

The Show Gardens

The Show Gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live are known for their inspirational design and planting whilst being relatable and packed with practical ideas that visitors can recreate in their own gardens. Visitors will enjoy the feature gardens, APL Avenue, Show Gardens, Showcase Gardens and Beautiful Borders in a relaxed and engaging atmosphere with picnics, bandstand entertainment and magic moments around every corner.

Frances' Garden, by Frances Tophill

BBC Gardeners' World presenter Frances Tophill takes the reins of the headline Show Garden in the year that marks the 100-year anniversary of the BBC.



With sustainability at the heart of the design, Frances' Garden is structurally inspired by the Bauhaus era of the 1920s, when the BBC was formed, juxtaposed with

naturalistic planting, lush greenery and rewilded areas to support wildlife. The garden will illustrate the beauty that can ensue as nature is allowed to take its course. Visitors will see how plants can intertwine with a stylised landscape, increasing opportunities for biodiversity and sustainability in our built-up spaces.

Frances says *"I'm tremendously excited to be creating my first Show Garden at BBC Gardeners' World Live, especially in the 100th anniversary year of the BBC"*. Frances continues *"The garden design shows how plants and wildlife can soften even the most industrial of spaces - the boundaries between manmade and the living world blurs as natural forces are allowed back in, to take charge. I hope that visitors come away from the garden with a lasting impression of the wonders of what nature can do given the chance to recover"*.

The Living Landscapes 'A Nostalgic Experience', designed by The Garden Design Co. With Michael Wheat Group

A large garden space with ample room to explore, this design is a destination within a greater landscape blending a controlled and ornamental setting into a naturalised and rugged environment seamlessly. Designed with the whole family in mind, this space will bring out the inner child with its playful features – pond dipping, stepping stones, a rope swing over the natural swimming pond and pond dipping for tadpoles.



The Marshalls Sustainability Garden

Showcasing their quality, British-made products, this walk-through design will encourage visitors to consider the climate impact of what is chosen and used in the garden. The design features a Corten-steel '100' in a nod to the BBC100 anniversary theme that the Show is celebrating in 2022. The garden will be packed with take-home ideas, plus pollinator-rich planting, a water feature, insect log pile and an invertebrate shelter.



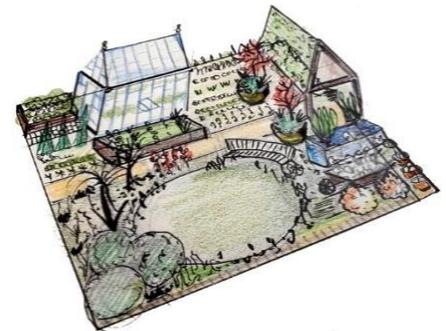
Garden Organic's Small Space Big Ideas garden

Designed by the charity's gardens team alongside Chris Collins, Head of Organic Horticulture and former Blue Peter gardener, Garden Organic's 'Small Space – Big Ideas' garden will show how a productive and biodiverse organic oasis is accessible to all growers, regardless of the size of their growing area. Everything within the garden will be recycled, homemade or sustainably sourced, teeming with inspiration.



Marshalls Garden: Food for Thought

Grow your own continues to be ever popular and the question is always asked about the best varieties to grow and the key aspects of growing. Marshalls Garden: Food for Thought will include expertly grown vegetables which are available for all gardeners to grow, and advice will be available on the garden to answer questions.



Metamorphosis, by Derby College and Rachel Pratt

"If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies" (unknown). The Metamorphosis Garden is designed to mark change – both the transition of the MS Society into The Neurological Centre and the change taking place within humans, technology and nature.



A Garden of Hopes & Dreams, Arthur's Garden, designed by Bill Butterworth

This superhero garden is dedicated to the life of six-year-old Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, and his love of Birmingham City Football Club. The Club colours, blue and white, are incorporated throughout the garden and the space is shielded with canopies of birch and fig trees to give a sense of protection to those who enter. The garden will be relocated in a permanent place at the Club, so it can be used and enjoyed by the many visitors to the football ground.



APL Avenue Show Gardens

The Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) return with the much-anticipated Show Garden competition, **APL Avenue** where APL contractors display inspirational, aspirational and relatable gardens. Themed 'Work, Rest and Play in a Sustainable Way', the gardens will give visitors a chance to witness what variety, quality, creativity and interpretation of a brief can be achieved in a small space when engaging the skills of a professional landscaper.

Gordius, designed by Anna Pawlowska

Designed for a professional family with teenagers, this garden is designed for recreational and social purposes whilst incorporating a love of nature represented through plants, features for wildlife and responsibility to the environment through the use of reclaimed materials. Small trees are used as efficient yet subtle barriers between the neighbouring gardens for a sense of privacy.



Big Fish Landscapes 'Memories of Mountains – a Garden Retreat', designed by Jonathan King

Influenced by the tranquil and spiritual mountain retreats in the regions of China's Zhejiang Province, this garden brings a sense of calm to an urban terrace. A paved area can be used for seating, yoga or meditation surrounded by stone lined rainwater pools. Feature trees and clipped hedging gives a feeling of enclosure and solace.



Landscapes of Distinction 'Vitamin G; Nurturing Through Nature'

The garden is about work/life balance - working at home, wellness, self-care and blurring the lines between the inside and out for a seamless and natural transition between home and garden. The garden-office features a sedum roof, a small living wall and will be filled with house plants. Large doors open onto an outdoor dining area, ideal for relaxing and socialising after a busy day, even with a refreshing plunge pool.



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