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LANCASHIRE LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS SHORTLISTED FOR BBC GARDENERS' WORLD LIVE AWARD



Living Gardens' design for the APL Avenue Show Garden competition

Living Gardens in Chorley has been selected as one of the five landscape contractors and garden designers to compete in this year's APL Avenue Show Garden competition at BBC Gardeners' World Live.

Each of the contenders have been tasked with creating an inspirational, aspirational but relatable garden at the Show, which is held at the NEC in Birmingham this June. The Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) will be on hand for visitors to the Show to help demystify the process of a garden build, with advice on costs and options.

Living Gardens' entry is designed by Peter Cowell, who is hoping to go one better than last year, and win the prestigious Best APL Avenue Show Garden award with his garden aimed at

well-travelled professionals with young children. The garden will feature a play house and rope swing, and a relaxed concrete seated area separated by sliding barn doors.

The Show Garden Assessment Panel, which includes RHS Chelsea Flower Show TV host Wesley Kerr OBE, alongside a public vote, will decide who takes home the accolade of Best APL Avenue Show Garden.

Peter Cowell, director at Living Gardens, said: "It's great knowing that we are designing and building gardens at the same standard as some of the best companies in the country.

"It's been a selling point for our business and has generated significant interest from new clients who want the wow factor with design and build quality."

The competition is made up of four other landscaping companies from Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, Sussex and Worcestershire.

Bob Sweet, horticultural director of BBC Gardeners' World Live, said: "We have no doubt that each of the five finalists will offer visitors of the Show a great deal of take-home ideas, whilst showcasing what incredible designers and landscapers they are in their own right."

BBC Gardeners' World Live takes place from Thursday 14 June to Sunday 17 June at the NEC. Tickets are available at www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com

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