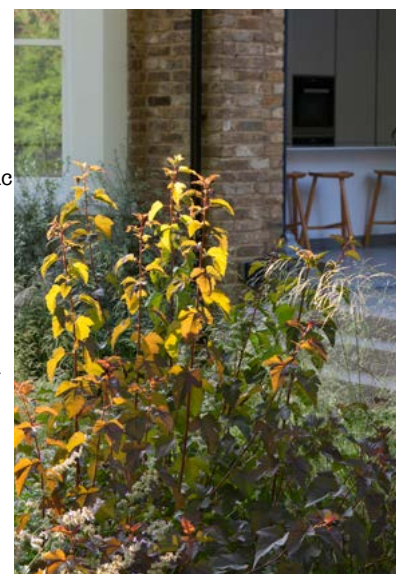
Within this industry it is very difficult to know exactly what the right approach is when it comes to advertising. I have tried many different avenues and some have been relatively successful (some have been a disaster) but nothing is more successful than word of mouth. After completing a project for a very nice family in Chiswick my details were passed on to a friend of the family who also had a property in Chiswick with a large garden that needed a complete new lease of life. From the very first meeting it was very clear that the clients wanted to be part of the design process and that they would be a pleasure to work with. Now that their children

were of an older age they wanted a garden they could enjoy with friends and family as well as a space they could relax in. The nice thing is that they also really wanted to learn as much as possible about horticulture and in particular the plants that were going to be living in their new garden.

After a few meetings I set out on creating a garden that was full of interest, rhythm, repetition and a space that would work in harmony with the recently redeveloped house and kitchen extension. The garden was almost full to the brim with large shrubs that gave a static appearance and actually made you feel almost claustrophobic within the garden.

To overcome this plants were either removed or cut back so that we could see just how much space and light we had to work with. What was once a claustrophobic garden

transformed into an open space, which then created lots of potential, and possibilities. The first part of the design process was to design a garden that would reflect the modern design of the house, in particular the kitchen with its large glass bi fold doors that open out to the garden.





To incorporate this modern element into the design clean lines were used within the hard and soft landscaping. To soften the lines plants were chosen that would add movement, texture and colour. I was given free rein with the planting palate but had to take into account the clients love for white Hydrangeas, which were requested to run throughout the design. These suited the location perfectly and the crisp white of the Hydrangea 'Annabelle' illuminates the garden in the late evenings and acts as a focal point when viewed from the house. The clients are extremely happy with the finished product and enjoyed the entire design experience. I am often asked to revisit the garden in the form of anything from a seasonal visit to a catch-up and it is always such a pleasure to hear my clients proudly talk about their garden.

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and what garden features and functions are most important to you. For instance, if growing your own vegetables is high up on your list, you might think about creating a vegetable patch while utilising

### Planning and Design

One of the first things to consider when planning a low maintenance garden is to decide how much work you actually want to do in the area.

very low maintenance features throughout the rest of the garden.

Try to position the features that take more work closer to the house or shed to save on carrying or barrowing items up and down the whole garden, and if possible place a water butt near where you are most likely to need it.

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### Choosing plants

There is a huge range of plants and flowers you can use that require little maintenance throughout the year including hardy evergreens, flowers such as lavender and crocus, and perennials. Climbers such as Ivy and Climbing Hydrangeas take up little space on the ground, but can add interest to walls and fences, and require very little watering to become established.

Herbs are also a great low maintenance addition to the garden and can be easily grown in containers to save space, with the added benefit that you can use them in your cooking too.

Fuchsia, Mexican Orange Blossom and Gaillardia are all great choices for adding pops of colour throughout the garden and require very little looking after once established.



### How to deal with lawns

Lawns can be the most labour intensive parts of many gardens, but there are some things you can do to create a low maintenance lawn. If you do not need your whole lawn think about letting some of it grow keeping a small area as a formal area; this will cut down the amount of cutting you have to do, as well as provide habitat for wildlife and insects.

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# THE GARDEN COMPANY LTD - COMBINING CREATIVITY WITH PASSION FOR BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

James Scott is MD and Principal Designer of The Garden Company Ltd, a design-and-build practice based in Hertfordshire and serving clients in the surrounding counties and North London. Since establishing the company in 1991, James has collaborated successfully on many projects with fellow designers, architects and property developers, delivering a large number of award-winning projects, domestic and commercial, large and small.

In James's words, "This is a great industry to work in. We are in the privileged position of creating beautiful spaces for people to enjoy. A lot of that is brought about by sheer hard work. Some of that hard work has been automated already and even more will be automated in years to come. However, I strongly believe that the sparks of creativity and passion for gardens that lie at the heart of every beautiful place we create cannot be automated. We will continue to listen intently to our clients, understand what they want and need from us, and use our expertise to create it. If this was easy, it would have been automated long ago!".

All the Garden Company's design work is led by the clients' requirements, combined with a 'sense of place'. The resultant gardens tend to have a strong underlying structure with a natural, organic feel rather than anything that is overly stylised. Browsing through a couple of recent Garden Company projects illustrates these design principles ...

## **Threshing Barn - Winner of National BALI Award**

This garden is situated high in the Chilterns, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The owners wanted to create a contemporary garden that remained sympathetic to the traditional 'barn' style of the house and farmland setting. As passionate cooks, the owners also wanted to grow more of their own food at home.

'Our overall aim was to harmonise the house, garden and countryside through sensitive use of hardscaping and planting. We constructed two terraces from black and contrasting silver-grey granite. A walkway leads to a more traditional brick path inside a kitchen garden near the house, with oak raised beds. Large planting borders surround the terraces with swathes of herbaceous plants and grasses that sit well in the surrounding countryside. A large lawn defines the formal area of the garden before giving way to a line of Malus

Everest trees demarking the start of an orchard/meadow area - where there is a larger vegetable garden and displays of wildflowers at various times of the year. The silver-grey, black and white hardscaping was chosen to enhance a colourful planting palette and to 'showcase' the flowers and foliage at their best'.

## **Westmeon - SGD Awards Finalist**

This family garden is situated in Kings Langley in Hertfordshire. Our clients had a mature garden with some existing hedging and specimen shrubs and trees. The brief was to create a stylish family garden with a large entertaining area including a swimming pool and pool building.

'Our design concept was to create a garden that appeared to be hewn out of the surrounding landscape.





The scheme has specific divided areas to meet the client brief, with flow and connection between these areas to draw people around the whole space. A visual connection with the surrounding countryside was vitally important and the hardscaping needed to blend with the setting. The new large terrace is now home to a range of Mediterranean style plants including some large olive trees. From this area, steps lead to a long walkway running the length of the 2-acre garden. Along the walkway you can wander over a granite bridge and continue along an avenue of Malus Evereste planted in longer grass with wildflowers, eventually arriving at a bespoke green oak garden building with wonderful views'.



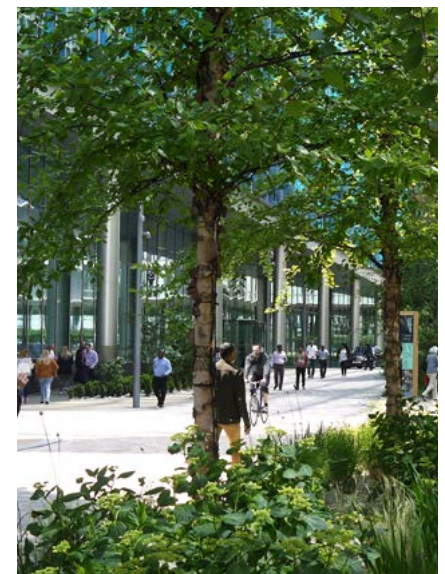
# KINGDOM STREET

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When the project to develop the design of Kingdom Street commenced, the landscape was dominated by hard landscaping, with a central carriageway and raised planters clad with a dark grey stone along each side; Kingdom Square at the western end of the site had a temporary landscape which was to be replaced by a permanent scheme.

The proposals created a linear garden along Kingdom Street in space created by realigning the carriageway along one side of the space. A series of rooms were created in the spaces between each building with each space being given an individual identity aligned to their function. Kingdom Square became the terminus to the scheme with a central open lawn surrounded by new planting.



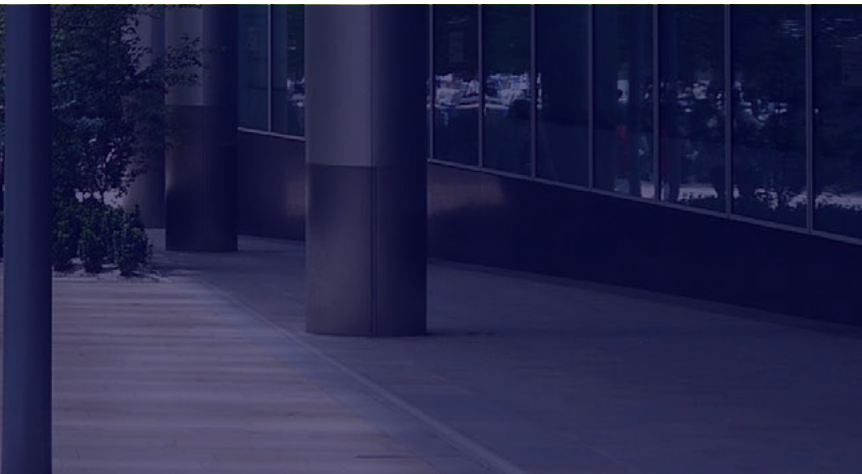
Office staff are encouraged to use the external spaces by offering seating, activities, site wide Wi-Fi and USB charging points.

Trees and specimen shrubs provide scale through their height and form and create a sense of enclosure along the walk. These are under-planted in a naturalised style, using a number of planting matrices to emphasise a range of textures and colours and to ensure a continuity of interest throughout the seasons.

The yorkstone footpath winds its way through the planting which spills out over its edges enhancing the lush sense of verdant greenery.

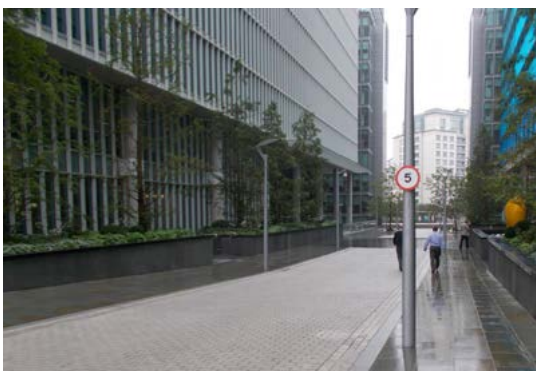
Bespoke timber seats are located along the path. The carriageway is paved in warm tones of granite setts to create a visual cohesion with the rest of the landscape. Reduced vehicle speeds are promoted by reducing the carriageway width where possible, introducing flush kerbs and creating a portion that is a single lane, requiring vehicles to take turns to pass along its length.





Three garden rooms are created at the ends of Kingdom Street; The Games Room with stepped timber seating facing the table tennis tables, The Reading Room with tall planting creating enclosure and seating embedded into the planter edges, and The Kitchen Garden with herb planting. These spaces extend the amenity and activity opportunities of the landscape.

Kingdom Square forms the terminus to Kingdom Street. A central lawn is used for informal recreation, and organised events including Yoga, music and pop up food stalls. Planting around the perimeter creates an attractive edge to the Square and is a visual connection to the planting and character of Kingdom Street. Pocket spaces are defined by planting including a barbeque and firepit which acts as a spill out space for Number 4 Kingdom Street.





# PLANTING

## Trees included:

- Betula sp
- Parrotia persica
- Liquidambar styraciflua

Prunus yedoensis

Malus 'Evereste'

Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis'

## Shrubs included:

Hydrangea 'Lanarth White'

Rosa Susan Williams-Ellis

Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis

Viburnum plicatum 'Rotundifolium'

## Herbaceous planting included:

Acanthus mollis

Allium schoenoprasum

Aster frikartii 'Monch'

Campanula persicifolia

Geranium cantabrigiense 'Saint Ola'

Geranium phaeum 'Raven'

Heuchera sanguinea 'Alba'

Iris barbata media 'Blue Boy'

Knautia macedonica

Perovskia 'Little Spire'

Viola ororata 'Konigin Charlotte'

## Bulbs included:

Crocus tommasinianus 'Ruby Giant'

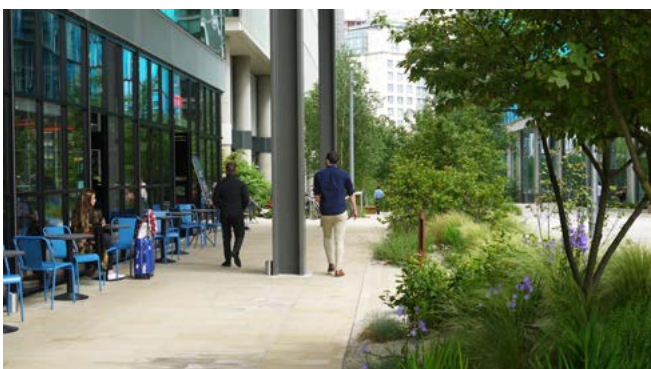
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## Design Process

Townshend Landscape Architects were appointed to work on the concept design through to the preparation of technical design information for construction, including the planting design and monitoring of the onsite delivery. The practice worked closely with British Land to ensure that the proposals could meet their aspirations for identity and use of the wider campus.

Built above an existing slab structure, the design was constrained by limitations on loadings and depths. Once the concept had been approved, the scheme was developed in Revit to be BIM compliant and to ensure that the stepping profile of the slab was accommodated, that the movement joints could continue to work effectively without being intrusive and that surface water drainage could be located appropriately.

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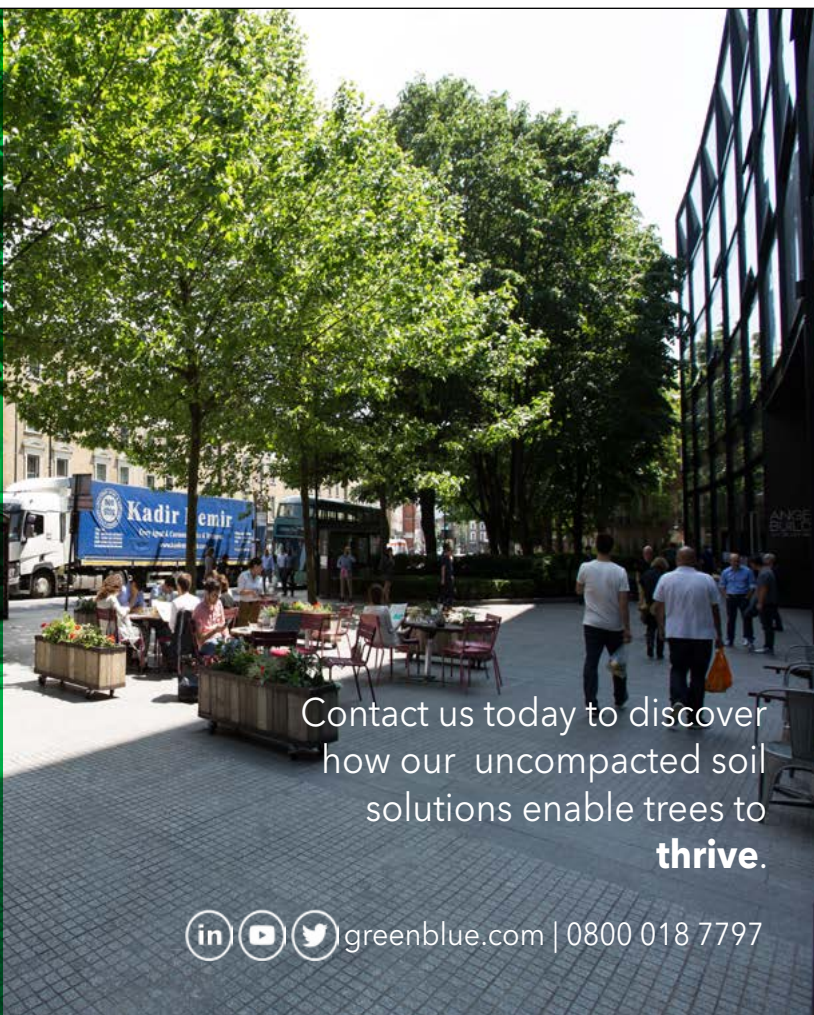
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Three bridges with unique 'wave' style parapets were installed by CTS Bridges Ltd in the Mythic Coast inspired Ecology Park as part of the Rossall Coastal Protection Scheme.

Artist Stephen Broadbent of Broadbent Studios was responsible for the design of the ecology park and his concept for the bridges required the parapets to have a wave effect made from hardwood spindles.

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Twelve spindles formed one wave effect and each of the Ekki hardwood spindles were cut to shape from a larger timber section to achieve the exact shape required. Once cut they were numbered prior to being methodically fitted by CTS's joiners.

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# PIER 55

Following a design competition the Hudson River Park Trust and businessman and philanthropist Barry Diller appointed Heatherwick Studio to build a new pier on Manhattan's southwest riverside. The pier needed to be both a public park and a world class outdoor performance space.

Interested in the hundreds of old wooden piles which stuck out of the Hudson River as the structural remains of the old piers that had previously existed, the studio wondered if the identity of the new pier could come from focusing on its structural piles.

The idea evolved to take the new concrete piles that would be needed and to continue them out of the water, extending skyward to raise up sections of a green landscape. Fusing as they meet, these individual piles come together to form the topography of the park.

Raising the new piece of park up into the air could not only counteract the windswept quality of the big adjacent road but also work well with the need for outdoor theatre and performance spaces, as ranked seating could be shaped into

the landscape to give the audience better views.

The resulting design developed as a system of repeating piles which each form a generous planter at their top. Every planter then connects in a tessellating pattern at different heights to create a single manipulated piece of landscape. More than a hundred different species of indigenous trees and plants suited to the harsh extremes of New York climate will be planted within the thousands of tonnes of new soil of this landscape.

The result is a unique topography that can be experienced as you walk underneath to enter, as well as above as the 280 piles rise up out of the water.

As well as being a beautifully landscaped public park, the new pier will be a hardworking object that contains an outdoor theatre for over 700 people, a smaller performance space for 200, a main space for 3,500 and many pathways and viewing platform.

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**CLIENT**

Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT) & Pier 55 Project Fund (P55P)

**LOCATION**

New York, US

**APPOINTMENT**

2013

**STATUS**

Current

**SIZE**

11,000sqm

**GROUP LEADER**

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**PROJECT LEADER**

Paul Westwood, Neil Hubbard

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## *Engineering in a Natural Style*

Bridges can be extraordinary features in a landscape. They not only connect two sites with one another, but a beautifully designed bridge has aesthetic appeal that enhances the quality of the environment. Streetlife provides a series of attractive bridges for pedestrians and cyclists. Each has its own unique identity and all are characterised by a distinctive, natural style.

Streetlife bridges have a standard maximum width of three metres. The maximum clear span ranges between four and 16 metres and longer bridges are possible by adding extra columns. With structural components made from CorTen or powder coated steel in an RAL colour, the bridges are supplied in combination with one of Streetlife's various decking materials.

Distinctively designed Streetlife bridges can be produced for virtually any location within a short period of time. A design and deliver process removes many potential risks for the client and keeps costs to a minimum. In addition, all bridges are engineered to local standards, which means they comply with relevant national legislation.

In Stolberg (DE), landscape architect Club L94 created a new design for the area surrounding a large city pond. The pond, the Bastinsweiher, is on the route from the railway station to the city centre. A bridge spanning some 37 metres now serves to extend the footpaths in the bordering park. The warm copper colour of the custom balusters is reminiscent of Stolberg's industrial heritage as the 'copper city'. The rhythmic bar pattern of the bespoke fencing is based on the **Solo Bridge**.



The **Bowie Bridge** is equipped with a continuous fencing system of criss-crossed balusters uninterrupted by posts, which creates a fascinating image. The stainless, CorTen or powder coated steel balusters have varying diameters, resulting in a particularly strong and rigid fence. A robust rounded hardwood handrail frames the fencing and is pleasant to the touch. For the bridge depicted in Hengelo (NL), special standing seats have been designed in the middle. The Bowie Bridge is available in a slightly arched or flat version.

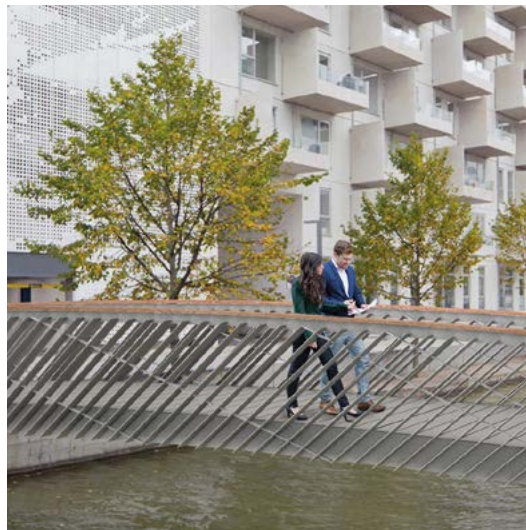


The Nautic fence of the **Shortline Nautic Bridge** consists of curved, galvanized, CorTen or RAL powder coated steel balusters with various continuous stainless steel cables and tensioners. The curved design and height of 110 cm makes these fences particularly difficult to climb over. In Örebro (SE), a red 12-metre Shortline Nautic Bridge was installed as a connection between a park and a new housing estate. By extending the balusters on the banks, the bridge becomes visually longer and even more beautiful.

Ona Bridge **NEW**

The **Crossline CorTen Bridge** is a flat bridge with segmented fencing. Partly due to the segmented fencing frames, the bridge has a sophisticated 'natural chic' look. The sturdy frames are made from CorTen steel and topped with a hardwood railing. The infill of the fence modules is available in horizontal stainless steel cables or criss-crossed stainless steel balusters. Lighting can be placed underneath the railing for a subtle effect. In Molenveld, Herent (BE), a new housing estate is interwoven with a park-like landscape with meandering water. The Crossline Bridge is part of a coherent Streetlife design that also includes Rough&Ready Tree Isles and Rough&Ready Bollards.

The **ONA Bridge** is the newest bridge in this year's Streetlife collection. A beautiful architectural element that can be fitted with various types of decking, the bridge features a continuous balustrade with a dynamic graphic design that covers the entire height of the structure. The balustrade is created from CorTen or powder coated steel strips and topped with a hardwood handrail.



Millipede CorTen Bridge

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# PLASWOOD

## INCREASED DEMAND FOR RENEWABLE PRODUCT

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Plaswood's roots date back to the 1980's. Today it is manufactured by RPC bpi recycled products, Europe's largest plastic recycler, at its dedicated factory in Dumfries, Scotland. The company boasts an annual recycling capacity in excess of 150,000 tonnes of plastic.

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Mike Baxter, External Affairs Director, RPC bpi recycled products explains "Demand for Plaswood has hit an all-



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# SLOUGH ICE RINK GETS A REVAMP

Originally built in the 80's, Slough Ice Arena has just undergone a major revamp and as part of this, OOBÉ designed the surrounding area's landscape.

Owned by Slough Borough Council and managed by Everyone Active, the ice rink has undergone a multi-million pound transformation and opened its doors to the public on 17 April 2018.



The once dated building is now an impressive and contemporary structure that has a fantastic outdoor space leading to up to its doors.

Mike Goodall, one of OOBÉ's founders explains;

"There is a big drive by Slough Borough Council to get more people active, and what better and more fun way than ice skating?"



However, Slough's ice rink wasn't attractive as it had become dated. The investment made is a fantastic move to create another hub for the community to utilise and to inspire more people to become active.

OBE were commissioned by GT3 due to our reputation for technical and rigorous design that still maintains strong design flair.”

Mike continues;

“The new ice rink was to become a place that was inviting, to encourage participation, and the landscape around it had to support that.

Our design was inspired by Slough Jets, the ice hockey team and the lines of a stick, providing a stronger connection from the town towards the building that would pull people towards it.

The landscape is now elegant with a modern flair. The outdoor furniture, again with an ice-hockey inspired theme, creates a meeting area for visitors of the centre. Surrounded by trees and green plantation the footpath leading to the building is built using contrasting materials which provide a striking visual impact.”

The venue has already attracted celebrities, with Dancing on Ice stars making an appearance. Track and field athlete Perri Shakes-Drayton and professional skater Mark Hanretty, will be at the ice rink on 28 April as part of a day of free activities.



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# SALTEX 2018 – THE EXHIBITION SHAPED BY THE INDUSTRY

When the 74th SALTEX opens its doors at the NEC, Birmingham on 31 October and 1 November, visitors can not only look forward to a comprehensive product display spread over three large halls, but they will also gain a great deal of expert knowledge through the extensive education programme of CPD-accredited seminars.

The exhibition is the longest-standing event of its kind in the world, having been held almost every year since 1938. Over the years, the event has brought the industry together to network, learn and view the latest innovations and each year show organisers listen intently to show feedback to ensure that the event continues to grow and meet the industry's expectations.



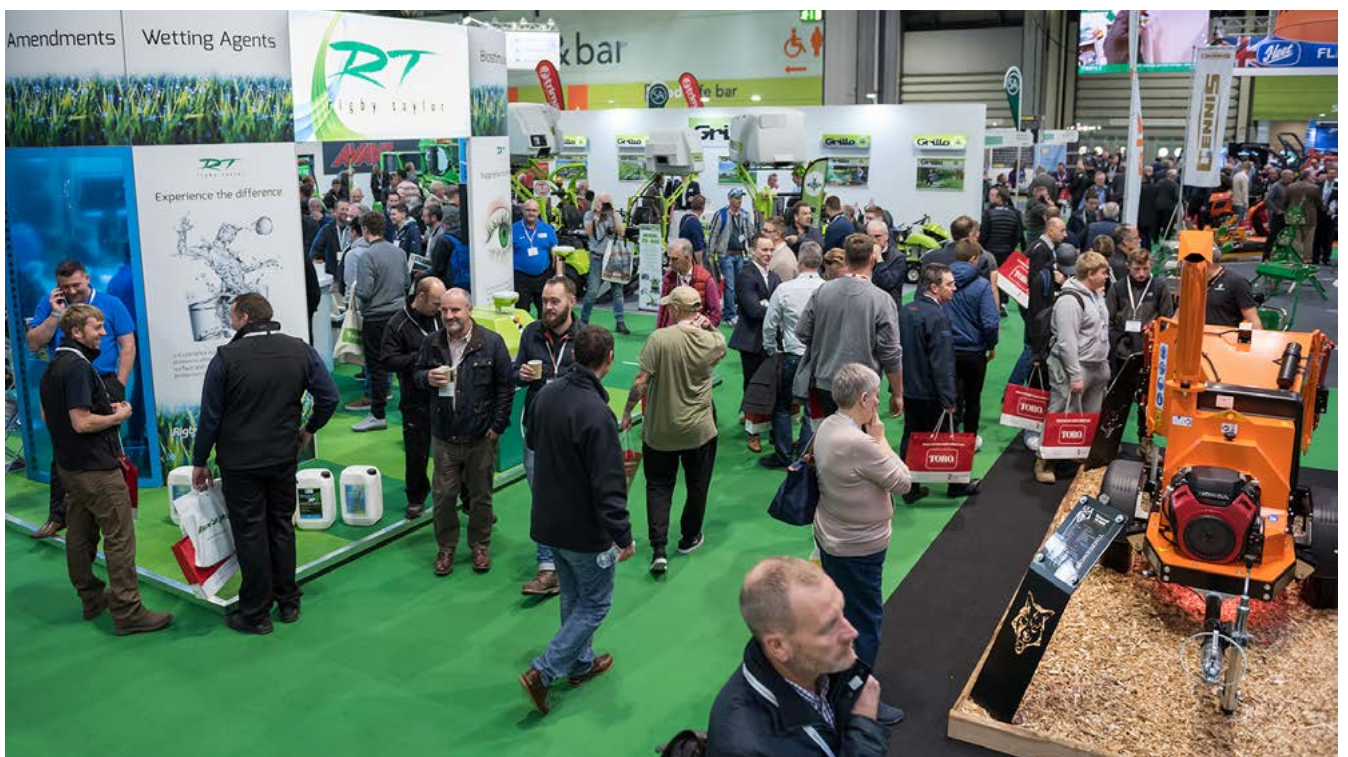
This year, over 300 exhibitors and some 9,000 visitors are expected to be in attendance at The NEC and there is plenty on offer for professional landscapers, garden designers and landscape suppliers. The show floor will be bursting with everything a visitor needs to increase their

efficiency and improve operations and will contain a plethora of exhibitors representing the likes of turf maintenance machinery, fertilizers, wetting agents, seeds, turf, aggregates and treatments, weed control, facilities management services, fencing and landscaping.



In addition to the wide range of innovative products on display within the indoor environment, visitors to SALTEX will have the chance to see many of these in action through the outdoor demonstrations which will be taking place on a grass area directly outside the SALTEX halls 6,7 and 8.

Landscapers may well be interested in SALTEX's all new feature entitled Lawn Care Legends LIVE, which will offer fantastic networking opportunities. Lawn Care Legends, a Facebook group which was created in July 2016, is a thriving online community with over 3,000 worldwide active members. It is primarily a group for all landscapers and gardeners to showcase their work and knowledge and ultimately support one another. Now the Legends are coming to SALTEX and all are welcome.





Group founder John Ryan says: “The networking event is open to everybody – the solo operator, the small to medium business owner, anyone who is following what manufacturers are doing, or following what their peers and colleagues within the industry are doing. By bringing Lawn Care Legends LIVE to SALTEX, it creates a go-to event of the year that people, not just members of Lawn Care Legends, can look forward to in connecting with other likeminded individuals.”

Lawn Care Legends LIVE will take place on 31 October at 2:00pm in concourse suites 22 and 23 by the SALTEX entrance.

Through another new feature, visitors can expect to see and experience the very latest grounds care ingenuity in a new area on the show floor which is purely dedicated to innovation and new concepts in grounds management.

The Innovation Hub will feature interviews with industry experts and those at the forefront of new grounds care innovations and visitors will be able to listen to research and trial work findings. Furthermore, a number of key speakers will take to the stage to discuss and explore current grounds care trends such as cordless/environmentally friendly equipment, robotics, GPS control machinery and pesticide alternatives.

There will be a number of education opportunities through Learning LIVE - SALTEX's all-encompassing, free-to-attend education programme. Learning LIVE will take place in four dedicated seminar theatres situated on the show floor and will feature a wide range of topics which could be particularly beneficial for professional landscapers, garden designers and landscape suppliers.

For those looking to take the next step in their career, then a trip to the Job Clinic could be extremely beneficial. Located on the IOG Hub, industry expert Frank Newberry will be hosting 15-minute one-to-one sessions covering CV writing to interview techniques. To book an appointment with Frank, visitors are advised to go to the IOG information desk on the IOG Hub as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Located in the centre of the UK, whether you are travelling from overseas or within the UK, the NEC is incredibly easy to get to by car, rail or air.

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EGO will be giving SALTEX visitors the opportunity to have a chance to look at exciting and revolutionary



products, never-seen-before in the EU market. It will also allow people to view products and accessories that are included in the commercial range, such as battery backpacks.

Steve Roskell, Marketing Director EMEA at EGO, is looking forward to the event: "This will be our 4th time at SALTEX and we're making sure this year will be the best yet. Our new products launching in 2019 will debut exclusively at the

exhibition, so make sure you come down and visit our stand!

"It will also give visitors the chance to ask any question they may have about our extensive offering and how cordless outdoor power tools can shape their lives, and their businesses."

EGO will be on stand J062 at SALTEX from 31st October to 1st November. Visit [egopowerplus.co.uk](http://egopowerplus.co.uk) for more information.

# PROJECT POLLIN-8

Rigby Taylor has launched Project Pollin-8, a major initiative aimed at reversing the national decline in pollinating insects and introduced a completely new urban flower seed mixture range, which contains the best species for pollinators, whilst delivering a high visual impact

The falling-off in pollinator numbers is no secret as many species, both in the UK and other countries are

in decline. Research indicates that there is no single reason for the decline in number, although a key factor, as with many other wildlife species, is likely to be quite simply loss of habitat. The introduction of Euroflor urban flower mixtures for landscaping projects across the huge array of potential sowing situations will be vitally important in arresting this decline.

The introduction of the Euroflor mixture is the result of information obtained from independent research data published by the Urban Pollinators Group (UPG), a national research programme on urban pollinators run by Bristol,

Edinburgh, Leeds, & Reading universities (2010-2013). Such collaborative work has led to the launch of Project Pollin-8.

The ten Euroflor mixtures are Banquet, Flora Britannica, Fragrant Lawn, Green Roof, Honey, Native Pollinator, Rainbow Annuals, Rainbow Perennials, Spring Flower and Super Blue Bee.

Sown from March through to June, flowers will appear 50-55 days after seeding and will provide a banquet of nectar and pollen together with a riot of colour throughout the early/mid summer until the first frosts in late Autumn.



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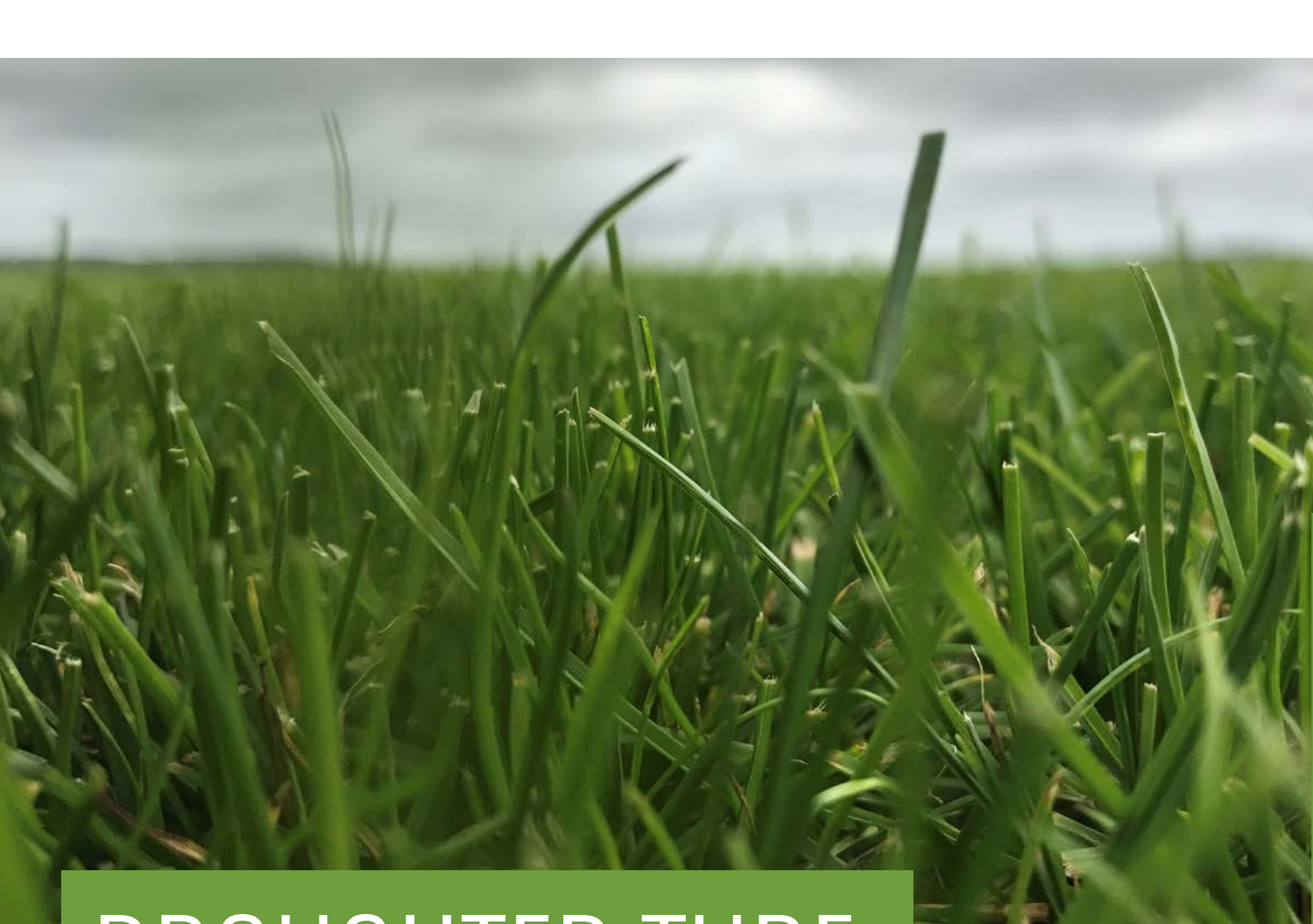


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# DROUGHTED TURF

Rain is finally starting to fall after a difficult summer, however a high amount of turf remains stressed.

Droughted turf has started to come back to life and is putting on top growth that is to be lush and weak and we have seen an increase in requests for technical support as turf in this state is susceptible to disease.

The next couple of months are going to be crucial in preparing turf for winter. To prepare turf for winter, the plants immune system needs to be rebuilt and health restored through applying Amino Acids and Trace Elements, paying special caution to not applying too much Nitrogen.

Amino Acids are vital, as they provide the building blocks that the grass needs to grow without using the plants vital energy if it was to produce these building blocks itself.

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Controlled release fertilisers could offer a lifeline for turf this winter. They will feed turf throughout the winter, until as far as March if applied at the end of September. After applying a CRF, the plant will continue to grow on mild and sunny days which is very important for younger stressed grass as this is effectively 'free time' that you are gaining, as the plant is building its GAI (Green Area Index) and therefore photosynthesising.

In conjunction with nutrition, a fungicide programme should now be in place as well as using a foliar feed. This season will be difficult for fungicides as we no longer have Iprodione to rely on, and various others may have supply issues. The fungistatic effects of iron cannot be advocated, however turf growers are well aware of how important this can be in any program running up to Autumn/Winter. It has a wide number of benefits including a localised pH change to help deter worms a little, discouraging moss ingress into the sward and generally hardening the turf off and making it more prepared for the cooler temperatures and wet weather ahead. Agrigem are proud to offer free of charge advice from our technical team

# BLAST AWAY THE COBWEBS AFTER SUMMER

The post-summer garden tidy up can often be a chore, and can feel as though it is also the clearing away remnants of light nights, warm temperatures and blooming gardens. But autumn, with its stunning foliage and beautiful colours, has lots to offer too!

With just a few simple tips, you can love your garden in autumn as much as you do in summer. Keeping an autumnal garden clear can be a relentless task with daily raking to keep leaves at bay. Leaf blowers offer a powerful solution and can gather leaves in moments. The most efficient way is to make sure you only blow in one direction, then hold the blower at your side and walk slowly with the leaf blower in front of you. Start at the edges and blow inwards toward the middle of the lawn, making manageable piles as you go along. If it's a windy day, work with the breeze and not against it!

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There are various options for collecting the leaves. The first is to lay a tarpaulin or sheet before you begin and blow the leaves onto it as you go along, this makes for easy disposal. Alternatively, you can simply gather the piles manually, or by using leaf grabbers. However, to really remove all effort from the task and stop any back-breaking crouching and bending, another option is to have a blower with a vac function too.

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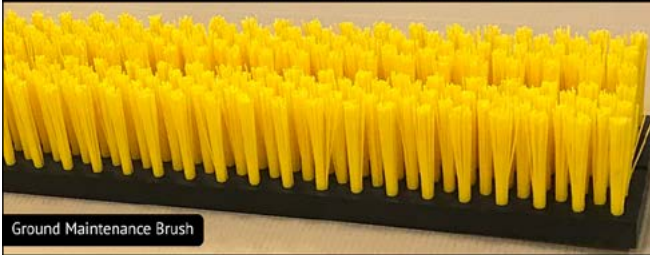
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Leading agricultural machinery manufacturer, Case IH, will be exhibiting for the first time at the forthcoming SALTEX exhibition – the premier event for the sports, amenities and landscaping trades.

The brand, which has been producing agricultural machinery for more than 175 years, produces a range of tractors from 55hp to 628hp, with the 55hp to 150hp models perfectly suited to many applications in amenity use. All these models share the Case IH tradition of safety and operator comfort and can be specified with a range of implements including loaders, as well

as tyres to match the demands of every application.

Case IH tractors have proven reliability and are supported by a network of 81 dealers across the UK and Ireland, providing a guarantee of personal and professional after-sales support.

Case IH can be found on stand D032 and will be exhibiting a Case IH Farmall 75C, fitted with a loader.

Commenting, Andy Whiley, Case IH Key Accounts Manager, said:

“Case IH aims to be the preferred partner in bringing innovative products and market-leading solutions and

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# MAKITA

MAKITA UK WILL BE RETURNING TO THE BALI ZONE AT SALTEX THIS YEAR WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE NEC IN BIRMINGHAM, 31 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2018. MAKITA WILL BE ON STAND K190D, HALL 6.

The BALI Zone features and promotes leading BALI registered affiliate and contractor members. Also confirmed for this year are Boningale Nurseries, Green-tech, British Sugar TOPSOIL, EverEdge and YMCA Training.

The Makita UK stand will showcase the ever-growing garden machinery range suitable for professional landscaping contractors, groundsmen and forestry workers.

“We are really looking forward to returning to the BALI Zone at this year’s Saltex and to be teaming up with other leading names in the landscaping industry,” says Mark Earles, Business

Development Manager, Makita UK.

“There will be a focus on our expanding cordless range but visitors will be able to learn about the entire collection including our petrol and electric models.”

The 18V battery platform makes it economically viable for the tool owner as there is the option to purchase the ‘body only’ version for those who already own batteries for their other Makita power tools. This battery platform has set an industry benchmark but still continues to expand with innovations such as the twin-18V technology which can power a 36V motor.

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# STIHL PROFESSIONAL CORDLESS BRUSHCUTTERS

The advent of the new FSA 130 and 130 R brushcutters mark yet another addition to STIHL's ever-expanding PRO range. These powerful but lightweight brushcutters are specifically designed for professionals working on large areas of thick grass.

The FSA 130 is well suited to clearing large patches of grass and scrub quickly and efficiently thanks to the bike handle, whilst the FSA 130 R features a loop handle that makes it perfect for use in tighter spaces. The tools boast three adjustable power settings that can be changed via the handle depending on the task in hand and to help conserve battery power when full speed is not required.

Powered by a 36 V Lithium-Ion battery with an electric motor, the FSA 130 and FSA 130 R are extremely energy efficient, lightweight and well balanced, weighing just 4.4kg excluding the

battery. They run quietly, making them well suited for use in noise-sensitive areas, and the low vibrations during operation provide excellent operator comfort.

Both tools can be powered by STIHL's range of 36V battery systems, AP batteries or AR backpack batteries.

The new STIHL AR 1000 backpack battery is ideal for use in conjunction with the powerful FSA 130 and 130 R brushcutters and will run for up to 230 minutes on a single charge.

The AR 1000 is also well suited to the HSA 94 R/ HSA 94 T hedge trimmers and BGA 100 blower, which will run for 380 minutes and 225 minutes respectively.

The FSA 130 R, combined with AR 1000 backpack battery and AL 500 charger, has a recommended retail price of £1,145 including VAT.



For more information on the STIHL's FSA 130 model's or its extensive range of cordless machinery, please visit [www.stihl.co.uk](http://www.stihl.co.uk).

## DLF SEEDS

### MAKES STRATEGIC ACQUISITION WITH PGG WRIGHTSON SEEDS

DLF Seeds have announced that an agreement has been reached to acquire PGG Wrightson Seeds.

With DLF recognised as a leading seed player in the Northern hemisphere, and PGG occupying a similar position in the south, the combined business is seen as a significant strategic leap towards a significant global presence.

PGG Wrightson Seeds is an international market leader within forage and turf seeds, responsible for many of Europe's top-rated bent grasses including Manor and Arrowtown, with activities in New Zealand, Australia, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil.

With DLF operating complementary business in terms of market coverage and distribution capabilities, the combined business will allow for continued investments at the highest level, to offer end-users better seed solutions through research and plant breeding.

DLF Chief Executive Truels Damsgaard said, "The world is changing ever faster with new plant breeding technologies offering quicker and better tailored solutions to diverse amenity conditions.

To stay ahead of the competition, it is of utmost importance to gain scale in your business, to support

biotechnology while minimising timescales and risk.

With this acquisition DLF not only achieves such scale, we also gain a strong supply chain and market coverage in the Southern Hemisphere, which positions DLF uniquely in the global forage and turf seed space."

PGG Wrightson Chief Executive Ian Glasson added, "The seeds business will benefit from being part of a truly global company with a diversified offering."

The transaction remains subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to close within six months.

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Murray zero turn mowers operate by two handles on each side of the machine; each with a push/pull function for forwards and reverse movement. Each handle is linked with two individual rear wheels, each with its own independent motor, which allows the tractor to turn within its own footprint. This allows for excellent manoeuvrability when cutting around trees, flower beds and other obstacles, with the added bonus of removing the need for backing up at the end of each mowing pass – simply spin 180° and go back! There are three zero turn mowers in the Murray line up.

The entry level machine is the ZTX110 which has a hydrostatic drive and is powered by a Briggs & Stratton 7200 OHV V-Twin engine. It is the smallest in the range but still offers a 107cm cutting width, and seven different cutting heights.

The mid-range model is the ZTX150, which features a Briggs & Stratton Intek™ Series 7220 V-Twin OHV petrol engine. This machine, with three blades, offers a 117cm cutting width and 13 cut of height positions

The premium model in the Murray range is best suited for professional users or those with lots of grass to cut. The ZTX250 utilises a Briggs & Stratton Professional Series™ 8270 V-Twin OHV engine and has an incredibly wide deck of 122cm to reduce the total amount of cutting passes required, and subsequently saves the user time.

All Murray zero turn machines have a fuel capacity of 11 litres, as well as electric starting and mulching capabilities. They are designed with the user in mind, even down to the adjustable seat which gives the operator ultimate comfort even on the roughest terrains. They include commercially inspired features such as a fully welded steel frame, a thick-walled front axle, easy access maintenance points and durable steel mower deck to make sure they give a great cut, time after time.

There is also the additional option of an integrated rear cargo bed to provide on-the-go versatility and convenience, allowing you to carry additional tools or somewhere for cleared debris.

Murray lawn and garden products are available in the UK exclusively through Henton and Chattell dealers. For more information please visit [www.murray-tractors.co.uk](http://www.murray-tractors.co.uk).



# GO HAVE FUN”

## Prices

ZTX110 £3,379 inc. VAT

ZTX150 £3,599 inc. VAT

ZTX250 £3,976 inc. VAT





# PAYNES TURF

## INSTALLED AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY FOR COMMEMORATION OF LANDSCAPE GARDENER

World Heritage Site and Royal Church, Westminster Abbey, had its famous Cloister Garth lawn returfed with 800sqm of Paynes Turf's Premium Grade Turf for the commemoration of the great 18th century landscape gardener, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. The ceremony, held on Tuesday 29th May 2018, was attended by TV gardener Alan Titchmarsh, who assisted in the development of a fountain which was dedicated to Capability Brown.

Paynes Turf's Premium Grade Turf was chosen for the project due to its exceptional quality thick green sward, which is renowned amongst landscapers for its ability to retain

a fine appearance year-round and for its ease of maintenance. It was installed by Countour Landscapes (appointed by principal contractor Bakers of Danbury), who also appreciated Paynes Turf's client-oriented approach.

"With this particular job, access to the Cloister Garth was highly restricted. To help us overcome this challenge, Paynes Turf delivered the turf in their rigid lorries rather than their arctic lorries, enabling them to get the turf as close to the site as possible. They also made two deliveries instead of one, dropping off both deliveries before 6.30am – this made moving and laying the into the Cloister Garth more manageable.

The 'extra mile' service we received from Paynes Turf was incredible, and one of the reasons we wouldn't hesitate to recommend them to all landscapers," said Ken Swandel, Operations Director at Contour Landscapes.

"Landscapers need reliable and flexible turf delivery, otherwise projects can quickly go wrong for them. Our objective is to save our customers time and hassle, which is why we will always work with each individual client to understand the requirements of each particular job and devise a solution that ensures they have maximum laying time," said John Payne, Partner at Paynes Turf.

The installation process went smoothly and was completed in time for the ceremony, which had its service of dedication taken by the Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend Dr John Hall. The fountain was designed by Ptolemy Dean, the Abbey's Surveyor of Fabric, and was made in lead by Brian Turner, who is a veteran exhibitor at the Chelsea Flower Show.

"We're honoured that our Premium Grade Turf is installed at Westminster Abbey, and especially that it was chosen for the Cloister Garth in preparation for the commemoration of a landscape gardener who had such a poignant impact on the industry," concluded Mr Payne.



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# AN INSIGHT INTO TIGERTRAK

## AN INTERVIEW WITH DALE ROBINSON – TRAKWAY VETERAN AND LIVE'S MANAGING DIRECTOR

**Why was there a need for TigerTrak and how is it different from existing products?**

My father kicked off the temporary trakway hire industry in the 60s and built the first ever trak panel. We have evolved his concept through 5 product generations over the past 50 years. Today we have what we believe is the market leader in heavy-duty aluminium Trakway - LionTrak, the Swiss army knife of trakway.

LionTrak is a multi-purpose panel that can be configured to support the heaviest of road-going loads and temporary structures. We install it over undulating ground at Festivals around Europe and the UK and we believe it is one of the safest panels on the market and it hasn't been equaled yet.

We also operate a global-leader in pedestrian flooring, Supa-Trac, which is perfect for pedestrian and light vehicle access and turf protection, but isn't ideal for HGVs, cranes or heavy stage structures.

There are heavy-duty plastic products out there but we believe TigerTrak has a real USP. Over large areas of ground, we install it in a brick formation, where we stagger panels, forming a super-rigid.

Another feature that adds to this strength is TigerTrak's patent-pending connector.

Most Trakway systems only join at the cam lock or bolt and plate. With TigerTrak, we have developed a connection that has no moving parts - a 'locking edge' that latches right

across the width of the panel. Not only does this allow the product to be installed at lightning speed, it ensures a secure, cross-bonded, locked-together floor, that will happily support a 12 tonne point load but with very little deflection - this means you get a very solid base for crane lifts and temporary structures and more protection for the ground beneath.

From another safety point of view, the non-mechanical operation of the product means there are no surface trip hazards what so ever. It is a fully continuous surface with no protrusions to trip on, nor recesses for a stiletto heel to get stuck in. It uses the same proven tread pattern that we designed into LionTrak. We applied a lot of fluid dynamic research into the surface to remove water from the tread and keep the traffic contact-point dry.

TigerTrak has been independently slip tested, scoring in the same risk category as a permanent pavement and its profile fits seamlessly with Supa-Trac so again, there are no trip hazards between the two systems (e.g. from stage support platform to audience floor) one customer posted a picture of the join titled 'a thing of beauty'.

**Is it an evolution from an existing product?**

We have an existing aluminium product that can be lifted by 6 people, which is similar to other systems in Europe, but it is slow



and heavy-going and has the usual bolts and plates. TigerTrak is a much smaller and lighter panel so it can be installed by hand with as little as 2 people. This also means it can be laid where a lorry can't get, even indoors, on delicate flooring such as in sports halls.

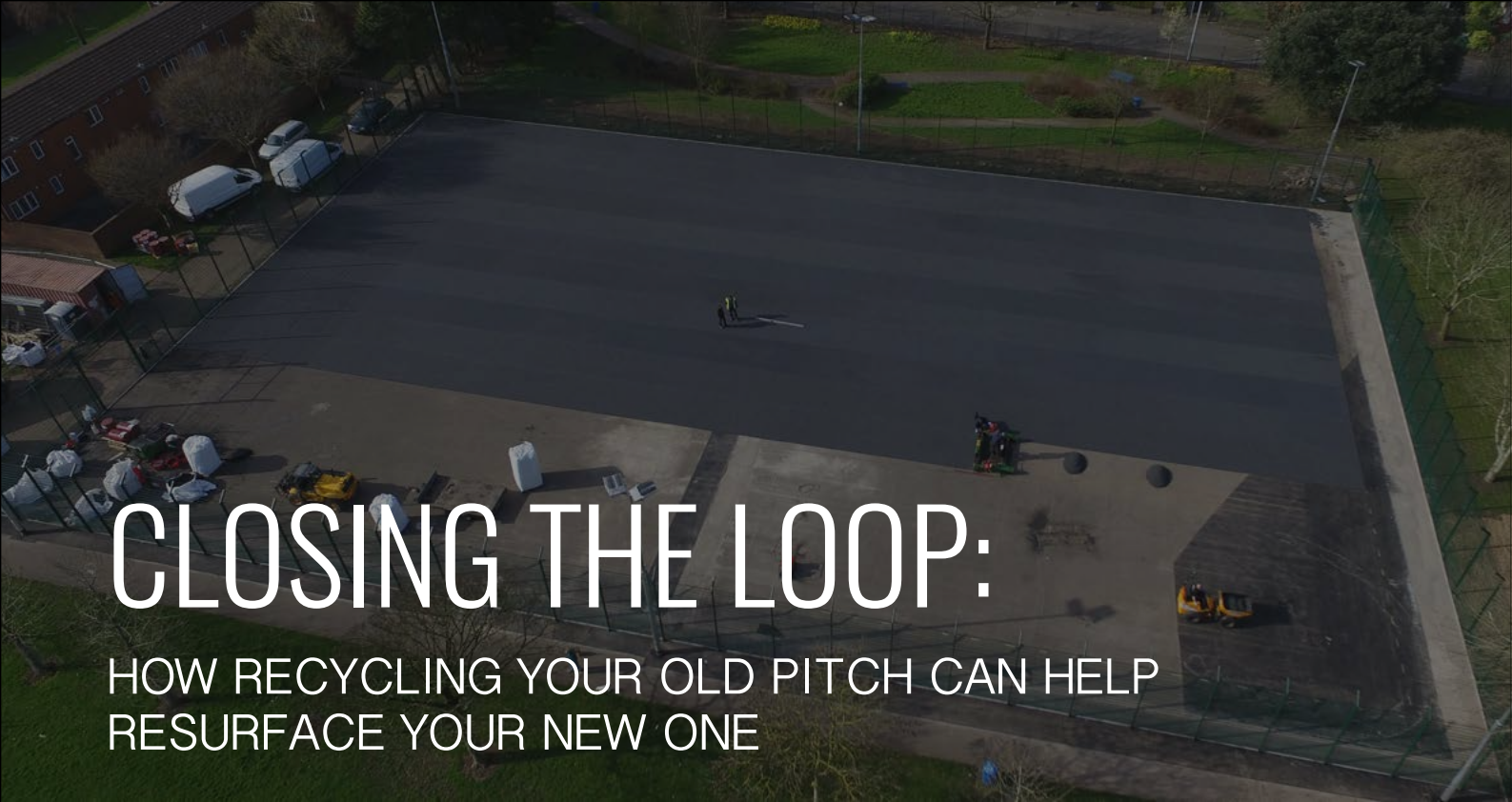
**What is it made of?**

Environmentally, TigerTrak is made from one of the planet's most resourceful and recyclable materials, aluminium. It is made from over 95% recycled materials and is theoretically over 95% recyclable at the end of its life and once recycled, aluminium doesn't lose any natural qualities.

**What are its most appropriate live music/festival settings?**

TigerTrak is ideal for heavy-duty access over sensitive ground because its aluminium profile can take 12 tonne point loads but has a base that is very turf-friendly. It is designed for level ground such as sports stadiums, sports fields, parks and concourses.

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# CLOSING THE LOOP:

## HOW RECYCLING YOUR OLD PITCH CAN HELP RESURFACE YOUR NEW ONE

INSTALLING A NEW 3G PITCH IS A GREAT WAY TO INVEST IN YOUR SPORTS FACILITY, BUT WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR OLD ONE? READ ON TO FIND OUT.

As the popularity of artificial grass pitches continues to soar, many of those installed around a decade ago are coming to the end of their useful life. This means the resurfacing market is also booming, with an estimated 40-60% of new sports surface installations this year expected to replace an existing pitch.

For schools and clubs, there are a number of benefits to resurfacing, with it opening up an exciting opportunity to renew a facility with the latest artificial grass technology. As part of this process, TenCate Ecocept™ offers a solution which can revolutionise the way we treat the existing artificial grass pitch being replaced.

Here we hand over to John Grindrod, Research and Development to explain.

### **Closing the loop**

“Ecocept is manufactured on site using over 90% recycled material, including recycled artificial grass. This makes it a sustainable option when resurfacing as it allows the existing artificial grass surface to be broken down into a recycled granulate which can then be re-used in a range of products, including Ecocept™’s sport base layers. Depending on customers’ requirements, this even means that the old pitch can be recycled and then reused as the base layer for the new resurface to be laid on top of – closing the loop in terms of recycling.

“Not only is this an efficient and environmentally-friendly way of re-using your old surface, it is also a more cost-friendly option. As Ecocept™ gives you a ready-made base layer it has the potential to save much of the labour cost associated with the pre-installation groundworks. At the same time, its excellent permeability can eliminate often costly below-field drainage systems. And perhaps just as importantly, its shock absorbency ensures the new 3G pitch will remain compliant with the FIFA Quality Programme and World Rugby’s Regulation 22.

## Green credentials

“As a customer, there is a responsibility to be proactive and dispose of your old pitch in sustainable way. Therefore, a further benefit of going down the Ecocept™ route is that it is a fully traceable and compliant way of managing the existing surface. By working with Ecocept™ and TigerTurf, customers can rest assured that the surface is being treated in line with the standards and legislations laid out by European Commission’s Directive 2008/98/EC on waste (Waste Framework Directive), which plays its part in the UK meeting recycling and recovery targets by 2020.

## Performative benefits

“Not only does this kind of solution allow customers to deal with their old artificial pitch sustainably, it also introduces a number of performance benefits.

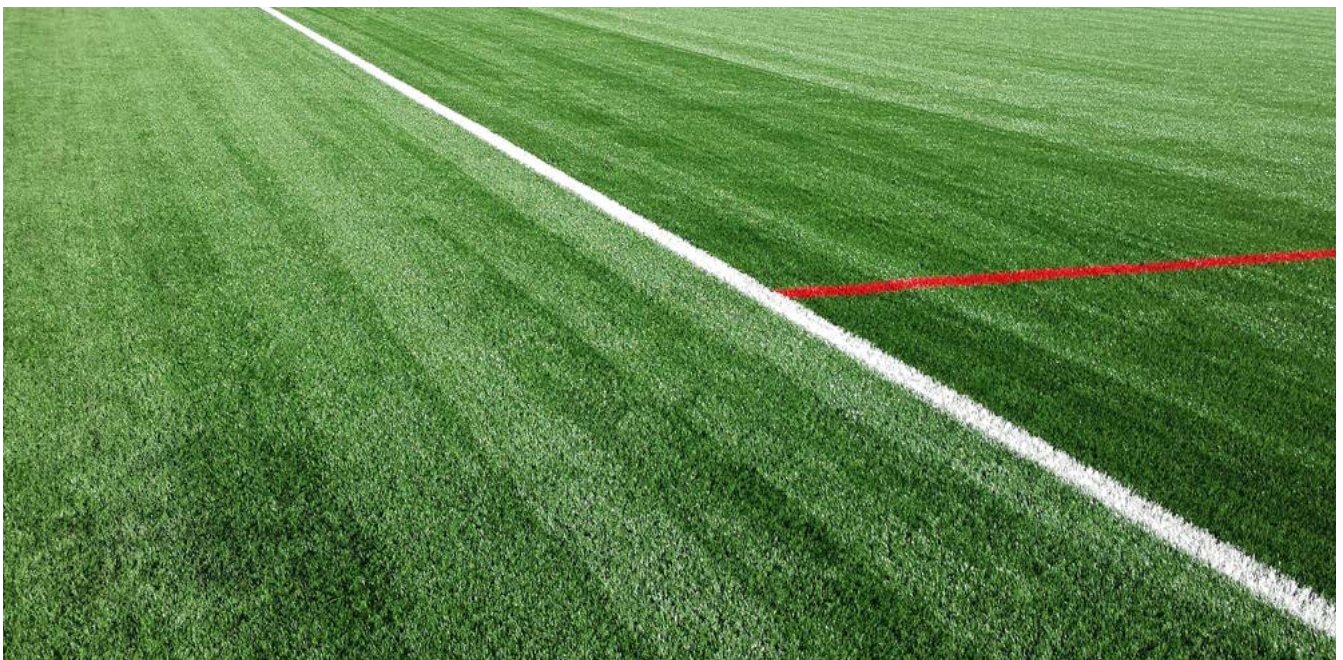
“Artificial grass technology has progressed rapidly and modern TigerTurf products with an Ecocept™ sports base layer have professional level bio-mechanical sports values that were not achievable during early installations. From a research and development perspective, yarn design, materials specification and bio-mechanical research has come on leaps and bounds, which means the new surfaces will be very different to the old ones they are replacing.

“In fact, the way in which Ecocept™ is applied can be adjusted to bring around specific benefits for each sport. For example, in hockey the composition of the Ecocept™ sports base layer is adapted to give improved playability and reduced ball-bounce values. For football, the composition is also adjusted to give characteristics such as ‘area elastic’ shock absorbing properties. In rugby, the composition is altered to provide enhanced impact absorbency and meet the increased safety standards.”

In short, the 6 main benefits of Ecocept™

1. A sustainable and environmentally-friendly option
2. Reduces the cost of a replacement 3G pitch installation (or a new one in a new build scenario)
3. Offers full traceability and compliance
4. Boosts the drainage capabilities of the playing area
5. Acts as an effective base layer for the new 3G pitch
6. Aids the performance characteristics of the pitch, ensuring compliance with sport-specific accreditation programmes

If you’re ready to close the loop with your resurfacing project, why not why not contact us to speak to an expert?



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DuPont™ Plantex® Platinum: your most reliable ally against invasive weeds

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A high-performance landscaping fabric that has been thoroughly and extensively tested, DuPont™ Plantex® Platinum now has further enhanced manufacturing technology for even greater protection. Plantex® Platinum forms a highly-effective, chemical-free barrier against weed penetration, while also being permeable to air and water and so enhancing soil health and stability. Easy to install, Plantex® Platinum offers very high tensile strength and comes in two convenient widths for a variety of site areas and needs.

### Proven performance against invasive weeds

Invented and manufactured by DuPont, Plantex® Platinum has undergone numerous and rigorous tests by the company's Research & Development team. Over several years and in natural environments, it has demonstrated powerful resistance to weed penetration, while observations in the field have led to further improvements in its manufacture and application.

"DuPont originally developed Plantex® Platinum with a special focus on Japanese Knotweed, to address the increasing problem of invasive weeds spreading across Europe," explains Carl Festré, EMEA Marketing Manager, Typar® and Plantex®, "the next phase has been to optimise and diversify the product, tailoring it carefully to more specific requirements or applications."



### A complete solution from DuPont

Experts appreciate the complex challenges of eradicating Japanese knotweed. Thus, DuPont has combined a premium offering of advanced products and expertise into a complete solution to the nuisance of invasive plants. This consists of: Plantex® Platinum to control the plants above ground, plus Plantex® RootProtector and Plantex® RootBarrier to confine the root and rhizomic systems, together with a clear-cut installation guide to ensure that adjacent runs will be impenetrable to unwanted roots. Only by working with such comprehensive products and guidelines can invasive plants be beaten.



### The Future is bright for Solar Farms

Alongside this typical-use offering, DuPont now also offers a specialised version of the fabric called Plantex® Platinum Solar. This product is dedicated to uncovered applications such as solar farms, or other such sensitive technical installations, where weed control presents particular challenges or can cause safety issues. Plantex® Platinum Solar can be left uncovered under UV radiation for 8 years according to the limited product warranty, thus reducing both installation costs and maintenance in the long run.

**For further product information:**

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# TURF MASTER



## Soil Compaction

Soil Compaction is a common problem within turf management across the U.K. With foot traffic, and weather conditions being two major factors causing soil compaction, which reduces pore space and increases soil density.

Soil compaction varies with soil texture, moisture content, area use and amount of traffic on each specific site. Soils with a high clay content will compact far quicker due to clay being the smallest type of soil particles, with 1,000 times the surface area in a given volume of soil, compared with larger sandy soil particles. This results in the clay particles packing together tightly under pressure of play/foot traffic.

This summer's prolonged heat and sunshine has converted compacted clay soils into 'concrete', totally preventing penetration of roots and moisture either from rainwater or irrigation which reduces the all-important air, water and nutrient movement, pitch/green health and quality declines. In these conditions, newly sown grass plants will burn off rapidly, leaving bare cracked areas ready for weeds to invade, which is not a nice look for any turf surface. Within the soil profile roots will struggle to penetrate through the compacted layer.

All soil types will suffer from compaction to a certain degree so it is important to carry out the correct maintenance techniques to avoid the problems occurring on your pitch/green/lawn.



## Reducing Compaction

I recommend the Air2g2 machine as the best form of aeration to reduce compaction, this will break the compacted layer and open up channels within the soil profile for air, water and nutrients to move through. Aeration increases pore space which will aid root depth and strength which will help increase the quality of pitch/green playability. It is important you vary the depth of tine/probe you use when aerating. If the same depth is used over a long period of time you will create a compaction layer at that depth in the soil profile.

Most soil compaction occurs within the top 6 inches of the soil surface, but can vary from site to site and it is vitally important to take regular core soil samples to assess compaction levels and overall health of your soil.

Top dressing with sand can help with drainage and compaction. Top dressing certain soils with sand can help to form a protective layer over the indigenous material, which will help to reduce the effects of compaction on the underlying soil.

However, good maintenance plans and practices are also needed to keep your turf and soil healthy, such as mowing at the correct height and frequency, scarification to remove any organic material (thatch), and a tailored feeding programme for the site will all help keep the sward healthy all year round.





# AUTUMN PREPARATION



After a blisteringly hot and dry summer, the autumn months will come as a relief for many that have struggled to keep their plants, trees and grass hydrated and alive. However, autumn brings with it its own challenges, and there's still plenty of work facing those that care for the outdoors. Leaves will soon be piled thick underfoot, and even with hours of backbreaking labour, a rake is often woefully inadequate. Making life easier for those with the difficult task of caring for land is the passion and expertise of SCH Supplies, and as a British manufacturer of leaf collectors and sweepers, no one is better suited to helping you with the task of leaf removal.

When it comes to efficiency and practicality, nothing compares to the Leaf Suction Unit (PSU), which is hungry to clear up large areas of fallen leaves. The PSU features a powerful 9hp Honda engine, which is mounted next to the fan on a two wheeled chassis. The fan is belt driven and not connected directly to the crank shaft, adding longevity to the lifespan of the engine. The green waste passing through the fan is chopped up and propelled into the trailer, greatly increasing the storage density, allowing for less empties per day, and saving a great deal of time and cost in labour.

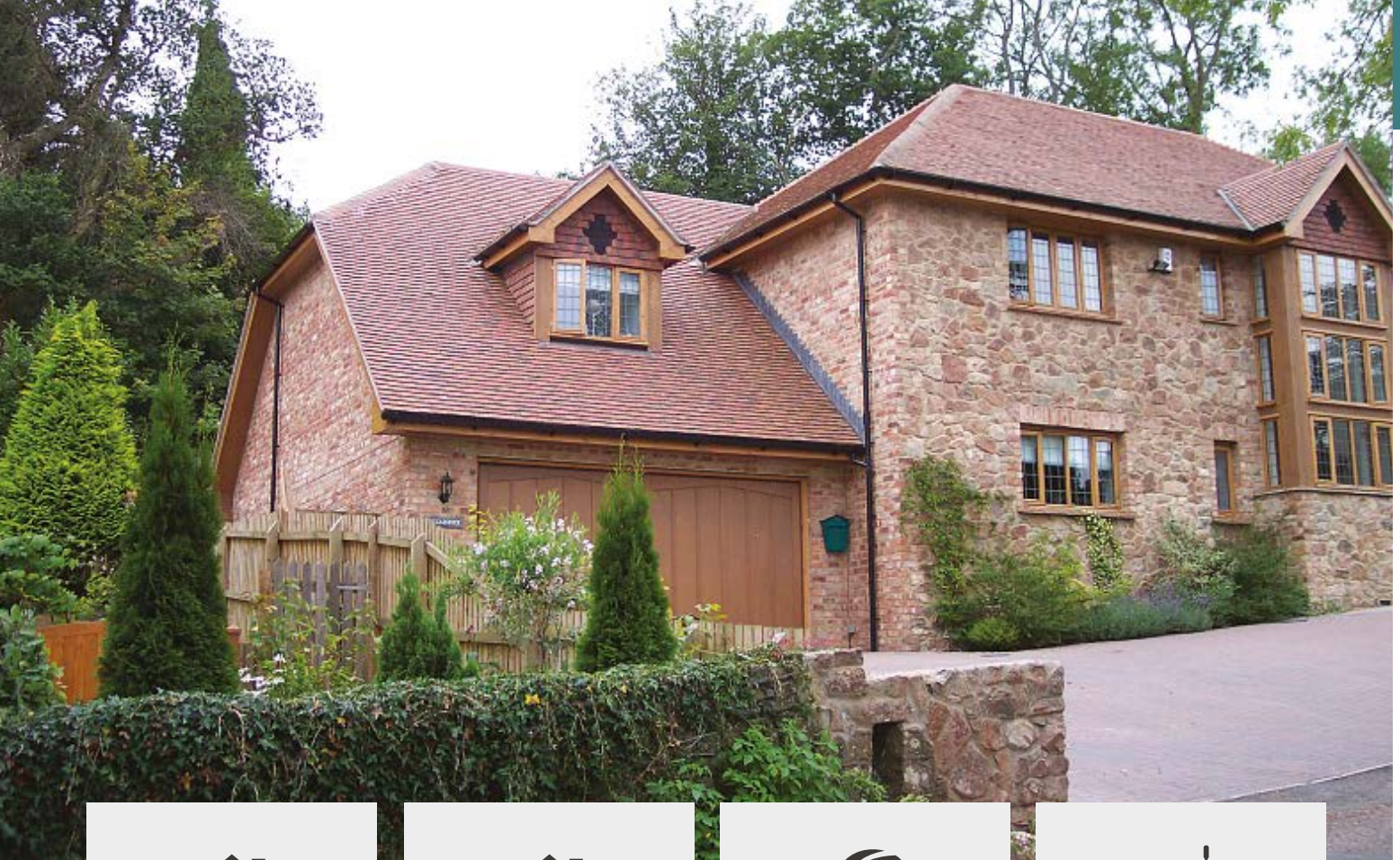


The favourite way of using the unit is to attach it to the rear of a leaf collecting trailer. SCH manufacture specially adapted trailers with impressive storage, allowing leaves to be emptied somewhere more suitable. Alternatively they can send you a trailer adaption kit, allowing you to modify your own trailer, and SCH can even collect your trailer and modify it for you.

By designing and manufacturing their equipment themselves, SCH has great flexibility when it comes to customers requesting variations to their standard products. This means the companies' huge array of suction units, sweepers, trailers and their other products can be customised to suit the requirements of the user, allowing them to keep their land looking beautiful, as efficiently as possible.

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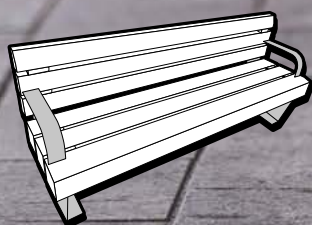
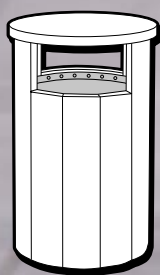
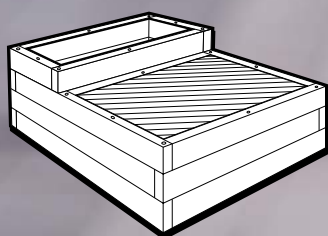
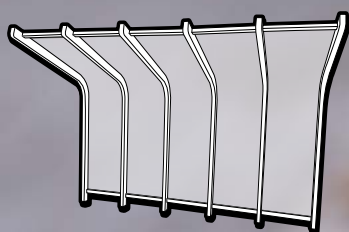
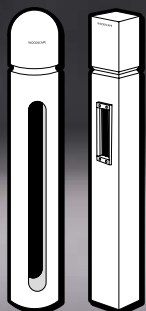
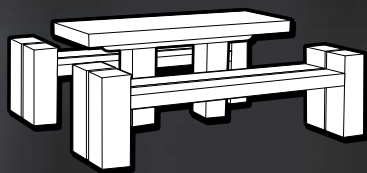


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