

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 Show Gardens, feature gardens, APL Avenue, Showcase Gardens and Beautiful Borders in a relaxed and engaging atmosphere with picnics, bandstand entertainment and magic moments around every corner.

A Garden Fit for a King, by Paul Stone

In this year of the Coronation, this stunning take on gardening for the future will celebrate The HRH King Charles III's passion for gardening and his concern for the environment. This beautiful manifestation of the King's ideology is inspired by the ecosystem of the Highgrove Arboretum, incorporating a natural wildflower carpet interspersed with the King's favourite trees, Magnolia, Beech, Acer and Cherry.



Visitors will be inspired by sustainable initiatives that the King has integrated into the renowned gardens at Highgrove and to recreate aspects to create their own ecosystem at home. There will be many recognisable hints of Highgrove, plus an atmospheric Bothy cottage made from natural building materials, which visitors will be able to meander through as part of the garden experience.

The Liz Earle Beauty Co's Botanical Show Garden, by Lucy Bravington

The skincare brand is based on the Isle of Wight and uses the stunning landscapes and varied flora and fauna of the island as inspiration in everything they do – and this island heritage is infused into this inspirational Show Garden. Perennial plants have been chosen to showcase the botanical ingredients inside their products including eucalyptus and lavenders. The garden's focal point is a sculpture representing balance, beauty, and their coastal home. Liz Earle's ethnobotanist James Wong will make daily appearances on the garden, to share insight into the power of the plants found within the garden.

Newson Health Menopause Garden by Ruth Gwynn

The Newson Health Menopause Garden is designed as a safe, tranquil space evoking the feelings of community through the use of campfires, cooking food and growing fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Visitors to the garden will feel empowered to start conversations surrounding their health, to discover the nutritional and physical power that plants can have on mental health and wellbeing, and get an opportunity to explore Newson Health's ethos of inclusive and accessible perimenopause and menopause support to everyone.

The Secret Homestead, by Lucy Hutchings (@SheGrowsVeg)

A black and white palette, accented with vivid coral and pink, sets this garden apart from conventional kitchen gardens. Drifts of flowers and sculptural foliage are all edible, alongside vegetables including flowering kale and gothic tone tomatoes. As the plants are dual-purpose, so too are the decorative elements including sculptures that double as insect habitats and mushroom gardens. An integrated talks area, hosted by Lucy, features influencers with tips and advice for successful growing.



Garden Organic Backyard Biodiversity Garden, by Emma O'Neill

This Show Garden brings together biodiversity-boosting elements and ideas to help gardeners welcome more wildlife. “We all need to start developing biodiverse, sustainable gardens that can weather climate change – and work with nature and not against it,” says Emma. “Our design shows that with small steps and little cost, gardeners can make changes that will encourage more life into their gardens.”



The Fontana Garden, by Kim Parish Landscapes of Distinction

A homage to 92-year-old Derek Bishop, who has designed and constructed a magnificent 14-acre garden in Southeast Cornwall, this Show Garden celebrates and reflects upon the diversity of planting opportunities within Cornwall. After the Show, the garden will be relocated to Cornwall Hospice Care, who provide specialist care for end-of-life patients, providing a resource for patients, their families and staff at a very difficult time.



Restoration Garden, by Derby College

The show garden celebrates the transformation of Derbyshire’s Wingfield station from a forgotten and derelict Victorian treasure into what will become a faithfully restored unique historic building. The garden will encapsulate the restoration by showing the dereliction and naturalistic planting, ‘before’, with a structured and contemporary area representing the completed restoration, ‘after’.

Where there’s a Willow..., by Cathy Perry

Where there’s a Will(ow) there’s a way to have a garden that’s truly alive, where we can live in harmony with nature and with ourselves. This garden contrasts naturalistic planting and a dash of rewilding, with cultivated and edible plants. Natural materials and upcycling form the structure of the garden. After the Show, the plants will go to the Hospice Partnership (Birmingham St Mary’s and John Taylor hospices) where they can bring joy to patients, families, and staff.



APL Avenue Show Gardens

The Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) return with the **APL Avenue** Show Garden competition, where APL contractors display inspirational, aspirational and relatable gardens. Themed '**Take me Home**', 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.

SubAqua, by Fenton Gardens

This garden is designed to be quirky within the confines of practicality. Water brings tranquillity to a garden and benefits wildlife and this garden features a rill to connect the garden from front to back, along with the calming sounds of a waterfall. A seating area is suspended over a pond giving the spaces a dual purpose for humans and wildlife. The species rich lawn also allows us to have our cake whilst nature has a bite too.



The Chic Garden Getaway, by New Look Landscapes & Katerina Kantalis Garden design

Step into a space that'll make you feel as if you're on holiday, but in fact is an 8m x 9m back garden that packs a punch! Beautiful planting borders a quiet zone to relax with a glass of wine and a book, sitting in an egg chair, admiring the garden. As well as being an elegant space to sit, this is also a garden to sow, grow, cook and eat in. Nature is a key player, with a birdhouse and a still water feature for birds and insects to be attracted to.



Take Me Home: The Beauty in Small Places, by TJ Kennedy & Kerianne Fitzpatrick

A creative and imaginative Show Garden that offers three styles, connected in their design and visual language. The design offers take-home inspiration for every visitor, whether they have a courtyard or balcony, a front or back garden. Carefully placed openings provide multiple viewpoints, enticing visitors to visually explore the garden from all angles. A garden that responds to a changing climate, plants are encouraged to root strongly by using a gravel substrate, buffering them from temperature extremes.



Path to Renewal, by The 3D Gardener

This Garden is a fusion of Berlin and Duisberg steel works influences. It features a harmonious blend of clean lines with industrial charm through the use of reclaimed materials. The palette is dominated by rusty hues, with pops of vibrant orange, purple and pinks through the planting and the materials themselves. The garden will challenge visitor's perspectives on materials and inspire them to see the potential for reuse and repurposing. The garden provides a visually stunning backdrop for the plants, as well as being a wildlife habitat and a source of personal fulfilment from giving items a new life.



Warwickshire Wildlife Trust collaboration with Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust

In Autumn 2022, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, in collaboration with Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust, launched a Wildlife Garden Design competition with the aim of making space for nature and increasing biodiversity. Selected competition winners will feature as showcase gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live, after which they will be rebuilt in their permanent homes at flagship Warwickshire Wildlife Trust locations. The gardens will inspire people to make space for nature in their own gardens, window boxes and community spaces, ensuring everyone can play a part in nature's recovery. See winner gardens designed by Vicky Lincoln (top right) and Green Earth Designs (bottom right).



Vicky Lincoln



Green Earth Designs

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