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# PRESS RELEASE

## GARDENS THAT SHOW JUST HOW IT'S DONE!

**At BBC Gardeners' World Live Special Edition, this August**

The outdoor spaces of the NEC will be transformed from 26 to 29 August into an inspirational space to show visitors how imagination and creativity can transform their gardens. This one-off edited version of the anticipated annual event takes a selection of the favourite outdoor features in a curated Special Edition, and will include 10 gardens and more than 25 Beautiful Borders.

Show Gardens include:



*What Lies Beneath*, a collaboration between **The Association of Professional Landscapers** and multi-award-winning **Professor David Stevens**.

This garden will give a unique eye-level cross-section of the foundations and underlying structures that underpin a great garden, giving visitors a glimpse on what lies beneath...

The walk through garden will give an insight into the important role of landscape companies and the landscaping process that is vital to a gardens' success but often invisible and misunderstood. The garden includes a raised glass-fronted pool, a green living wall, a stunning steel walkway and a paved driveway.

*On Your Bike!* by **Hana Leonard** with **Armstrong Landscapes Ltd**, both from Hertfordshire, is inspired by cycling. The striking artistic vision will bring recycling, upcycling and cycling all together in one place.



Visitors will be able to follow a velodrome racing track to discover colourful planting as well as beautiful forms of the Cog, Sprocket and Chain perennials grown especially for the show.

*The Lilian Prime Garden* by **Darren Purdy, Sue Arthur and Derby College** will offer a thoughtful interpretation of the journey that people who live with Multiple Sclerosis take to finding peace and happiness.



Visitors to the garden will walk alongside a person living with MS, as represented by the figure sculpture in the centre of the design, to a new home provided by the Lilian Prime Trust.

When travelling through the space, visitors will be surrounded by planting that gently flows around three key features of the garden. These include a formal raised bed to represent strength and unity, a soothing water feature depicting life and giving visitors a space to observe and reflect and a bench which allows visitors to relax, breathe and feel at home.

**APL Avenue** plays host to five Show Gardens. All the size of a typical UK back garden, they will take inspiration from quintessentially British themes.



**Earthstone Landscapes Ltd** based in Kent draws on the drama of James Bond with a sleek, modern, sweeping design that focuses on creating a dazzling spot to dine outdoors in true Bond style.

Based around a new build home concept, the garden will be designed to provide a space to relax using quality landscaping products respecting the size of the garden and the budget of a typical young couple.

**Gunns & Roses** from Lincolnshire will be showcasing a design that looks towards the British manufacturing industry to create a brutalist, contemporary space that uses herbaceous borders to soften large concrete blocks. A minimalistic colour palette of greys, whites and greens will be used to create a calming atmosphere in a contemporary space.



**Outdoor Creations** from Kent will take the Great British Allotment to a new level with a garden bursting with tasty treats for humans and pollinators alike. Lush and sumptuous plants surround a furnished terrace providing delicious ingredients throughout the year. Included are fruit trees, salad crops, herbs and edible flowers.

**TAW Garden Landscapes** from Hampshire has been inspired by woodland to create a secluded space with a nod to British drizzle in a dripping moss wall. The garden includes elevation from Silver Birch, Beech and Cherry trees which create privacy as well as a woodland feel.



**Teasels Landscapes** based in Norfolk and Suffolk will bring the British coast to Birmingham with a beach garden including a pebble beach, upturned boat, driftwood and fisherman's hut.



The garden includes three different areas; a dining/lounging area and outdoor kitchen, a sunken chill-out zone, and a seat with fire bowl on the pebble 'beach'. This seat is made of an old upturned boat.

And a special Showcase Garden, *Nature's Resilience*, designed by **Moska Design** from Surrey and **Seedology**, based in Yorkshire, will celebrate the power of plants to heal, calm, awaken the senses, spark imagination and bring joy, with a space jam-packed with plants offering a host of therapeutic properties for the mind, body and soul.



In response to a year of anxiety, the colourful garden will follow a path through a journey of recovery, restoration and inspiration.

An **Allotment Garden** by top of the crops, Terry Porter with the National Allotment Society will inspire visitors with a display that is as bountiful as it is beautiful.



Headline sponsor, **Lexus**, will ask visitors to step inside their 'Lexus Forest Experience' to experience the wonder of Shinrin-Yoku. This Japanese term, meaning 'Forest Bathing', explores how immersion in nature can benefit overall wellbeing by lowering stress levels.

Marshalls pride themselves as the leading hard landscaping provider for domestic gardens and driveways and are proud to have supplied products to all garden displays at BBC Gardeners' World Live. Organisers would also like to thank sponsors Rolawn, as the Show Garden designers and contractors are all able to benefit from their Medallion Turf and their safe, consistent, fertile growing media.

Alongside the inspirational Show Gardens, this year's event will showcase more than 25 Beautiful Borders. These will show how even the most compact areas can be cleverly transformed.





Plenty of expert advice is on hand including top tips from the much-loved presenters Monty Don, Carol Klein and Adam Frost of the BBC2 programme, plus Toby Buckland, on the My Gardeners' World Stage.

Shoppers will find an incredible array of beautiful blooms and perfect plants to browse and buy, from quality nurseries in the Floral Marquee and Plant Village and a brand-new House of Plants feature designed by Samantha Theakston, in the centre of the Floral Marquee, will celebrate the joy of houseplants and how they can bring style to any space.

There will be toe-tapping entertainment at The Bandstand, plus plenty of tasty treats to enjoy in the pop-up BBC Good Food Market.

For more information please visit [bbcgardenersworldlive.com](http://bbcgardenersworldlive.com)

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#### NOTES TO EDITOR

The BBC Gardeners' World Live Special Edition takes place from Thursday 26 – Sunday 29 August 2021 at Birmingham NEC. Adult tickets £20

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