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## **Sue Kent's headline Beautiful Border to fly the flag for Wales at BBC Gardeners' World Live in June**

Swansea-based BBC Gardeners' World presenter and award-winning garden designer, Sue Kent, will unveil a stunning headline Beautiful Border at BBC Gardeners' World Live at the NEC Birmingham next month.

The BBC TV presenter's border will encapsulate three of her great loves; colour, scent and painting, with a pink floral colour palette and scented blooms. Roses, perennials, annuals and textural grasses will feature and there will be a space for making art.

Much loved at BBC Gardeners' World Events, the Beautiful Borders competition is designed to offer inspiration for small gardens and challenging spaces. At just 9m<sup>2</sup>, the small-space show gardens are packed with creative planting and design features. This year's Beautiful Borders theme is 'My Garden Escape'.

Sue Kent first hit TV screens in June 2020 as an amateur gardener when she featured on BBC Gardeners' World, talking about the beautiful garden she has created at home in Swansea over the last 30 years.

Sue's upper body limb disability makes some gardening tasks challenging and she discussed adaptations she has made to make the most of her garden, like using her feet for weeding and planting. Sue's home video proved such a hit that she is now a regular presenter on BBC Gardeners' World. From her own lived experience and through her passion for gardening, she is keen to show how gardening can be accessible to people with physical limitations and to encourage others to have a go.

**Sue Kent says:** "Pink is my favourite colour, scented flowers are my joy, and painting flowers is my escape. Colour affects our energies and emotions. By keeping to one colour in all its shades, I am creating a space for visitors to absorb and assess how that colour makes them feel. Pink always makes me very happy so if they're looking for pink plants for a mixed border, my Border will be packed full of inspiring flower form, colour and scent."

**Rachel Poletti-Gadd, Portfolio Director - Gardening Division at Immediate Live, organisers of BBC Gardeners' World Live, said:** "Visitors flock to see the Beautiful Borders because they are literally bursting with creative, inspiring ideas than can be achieved at home. The Borders show that gardens don't have to be large, costly or complicated to be full of colour and character, and that even the most challenging spaces, like a shady spot or a tricky corner, can be transformed with some imaginative design. We can't wait to see Sue Kent's Garden Escape in situ at BBC Gardeners' World Live next month."

BBC Gardeners' World Live is a four-day extravaganza of garden inspiration, achievable take-home ideas and wonderful plants. Visitors can enjoy impressive Show Gardens, Beautiful Borders, competition gardens, and displays by specialist plant growers and nurseries in the Floral Marquee. The crème de la crème of gardening experts will be on stage at the BBC Gardeners' World Live Theatre, with Monty Don, Adam Frost, Carol Klein, Frances Tophill and Alan Titchmarsh in conversation with Nicki Chapman, and sharing practical advice with the BBC *Gardeners' World* Magazine editors.

There are plant and garden shopping opportunities galore, garden kit tips at the Tool Shed demonstration area, and one-to-one gardening advice from plant experts and specialists at the Let's Talk Plants Stage. New for 2023 is Hot Off the Potting Bench, a feature display of new plants and varieties, all vying to win the new Peter Seabrook Award for Best New Plant at BBC Gardeners' World Live. At the House Plant Hub, indoor gardening experts, Ellen Mary, Joe Bagley and friends will be sharing their secrets for happy, healthy house plants.

Tickets for BBC Gardeners' World Live at the NEC Birmingham (15-18 June) are on sale now at [www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com](http://www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com), transaction fee applies. Tickets include entry to the BBC Good Food Show Summer which features demonstrations, workshops and interviews with culinary stars including

James Martin, Nadiya Hussain, Michel Roux and Ainsley Harriott, plus street food, and delicious food and drink to taste and buy.

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**BBC Gardeners' World Live, 15 – 18 June NEC Birmingham** | [bbcgardenersworldlive.com](http://bbcgardenersworldlive.com). Event contact:

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