

## APL Avenue: Inspiring real gardeners with real gardens

Inspirational and achievable is a mantra for BBC Gardeners' World Live, making the Show a much-loved fixture in the keen gardener's calendar for the past 25 years. The **APL Avenue** enters its second year at the 2017 event – a Show Garden competition in conjunction with The Association of Professional Landscapers, it gives the opportunity for five APL Landscape Contractors and chosen Designers to build gardens at the Show and be seen by over 90,000 visitors over four days. With a front or small back garden theme, the gardens are inspirational and, most of all, relatable.



*"APL Avenue Show Gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live have a real achievable feel and will provide great take-home ideas and lots of inspiration. I can't wait to see them in the flesh"* says **Adam Frost** (APL Avenue Selection Panel Member, *Gardeners' World* presenter & award-winning garden designer)

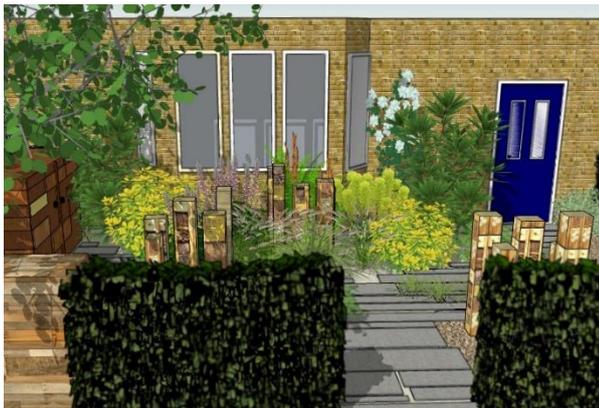
The winning contractors and designers going forward to build their Show Gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live are:

### The Artemis Landscapes 'Living in Sync' Garden

**Contractor:** Artemis Landscapes, Kent

**Designed by:** Viv Seccombe

**Sponsors:** Neal's Yard



A front garden designed for a professional, urban couple taking inspiration from their keen interest in biodiversity, combined with their community spirit to transform the space from tarmac into an inspiring paradise for wildlife, with year-round plant interest and alluring details.

To combine stimulation and practicality, features of the garden include wildlife-friendly planting, sculptural bug towers, functional bin and bicycle storage made from sustainable wood and recycled paving. The main feature tree (Crab Apple) is wildlife friendly and the wide plant borders are surrounded by embedded recycled bottles which give flashes of jewelled colour in the sunlight.

### Big Fish Landscapes Garden

**Contractor:** Big Fish Landscapes, Herefordshire

**Designed by:** Cherry Carmen, Cherry Blossom Landscapes

A back garden designed for a middle-aged couple looking to upgrade their garden to match their renovated house. They are enthusiastic nature and art lovers and would like a space that looks like art through their glass sliding doors.

The innovative decking area converts into lounge chairs, a perfect viewing platform. A moss graffiti wall is a natural and wildlife friendly way to introduce art into the garden and to spruce up a plain wall. While architectural log piles attract mammals, bees and insects and a large tree and pergola create a bird friendly canopy and privacy.



## Lanwarne Landscapes Garden

**Contractor:** Lanwarne Landscapes, Hertfordshire

**Designed by:** Martin Lines, Lanwarne Landscapes

**Sponsors:** London Stone, The Garden Trellis Co., Ternex, The Lapa Company, DB Renovations, Urban Planters, The Japan Garden Company, DEAMER Ltd.



A back garden designed for a couple in their early thirties to complement their modern refurbished house and offer a private space for them to relax in after long hours in the city.

The garden includes an outdoor kitchen and fire pit created from granite and stainless steel to give a clean contemporary edge which is balanced by bee and butterfly friendly planting along with pebble fountains to allow insects to drink safely. Low level planting in pink, blue and white colours are complemented by the fencing and pergola and create the illusion of added space.

## Living Gardens 'It's Not Just About The Beard...' Garden

**Contractor:** Living Gardens, Lancashire

**Designed by:** Peter Cowell & Monty Richardson, Living Gardens

A hipster back garden created for a couple who live on the fringes of a city society. With no plans to settle down with children they're looking to change their current concrete yard into an oasis of urban greenery, inspired by the industrial themed local bars and clubs.

The main feature is a floating lounging platform with a bespoke steel wood burner and beanbags, creating space to entertain, party and relax. An outdoor bar made from reclaimed materials, along with place to grow fruit and veg, creates a quirky functional area. The industrial theme is surrounded by rich green foliage with splashes of colour and trees for privacy.



## Pro-Gardens 'CLIC Sargent' Garden

**Contractor:** Pro-Gardens Ltd, Oxfordshire

**Designed by:** Jamie Langlands, Pro-Gardens Ltd

**Supporting Charity:** CLIC Sargent who provide specialist support for young cancer patients and their families.



A fantastical back garden created for a young family - to inspire imagination, adventures and memories with their children.

The predominant feature within the garden is the magical folly located in the rear left, aimed at capturing the childhood memories of adults whilst creating new ones for children. A small enclosed patio and seating area is well hidden behind a curved Carpinus hedge - the perfect place for a quiet moment of reflection or a relaxing drink. An old path lined with fragrant lavender meanders towards the folly, passing colourful herbaceous planting and characterful trees.

**BBC Gardeners' World Live, 15 – 18 June NEC Birmingham.** [www.bbcgardenersworldive.com](http://www.bbcgardenersworldive.com). For more information, interviews or promotions: Sarah Sandys-Renton 020 3405 4286 / [sarah.sandys-renton@riverstreetevents.co.uk](mailto:sarah.sandys-renton@riverstreetevents.co.uk)

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