

PRESS RELEASE: April 2022



The Countdown is on to the BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair at Beaulieu, 29 April – 1 May

- BBC Gardeners' World Magazine Stage featuring Adam Frost, Frances Tophill and Joe Swift
- Inspiring Showcase Gardens and Beautiful Borders with a 'Down Your Way' theme
- Hillier Experience with walk-through garden feature, 1-to-1 advice and retail shop
- Plants and gardening kit to buy, BBC Good Food Market, street food and entertainment

Spring has sprung and, following a sell-out event in 2021, the BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair returns to Beaulieu in Hampshire from 29 April to 1 May with a glorious gardening day out. Visitors can expect a feast of plants and flowers, garden inspiration, expert advice and shopping all set in the stunning grounds of Beaulieu with tickets including entry to Palace House and the National Motor Museum.

Bringing the magazine pages to life, editors of **BBC Gardeners' World Magazine** take to the stage, along with BBC2 *Gardeners' World* presenters **Adam Frost** (Fri), **Joe Swift** (Sat) and **Frances Tophill** (Sun), with seasonal tips to help visitors get the most out of their Spring gardens, wildlife, sustainability and planting choices. Stage sponsor Regent Seven Seas Cruises host daily **Plants of The World** sessions hosted by Gardeners' Question Time regular **Matt Biggs**, and 'In Conversation' style talks take place with the TV presenters in Beaulieu's renowned Victorian Walled Gardens, a totally unique experience.

Visitors will be able to glean a wealth of ideas from the garden features, including headline sponsor **Hillier Nurseries'** impressive design that will contrast a contemporary side with a focus on outdoor entertaining,

with a traditional cottage garden with vibrant border and Gertrude Jekyll inspired planting. As part of the **Hillier Experience**, experts will be on hand to offer 1-to-1 advice and visitors will be able to buy plants seen in the display from the Hillier shop, including some of their newest launches. The inspiration keeps flowing with a collection of Beautiful Borders and Showcase Gardens, many influenced by Hampshire and surrounding areas.

With a head full of ideas, visitors will be able to shop for a wide range of plants from up to 30 nurseries and specialist growers. Popular nurseries return to the Show including **Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants** and **New Forest Hostas**, along with a range of new exhibitors such as **Hampshire Carnivorous Plants**, **Pheasant Acre Plants** and lily specialist **H.W. Hyde**. Visitors will also be able to shop for a range of gardening kit and accessories including **Stihl** tools, **Brightstar Fires** and **Pepe Garden Furniture** and enjoy their day bag-free by taking advantage of the **Plant Crèche** supported by charity Maggie's Southampton and new shuttle bus.

Heading into the **BBC Good Food Market** for artisan food, drink and street food will be a temptation! Three alfresco bars will sit alongside the **Bandstand** where visitors can enjoy the dulcet tones of **The Estrellas** and jazz singer **Chris Weeks**, with BBC TV presenter **Chris Bavin** as compere. Plus, Bandstand sponsor Gordon's will be sampling their latest Tropical Passionfruit Gin amidst the lively music from the **Sunny Steel Band**.

Visitors will be able to drop in at **flower-crown making workshops** run by the local NAFAS group, meet the **Woodland Trust** team giving out free trees and advice, experience the **Shinrin-yoku Green Wall** by automotive sponsor Lexus, and be wowed by the National Motor Museum's planted up 1928 Austin Twelve Clifton as part of their **50th anniversary celebrations**.

For tickets and further information please visit **bbcgardenersworldfair.com**

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Press accreditation is open. To apply for a pass and for more information on the show, [please click here](#)

About the **BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair**, Beaulieu, Hampshire S042 7ZN:

Friday 29 April	9.30am – 5pm
Saturday 30 April	9.30am – 5pm
Sunday 1 May	9.30am – 5pm (sell off starts at 3pm)

Book tickets: **bbcgardenersworldfair.com**.

1.30pm entry tickets *exclude* access to Beaulieu's motoring attractions and monorail.

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Beautiful Borders:

Christine Mulinder
Sparsholt College Garden Design Diploma Cohort
Wild Thyme Gardens
Ann Stow
Heather Stevens
Rachel Foster of Fairweather's Garden Centre
Damien Michel
Aaron Marubbi
ALFI Committee

Elementary My Dear Watson
Maggie's Way
Peacock Paradise Garden
A Sense of Place
Coastal Cottage
May Day morning in Patrick's Patch
Victorian Garden Follie
Ogwen Valley - Snowdonia
What's it all about ALFI?

Showcase Gardens:

Longstock Estate Landscapes
Aura Landscapes
Jon Wheatley
Hope Street

The Longstock Way
Out with the New, in with the Old
The Working Garden
Hope Street Garden

Floral Features:

Lexus
NAFAS
Beaulieu
Agrumi

Vertical Garden
Floral Crown making Workshops
1928 Austin Twelve Clifton
Title tbc

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