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## Talent shines at BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair 2022

BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair is a fantastic three-day gardening extravaganza set at the beautiful Beaulieu, home of Palace House and the National Motor Museum, in Hampshire and the organisers are delighted to announce the awards.

Landscape designer and consultant **Paul Stone**, landscape architect **Ruth Gwynn** and garden designer **Cherry Carmen** assessed the Showcase Garden and Beautiful Borders, with Plant Experts **Lucy Chamberlain** and **Saul Walker** leading the Floral Assessment.

The accolade of Best Showcase Garden was awarded to **Longstock Park Landscapes and The Waitrose Farm** with 'The Longstock Way'. Designer and Landscaper **Shaun Beale** said "It is wonderful that we have been able to present this garden to visitors at the Spring Fair who have been really inspired by our ethos of putting nature first. As a team, we are extremely thoughtful how garden design and build can improve, encourage and support nature. From sustainable materials, minimal wastage and recycling to planting that considers wildlife through every month of the year with food and shelter."

Best Beautiful Border and a Platinum Award went to **Aaron Marubbi** from North Wales for his inspiring design 'Ogwen Valley - Snowdonia'. **Aaron** said, "as a landscape designer, I am thrilled at this recognition and, as a proud north Walian, I am so pleased to have been able to showcase the beauty of our landscape to a wide

audience. Nothing gives a designer more joy than seeing people engaging with their creations, and I was very happy at how visitors were responding to the border on the showground.”

Award-winning landscaper and chair of the Garden Assessment panel, **Paul Stone**, said: “It has been an absolute pleasure to assess the gardens at this second ever BBC Gardeners’ World Spring Fair. The quality here is high and it is exciting to see both new designers taking their first steps into the arena of show garden design as well as established designers and landscapers showing their skills and flair to an audience of keen gardeners. I have had a great day!”

Of the Best Showcase Garden, **Paul** said, “with The Longstock Way Showcase Garden, Shaun Beale and Longstock Park Landscapes have demonstrated their quality design and landscaping skills, as well plantsmanship and an unerring attention to sustainability in the garden. Shaun is clearly passionate about plants, as the garden includes inspiring combinations. I know that visitors will take away plenty of ideas from this garden.”

**Paul** continued, “the assessors and I felt that Aaron’s Border was outstanding and well-deserving of ‘Best Beautiful Border’. His representation of a Snowdonia cawiau slate fence made for a dramatic scene with a well thought through planting scheme that really hit the mark. The Beautiful Borders brief was to take inspiration from ‘Down Your Way’ and Aaron brought this to life with flair and style.”

**Lucy Chamberlain**, garden writer and head gardener in Essex, said “the floral assessment was tricky as the quality was very high, and I am delighted that Green Jjam were the ultimate winners. The public are always in for a treat coming to this Spring Fair, with lots of variety to explore for their gardens.”

## **Beautiful Borders**

### PLATINUM:

- BEST BORDER: Ogwen Valley - Snowdonia by Aaron Marubbi
- Maggie’s Way by Sparsholt College for Maggie’s in Southampton

### GOLD:

- A Sense of Place by Ann Stow
- May Day Morning in Patrick’s Patch by Fairweather’s Nursery from Beaulieu, Hampshire

### SILVER MERIT:

- Coastal Cottage by Heather Stevens from Christchurch, Dorset
- Peacock Paradise by Becky Sibley, Wild Thyme Deigns from Corsham, Wiltshire
- Victorian Folly by Damien Michel from London

### SILVER:

- Elementary My Dear Watson by Christine Mulinder from Hindhead, Surrey
- Jermyn's House by Sir Harrold Hillier Gardens, Hampshire
- What's it All About ALFI? By ALFI Committee from Alton, Hampshire

### Showcase Gardens

#### SILVER MERIT:

- BEST SHOWCASE GARDEN: The Longstock Way by Shaun Beale and Longstock Park Landscapes from Hampshire
- Over The Garden Gate by Aura Landscapes from Southampton, and the Association of Professional Landscapers
- The Working Garden by Jon Wheatley and Terry Porter from Bristol

#### SILVER:

- Hope Street Gardens by Martin Royer Garden Design and Tim Bembridge TAB Landscapes from Chandlers Ford, Hampshire

### Floral Awards

- BEST FLORAL DISPLAY: Green Jjam from Upon-on-Severn, Worcester
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heucheraholics from Hampshire
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ice Alpines from Bewdley

Headline Spring Fair sponsor **Hillier Nurseries** presented a stunning garden feature, a firm visitor favourite. The design represented a contemporary garden design with a focus on outdoor living contrasted with a traditional herbaceous border, as well as ideas for encouraging wildlife in the garden.

The Fair featured *BBC Gardeners' World* experts Adam Frost, Joe Swift and Frances Tophill with the Magazine editors on the BBC Gardeners' World Magazine Stage sponsored Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Plant Expert tours, grow-your-own tips from the National Vegetable Society, plants to buy from a great selection of nurseries and shopping from gardening exhibitors. Visitors can also enjoy a BBC Good Food Market, toe-tapping entertainment on the Gordon's Bandstand and delicious street food.

Next year's BBC Gardeners' World Spring Fair will take place from 28 to 30 April 2023.

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

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### Beautiful Borders:

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Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

Elementary My Dear Watson  
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Coastal Cottage  
May Day morning in Patrick's Patch  
Victorian Garden Follie  
Ogwen Valley - Snowdonia  
What's it all about ALFI?  
The Rhododendron Border

### Showcase Gardens:

Longstock Estate Landscapes  
Aura Landscapes  
Jon Wheatley  
Martin Royer Garden Design & Tim Bembridge TAB Landscapes

The Longstock Way  
Over the Garden Gate  
The Working Garden  
The Hope Street Garden

### Floral Features:

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