

## Beautiful Borders and Showcase Gardens, 'Down Your Way'

Spring garden and planting inspiration will be in abundance in the Beautiful Borders at the BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair. As part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the BBC, the theme of the 2022 Borders is 'Down Your Way'. As with the popular BBC Radio programme, each design will be infused with the essence of what makes a variety of local areas unique and special. Expect the area to be awash with flair, variety and vibrancy, and of course ideas that can be infused into even the smallest area of the garden.

There will be nine Beautiful Borders at the BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair, a selection of which are:

### Sparsholt College Garden Design Diploma Cohort – Maggie's Way

Maggie's Way is inspired by the architecture of Maggie's Southampton Centre. Radiating walls centre on an oasis of calm, representing the support given by Maggie's in the turbulence of a cancer diagnosis and treatment. The Border will use plants grown in Hampshire's chalk downs and the heaths of the New Forest.



### Heather Stevens – Coastal Cottage

This Border is inspired by the New Forest and what it has to offer, right on the doorstep. The Coastal Cottage encompasses a gentle seaside planting scheme blended with a cottage garden feel as a nod to the eclectic properties and gardens the region has to offer.



### Damien Michel – Victorian Garden Follie

This Border is inspired by The Crystal Palace, an exhibition of exotic and strange plants from around the world to portray nature's wonders and give visitors inspiration for their gardens. The Border will display a small pond alike the one from The Crystal Palace, as well as some planters to represent the Doulton of Lambeth Pottery from the same place (Lambeth).



### Christine Mulinder – Elementary My Dear Watson

This Border is inspired by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of Sherlock Holmes. The Border incorporates Sherlock Holmes memorabilia such as an over-sized magnifying glass, which magnifies the beauty of the plants. The overhanging trees represent Undershaw and the plants will be mostly dark and mysterious with pops of colour to represent 'clues'.



### Aaron Marubbi – Ogwen Valley: Snowdonia

This Border is a celebration of the designer’s home, the Ogwen Valley, Snowdonia. It incorporates two main elements of the valley landscape; slate crawiau and a slate ribbon that represents the flowing river Ogwen itself. Planting will be naturalistic and representative of the local heath/woodland edge habitats.



In addition, the Fair features a collection of Showcase Gardens including:

### Longstock Park Landscapes – The Longstock Way

This design is inspired by 44-mile long footpath The Test Way, which follows a disused railway line along the river Test and passes through the Leckford Estate. Sustainability and putting nature first are focus points, with reclaimed materials from the old railway line and areas including a wildflower meadow and pond to attract wildlife and insects to the garden.



### Jon Wheatley – The Working Garden

Our outside spaces are becoming increasingly versatile. Master grower, Jon Wheatley, presents a working garden at the BBC Gardeners’ World Spring Fair complete with shepherd’s hut style home-office surrounded by an enviable kitchen garden overflowing with home-grown produce.

### Beautiful Borders at BBC Gardeners’ World Spring Fair 2022:

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| <i>Christine Mulinder</i>                          | Elementary My Dear Watson          |
| Sparsholt College Garden Design Diploma Cohort     | Maggie’s Way                       |
| Wild Thyme Gardens                                 | Peacock Paradise Garden            |
| <i>Ann Stow</i>                                    | A Sense of Place                   |
| <i>Heather Stevens</i>                             | Coastal Cottage                    |
| <i>Rachel Foster of Fairweathers Garden Centre</i> | May Day morning in Patrick’s Patch |
| <i>Damien Michel</i>                               | Victorian Garden Follie            |
| <i>Aaron Marubbi</i>                               | Ogwen Valley - Snowdonia           |
| <i>ALFI Committee</i>                              | What’s it all about ALFI?          |

### Showcase Gardens at BBC Gardeners’ World Spring Fair 2022:

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| <i>Longstock Estate Landscapes</i> | The Longstock Way  |
| <i>Aura Landscapes</i>             | Title TBC          |
| <i>Jon Wheatley</i>                | The Working Garden |
| <i>Hope Street</i>                 | Title TBC          |

### Floral Features at BBC Gardeners’ World Spring Fair 2022:

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| <i>Lexus</i>    | Vertical Garden            |
| <i>NAFAS</i>    | Floral Workshops           |
| <i>Beaulieu</i> | 1928 Austin Twelve Clifton |

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