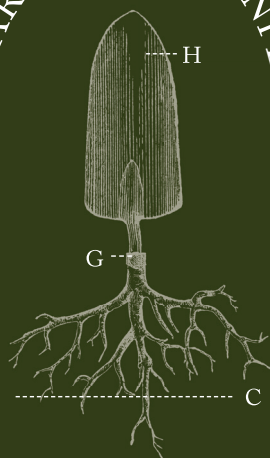


HEAD GARDENER'S CONFERENCE



2026

Rosa arvensis (a)
Field Rose

A vigorous, thorny, rambling shrub with long arching or scrambling purple stems and slightly fragrant, single creamy-white flowers.



Ilex aquifolium (b)
Common Holly

A species of flowering plant in the family Aquifoliaceae, native to western and southern Europe, north-west Africa and south-west Asia.



Viburnum opulus (c)
The Guelder Rose

A vigorous, bushy, deciduous shrub to 5m. An Old World species of flowering plant in the family Viburnaceae.



Ruscus aculeatus (d)
Butcher's-broom

A bushy sub-shrub to 75cm, with glossy lance-shaped cladophylls flowering in spring.



Taxus baccata (e)
Common Yew

A medium-sized bushy evergreen tree with narrow, leathery, very dark green leaves arranged in two rows on the shoot.



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Rhododendron (f)
Rhododendron

A very large genus of about 1,024 species of woody plants in the heath family. Grown for their spectacular flowers, usually borne in spring.





UNDER *the* CANOPY

The Future of Shrubs in British Landscapes

This year we turn to shrubs. Trees and herbaceous planting tend to dominate the conversation, yet shrubs provide much of the structure, character and biodiversity that hold a garden together. They are versatile, cost-effective, long-lived and easy to maintain. Trees are the majestic element of the landscape and perennials the carpet beneath our feet; shrubs sit between the two, at our own scale, furnishing the space beneath the canopy.

After the hottest summer and the driest July on record, there has never been a better time to look beyond the usual suspects and diversify. Planting that coped comfortably a decade ago is now under real strain. We need a wider, tougher palette.

Across two days, delegates will hear from practitioners, designers, growers and gardeners on shrub selection and design, pruning, training, topiary, hedges, biodiversity and climate resilience. The emphasis throughout is practical knowledge to take back and pass on to the gardeners you work with.

We'll also zero in on what has failed this year and what we should be focusing on going forward, including underused species and alternatives to box. Things will wrap up with a collaborative discussion on the best shrubs for the future.

Looking ahead to spring, our **Great Garden Show** is back for the second year running from **8 – 16 May** and we would love to invite you to be a part of it. We hope you can join us to speak, lead a tour or demonstrate your skills, so get in touch to share your ideas.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Newt.

Harry Baldwin
Head Gardener, The Newt in Somerset

Itinerary Day 1

7 October

- 8.30 Tea & coffee in the Story of Gardening
- 9.15 Introduction *Andrew Foulkes*
- 9.20 Introduction *Harry Baldwin & Arit Anderson*
- 9.30 Talk Learning to Love our Shrubberies
Matthew Pottage
- 9.50 Talk Gimme Shelter
Alasdair Moore
- 10.10 Talk Modern Ways with Historic Hedges: A Head Gardener's Perspective on Managing Topiary at Scale *Matthew Murgatroyd*
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Matthew Murgatroyd
- 4.05 Workshop 2
Cloud Pruning
Jake Hobson
- 4.40 Topiary Competition
- 5.15 Photo Moment
- 5.25 Wander
- 6.00 Drinks
- 6.40 Dinner

Itinerary Day 2

8 October

- 8.30 Welcome *Arit Anderson*
- 8.35 Wake & Shake *Garden Team*
- 8.45 Workshop 1 The Creative Pruning of Trees and Shrubs
Nick Dunn
- 9.20 Workshop 2 Hand or Machine?
Scott Struthers
- 9.55 Refreshment break
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The Long View from Longmeadow
- 3.30 Tours

GUEST SPEAKERS



Arit Anderson – Moderator

Arit Anderson is a garden and landscape designer, writer, podcaster and TV presenter. She spent 25 years working in fashion retail and creative events, before diversifying into horticulture. Arit studied garden design at Capel Manor College and has delivered award-winning show gardens at RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court. Her design ethos for private and commercial clients centres on simplicity and environmental sensitivity, with climate change and the environment at the heart of her work.

Arit is a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute, Trustee for the National Garden Scheme, RHS Ambassador for the Environment and Community, and co-founder of the Sustainable Landscape Foundation. Working as a presenter for Gardener's World and writing for national publications has enabled Arit to publicise issues about the future of gardening in an ever-changing climate and promote solutions to the wider public.



Harry Baldwin

Head Gardener at The Newt in Somerset

Harry began his career with a Horticultural Degree at Writtle College in Essex, before joining the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, where his passion for trees and shrubs first began. He went on to complete the Kew Diploma in Horticulture at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, where he specialised in botanical horticulture before becoming the Dendrologist of the Arboretum. During his time at Kew, he travelled extensively to undertake field studies on trees, publish research, and complete the IUCN Red List Assessment on Nothofagaceae. In 2023, he co-authored The Kew Temperate Plant Families Identification Handbook.

After six years at Kew, Harry was appointed Head of Horticulture at Borde Hill Garden, where he combined practical horticulture with the curation and development of a nationally significant historic plant collection. He now serves as Head Gardener at The Newt in Somerset, where he continues to apply his knowledge of trees, plant collections, and innovative horticultural practices to one of the country's most dynamic and forward-looking gardens and landscapes.

In recognition of his contribution to the practice, science, and promotion of horticulture, Harry was awarded the RHS Roy Lancaster Award in 2020. He now serves as a member of the RHS Woody Expert Group and sits on the Board of Trustees as an advisor for Sculpture by the Lakes Botanic Garden.



Monty Don – O.B.E.

Garden writer and broadcaster

Monty Don O.B.E. is the UK's leading garden writer and broadcaster. He has been making television programmes for over twenty years on a range of topics, spanning travel, craft, outdoor living and, principally, gardening. He has been lead presenter of the BBC's Gardener's World since 2003 and since 2011 the programme has come from his own garden, Longmeadow, in Herefordshire.

Interview – ‘The Long View from Longmeadow’



Matthew Pottage

Head of Landscape Strategy and Gardens at The Royal Parks

Matthew is the Head of Horticulture and Landscape Strategy for The Royal Parks in London, and former Curator of RHS Garden Wisley. He authored his first book, 'How To Garden When you Rent' in 2022, and is a regular panellist on BBC Radio 4's Gardeners Question Time. He is a trustee for Fulham Palace and the Chelsea Physic Garden and is part of the RHS Woody Plant Expert Group. In his free time, when not gardening or travelling, he shares his horticultural musings on The Garden Collective.

Talk – ‘Learning to Love our Shrubberies’

For years, the rise of grasses and perennials has dominated our magazines and gardens, while shrubs have been boiled down to clipped structure and coloured winter stems. Old shrubberies that persist from 1980s trends still haunt us with spotted laurel, bristly mahonia and suckering snowberry. However, there is more to shrubbery than this. Shrubs offer so much beyond backdrop screening, contributing to a layered garden landscape that delivers on both habitat and aesthetic.

Talk – ‘Thinking Outside the Box’

Matthew Pottage was Curator of RHS Wisley for almost a decade where he removed all the box hedging from the RHS flagship garden. Unhappy with the performance of Ilex crenata which was mooted as the 'new box' he started the 'alternatives to box' display parterre. Hear his observations on the winners and the losers.



Alasdair Moore

Head of Estate and Gardens, Tresco Abbey Gardens

Alasdair Moore is Head of Estate & Gardens on Tresco, Isles of Scilly. Alasdair first became interested in plants while working on an organic farm in North Yorkshire in the late 1980s and his first horticultural job was as an assistant-gardener at Queen's Park in London. Prior to returning to Tresco last year, Alasdair has variously been Head of Gardens and Estate at the Lost Gardens of Heligan in Cornwall, Horticultural Manager at the Duchy of Cornwall Nursery and Assistant Head Gardener at Tresco Abbey Gardens.

Talk – ‘Gimme Shelter’

Alasdair's talk explores the repercussions of Storm Goretta at Tresco and the loss of hundreds of trees there by way of an introduction to the world of island shelterbelts and hedging. Creating shelter has always been part of the gardener's craft but, with our changing weather patterns, it's an area that may be a defining feature of more gardens in the twenty-first century.



Jake Hobson

Founder, Niwaki and Garden Designer

Jake Hobson is the founder of Niwaki, author, and pruning specialist. After studying sculpture in London, he spent time training at a traditional nursery in rural Osaka, where he developed a fascination with Japanese pruning, tools and garden making. He founded Niwaki to introduce Japanese craftsmanship to gardeners beyond Japan, and continues to travel there regularly, researching and writing about Japanese gardens while working closely with gardeners, nurseries, and blacksmiths.

Talk – ‘Creative Pruning’

Jake is fascinated by how pruning can transform a garden, creating a sense of landscape, place, and identity. He covers plant selection and techniques such as simple clipping and crown-lifting, as well as Japanese inspired cloud pruning: what he calls 'organic topiary'.

Workshop – ‘Cloud Pruning’

Not every large shrub makes a good cloud-pruning subject. Jake looks at how to assess one for its potential, then works through the decisions taken during the initial prune: what to remove, what to keep, and how to read the plant's own structure for the opportunities it already suggests rather than imposing a shape on it.



Matthew Murgatroyd
Head Gardener, Holker Hall

Topiary has followed Matthew for most of his career, or perhaps it's the other way round. He started out at Levens Hall, the world-famous topiary garden, where he took an apprenticeship under the expert guidance of Chris Crowder, learning the foundations of his craft surrounded by some of the finest topiary anywhere.

From there he moved to Highgrove, King Charles's private garden. He spent over a decade there, eventually becoming Deputy Head of Gardens. It's a garden on a world stage, and Matthew was regularly called on to clip, reshape and retrain topiary across the King's estates, as well as advise, coach and train team members on hedges and topiary more widely.

Today Matthew is Head Gardener for the Cavendish family at Holker Hall in Cumbria, a garden full of his passions. Just a stone's throw from where his career began at Levens Hall, Holker's gardens include extensive topiary and topiarised hedges, which Matthew and his team care for. It's a garden of continual change, and one where topiary, the thread that has run through his whole career, remains close to his heart.

Talk – 'Modern Ways with Historic Hedges: A Head Gardener's Perspective on Managing Topiary at Scale'

Drawing on experience from Levens Hall, Highgrove and Holker Hall, this talk explores how historic hedges and topiary can be managed, restored, and maintained at scale in a modern garden. It covers efficient planning strategies, the tools and equipment that make large-scale hedge work possible and building the skills to carry it out. Matthew will look at real challenges gardeners face today and tomorrow, and share practical solutions.

Workshop – 'Shaping Topiary: Technique in Practice'

A live demonstration covering the full life of a topiary specimen. It begins with choosing the right plant and the right tools, moves through the formative pruning that establishes a shape, and goes on to the ongoing maintenance and aftercare that hold it. Delegates leave with practical techniques they can apply in their own gardens.



Sarah Eberle

Award Winning Designer

Sarah Eberle MBE Hon D (Des), FLI, FSGD is one of Britain's most celebrated landscape and garden designers. With a career spanning more than four decades, she is renowned for creating innovative, sustainable landscapes that combine contemporary design with a deep understanding of place. Sarah has been awarded 20 RHS Gold Medals and has won Best in Show at both the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival.

Her work has been exhibited internationally, and she has received numerous honours, including the RHS Associate of Honour and the Society of Garden Designers' Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2026, she was awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours for services to landscape and garden design. An RHS judge, lecturer and RHS Honorary Vice President, Sarah continues to influence the profession through her practice, public speaking and advocacy for exceptional landscape design.

Talk – 'The Bigger Picture'

Sarah shares her philosophy of designing gardens as living, evolving landscapes, where creativity and artistry are balanced with horticultural knowledge and practical management.

Drawing inspiration from plants, people and the communities that surround them, Sarah will share how thoughtful planting schemes can be both visually compelling and sustainable, and how gardeners can care for them over the long term, in a manner reflecting the original intent, while celebrating the natural beauty and character of plants rather than relying on overly manipulated forms.

Sarah will also explore the vital role biodiversity plays in contemporary garden design, demonstrating how resilient, ecologically rich landscapes can be created without compromising beauty or sense of place, ensuring gardens continue to thrive for years to come.



Ryan Simpson

Managing Director, Viridis Plants

With over 30 years' experience in horticulture, Ryan Simpson has worked across multiple roles and disciplines, building a broad skill set and deep industry knowledge throughout his career. He currently serves as Head of Sales at Viridis Plants, a leading wholesale plant supplier dedicated to delivering a premium plant supply service. Operating from its Midlands nursery, Viridis reliably services elite garden designers and landscaping companies nationwide, drawing on a wealth of plant knowledge and horticultural expertise across three growing sites and a network of UK and European suppliers.

Passionate about sharing his knowledge, Ryan is one of only 85 currently registered affiliates of the Plant Health Professional Register, and one of the few actively working in a nursery or production capacity.

Talk – 'Beyond Blight: Rethinking Buxus for a Resilient Landscape'

Join Ryan Simpson as he explores the future of one of the English garden's most iconic plants. Opening with a look at Buxus and its long-standing role in shaping the character and structure of historic gardens, Ryan then turns to the growing challenges gardeners face today, from box blight to the more destructive box tree moth.

The talk will give insight into the search for suitable Buxus alternatives, weighing up their strengths and limitations for replicating that classic look. Ryan will then introduce Better Buxus, a resilient approach that allows gardens to retain the timeless aesthetic of traditional box while significantly reducing the need for spraying and intensive intervention, that offers a practical and sustainable solution for a resilient landscape.



Michael Marriott

Rosarian Author and Rose Consultant

Michael worked for David Austin Roses as their head rosarian for 30 years. He retired in 2019 but is still very busy in the rose world lecturing, writing, consulting and designing. He also leads tours to rose gardens and, with Rosie Irving, lead TOD garden tours. He is chairman of the Historic Rose Group and vice president of Plant Heritage.

Talk – ‘Roses Really are Easy to Grow’

It has long been said that roses are difficult to grow, very time consuming and subject to pests and disease. This however is a very old fashioned view. In fact, roses, with their long flowering season, often wonderful fragrances, versatility, variability and great beauty, are easily the most garden worthy of all plants.



Jenny Barnes

Rose Specialist and Garden Designer

Jenny's horticultural journey began at Asthall Manor, a Bannerman garden where she trained under the expert guidance of Head Gardener Mark Edwards, mastering the foundations of rose pruning. She went on to refine her technique during her roles as Head Gardener at Upton Wold, Cottesbrooke, and Daylesford, furthering what has now become her signature style - the sculptural and elegant method known as 'Niffing'.

Talk – ‘MagNIFIcent Roses: Pruning as an Art Form’

Niff Barnes shares her unique style of rose pruning, creating stunning, sculptural, rose art for winter interest, and enabling maximum summer abundance.



*“Where trees won’t grow, bushes thrive.
Nothing and no one is insignificant in this world.”*

– Bhurwan Thapaliya



Nick Dunn

Managing Director, Frank P Matthews

Frank P Matthews was Nick's maternal grandfather and for the last 75 years has been situated at Tenbury Wells on the Worcestershire and Hereford borders in the Teme Valley. The company runs 500 acres producing half a million fruit and ornamental trees per year. Nick's special interests are the propagation of rare and difficult woody plant subjects and the pruning and training of espalier and other forms of fruit trees. Outside his nursery business he makes time to support the RHS, IDS and Cherry Tree and Batsford Arboretum, and often lectures on both fruit and ornamental trees.

Workshop – 'The Creative Pruning of Trees and Shrubs'

Woody trees and shrubs need not be part of a static landscape. They can be manipulated to be more compatible with our desires and to embrace other plants – and pruning plays a vital role to achieving these ends.



Andy McIndoe

Horticultural Consultant and former Managing Director, Hillier Nurseries

Andy is a freelance garden consultant and gold medal winning designer. A horticulturist with over 45 years' experience in horticulture, as well as an author, garden writer, lecturer, practical plantsman and gardener.

He was awarded the RHS Veitch Memorial Medal in 2017 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the science and practice of horticulture.

After a long career with Hillier Nurseries, Andy now works freelance, planning and planting gardens of all sizes. He and his wife have a 2.5 acre garden – Sandhill Farm near Romsey, Hampshire – where they welcome visitors by appointment.

Talk – 'Making the Right Choices'

How to choose plants that thrive rather than merely survive. Foliage before flowers, conditions before wishes. Andy makes the case for a core palette of dependable shrubs, repeated for cohesion, sourced from a few reliable suppliers, and selected for a climate that no longer behaves predictably.



Kevin Williams

Manager of Horticulture, Denver Botanic Gardens

Kevin Philip Williams is a naturalistic gardener who collaborates with active and passive materials to create dynamic and challenging worlds. His unique style combines bio-regional plant palettes, a hardcore punk ethos, and post-human aesthetics to craft wild and captivating spaces.

Kevin's extensive work with Denver Botanic Gardens has led to the creation of celebrated public gardens throughout the city. Kevin was a Gardener on The High Line in Manhattan and studied as a Horticulture Intern at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. He holds an MS degree in Public Horticulture from the Longwood Graduate Program at the University of Delaware and a BA degree in The History and Philosophy of Science from Bard College.

Talk – 'Shrouded In Light: Naturalistic Planting Inspired by Wild Shrublands'

Shrublands exist all around us, thriving in almost any environmental condition, from the desiccating sunshine of the endless sagebrush steppe to the deep, private shade of moist forests. These diverse and inspiring ecosystems serve as perfect models for our gardens. Beyond their inherent beauty, they provide nurturing habitats and demonstrate resilience in the face of a changing climate.

Join Kevin and Michael, the authors of Shrouded in Light as they invite you to work, live and play with shrubs. Explore a glorious spectrum of wild shrublands, and discover the philosophies and design strategies behind translating these magnificent plant communities into your home garden.



Michael Guidi

Manager of Horticulture Research Programs, Denver Botanic Gardens

Michael Guidi is an ecologist and horticulture researcher who is passionate about naturalistic plantings that embody the flexibility and resiliency of wild systems. His work draws inspiration from liminal urban spaces and wild areas alike. Preferring common and weedy plants to the rare and precious, Michael is a proponent of dynamic, self-sustaining gardens and green infrastructure as alternatives to static high-maintenance landscaping.

His research links ecological theory with horticultural techniques and designs to broaden the definition of gardens and gardening. Michael worked as a field biologist before joining the Denver Botanic Gardens horticulture department. He holds an MS degree in Ecology from the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology at Colorado State University and a BS degree in Biology from Ithaca College.

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Jack Aldridge

Horticulture Curator, Royal Parks

Jack Aldridge is a horticulturist and writer with a broad range of plant interests. Recently appointed as Horticultural Curator for The Royal Parks in June 2026, he previously trained and worked at RHS Garden Wisley, most recently with responsibility for the Rock Garden and Alpine collections as Team Leader, and the 4.5-acre historic woodland garden known as Oakwood before that.

He greatly enjoys researching, speaking and writing about plants, giving talks/lectures and writing articles for horticultural publications, as well as contributing to IDS Trees & Shrubs Online. Jack is an active member of the RHS Woody Plant Committee and is involved with their Award of Garden Merit trials. He is also a Trustee of Maurice Foster's White House Farm Garden and Arboretum. In 2024, Jack was honoured to receive the RHS Roy Lancaster Award, given to individuals aged 35 or under who have made 'an exceptional contribution to the practice, science or promotion of horticulture'.

Talk – 'Rethinking Flowering Shrubs in 21st Century Gardens'

An illustrated talk offering a fresh look at a group of plants that have long been out of fashion in gardens, with such a lot to offer. It will highlight some lesser-known flowering shrubs, from old forgotten favourites to new and exciting introductions, all of which are highly worthy of a place in forward-thinking gardens, selected with the challenges and opportunities brought about by the changing climate in mind.



Sean Hogan

Owner and Founder of Cistus Design Nursery

Sean's fascination with plants began aged three, when an Opuntia rooted itself in his Portland sandbox. He mapped rare and endangered plants for the State of California, then spent a decade curating the South African, Australasian, desert and Californian native collections at UC Berkeley's Botanical Garden.

In 1995 he returned to Portland with the botanist Parker Sanderson, founding Cistus Design Nursery on Sauvie Island, now regarded as one of the West Coast's finest, and known worldwide for its rare and climate-adapted plants. A plant hunter, designer and author of FLORA and Trees for All Seasons, his projects range from Apple's Cupertino campus to Portland's Lan Su Chinese Garden.

Talk – 'Where are we Going and What are we Doing in this Hand Basket?'

Sean looks at the exploration, research and trialling behind a new generation of shrubs for summer and periodic drought, with his own favourite selections and examples of how they combine in gardens across western North America.



Scott Struthers

Sales Representative ABA Groundcare

Scott started selling machinery in 2016, and since 2018 has specialised in commercial sales, working with leading brands including Iseki, STIHL, Wessex and RAYMO.

With hands-on experience running his own sawmill, Scott applies his understanding of machinery, timber and the practical challenges involved in working with trees, to solving customer's challenges with the right solution. He's particularly interested in emerging technology, including robotic and remote-controlled machinery.

A proud part of ABA Groundcare since 2020, Scott has seen the business grow, offering a wide range of machinery, equipment and specialist products.

Demo – 'Hand or Machine?'

Wessex International demonstrate tractor-mounted sickle bar and rotary cutters live on our hornbeam hedging, facilitated by ABA Groundcare. The session assesses the quality of clip each machine produces against a hand cut, and asks whether mechanisation frees the skilled gardener for more rewarding horticultural work.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS & CONVERSATIONS

Beyond Box

7 October, 12.25

With Matthew Pottage, Sarah Ebele & Jack Aldridge

Box has been the default hedging plant for centuries, and its troubles have left a considerable gap. This open discussion asks what fills it. Ahead of the conference, delegates nominated the alternatives performing best in their own gardens. The panel will test those nominations for resilience, appearance and maintenance, and take contributions from the floor throughout.

Shrubs of the Future

8 October, 2.15

With Sean Hogan, Matthew Pottage & Daisy Baggs

Which shrubs deserve a greater place in our landscapes? Drawing on nominations gathered from delegates beforehand, the panel debates the overlooked and the underused, weighing beauty, resilience, biodiversity value and long-term garden performance. Contributions are welcome from the floor, and a collective list will come out of the session.

The Long View from Longmeadow

8 October, 3.00

Monty Don in conversation with Arit Anderson

ATTENDEE LIST

Graham Alderton	Head Gardener, Winkworth Arboretum
Jack Aldridge	Horticultural Curator, The Royal Parks
Lottie Allen	Head Gardener, Hidcote Manor Garden
Malin Andersson	Garden Manager, Beth Chatto Gardens
Arit Anderson	Garden Designer, TV Presenter & Writer
Harry Baldwin	Head Gardener, The Newt in Somerset
Lizzie Balmforth	Head of Horticultural Development, Ravenswick Hall
Rita Barna	Head Gardener, The Longhouse
Jenny Barnes	Rose Specialist and Garden Designer
Koos Bekker	The Newt in Somerset
Cato Bekker	The Newt in Somerset
Lucy Bidgood	Assistant Head Gardener, Bodnant Garden
Mark Bobin	Head Gardener, Borde Hill
Amy Borthwick	Assistant Head Gardener, Hampton Court
Chris Brown	Head Gardener, CB Landscape Designs
Thomas Brown	Head Gardener, Greenwich Park
Elliot Chandler	Head Gardener, High Beeches
Tom Clarke	Head Gardener, Exbury Gardens
Francesca Clifton	Head Gardener, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
Arthur Cole	Brand Engagement Manager, The Newt in Somerset
Bethan Collerton	Head Gardener, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Tom Coward	Head Gardener, Gravetye Manor
Stephen Crisp	Former Head Gardener American Ambassador's Residence, Winfield House
Debbie Crombie	Head Gardener, Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens, English Heritage
Wesley Crump	Head of Agriculture Research, Ballerina Farm
Sheila Das	Head of Gardens and Parks, National Trust
Elinor Davies	Historic & Botanic Garden Training Manager, English Heritage
Justin Dennis	Head Gardener, Charter House
Darren Dickie	Head Gardener, Trebah Gardens
Monty Don	TV Presenter & Writer
Nick Dunn	Managing Director, Frank P Matthews
Sarah Eberle	Award Winning Designer
Andrew Foulkes	CEO of Hospitality, The Newt in Somerset
Sam Fry	Head Gardener, Ramsbury Manor
Christina Glyn-Woods	Head Gardener, The Story of Emily
Marc Greenaway	Deepdale Trees
Alex Goodyear	Head Gardener, Tremenheere Sculpture Garden
Francesca Granci	Head Gardener, Vignamaggio
John Grimshaw	Editor in Chief, Trees and Shrubs Online and Curtis' Botanical Magazine
Monique Gudgeon	Garden Director, Sculpture by the Lakes
Michael Guidi	Manager of Horticulture Research Denver Botanic Gardens
Daniel Hale	Head Gardener, Brodsworth Hall and Gardens
Jane Hammacott	National Horticultural Lead, National Trust
Charlie Harpur	Head Gardener, Knepp
Jamie Harris	Head Gardener, Leonardslee

Owen Hayman	Horticulture Innovation Manager, Sheffield Green Estate & Pictorial Meadows
Jake Hobson	Founder, Niwaki and Garden Designer
Sean Hogan	Owner and Founder, Cistus Design Nursery
Jamie Hunter	CEO of E-commerce, The Newt in Somerset
Andy Jasper	CEO, The Eden Project
Raef Johnson	Head of Woodlands, The Newt in Somerset
Jonathon Jones	Managing Director, Tregothnan
Peter Jones	Director of Horticulture, The Eden Project
Comine Joubert	Senior Gardener, Babylonstoren
Dylan Laidler	Garden Coordinator, Forestry England
Emma Lainchbury	Head of Nursery, The Newt in Somerset
Andy Lewis	Head of Ornamentals, The Newt in Somerset
Alex Little	Head Gardener, Halewell
Andrew Luke	Head Gardener, Wrest Park
Michael Marriott	Rosarian Author and Rose Consultant
Dominic McCartney	Head Gardener, Fort Belvedere
Andy McIndoe	Horticultural Consultant and Former Managing Director of Hillier Nurseries
Sarah Mead	Director, Yeo Valley
Alasdair Moore	Head of Estate and Gardens, Tresco Abbey Gardens
Matthew Mugatroyd	Head Gardener, Holker Estate
Selina Ozanne	Head Gardener, The Exchange
Fiona Packe	Head Gardener, QEII Garden, Regents Park
Greg Packman	Treescape Curator, Royal Parks London
Preston Pew	Co-owner, Cistus
Steve Porter	Head of Gardens and Landscape, Chatsworth
Matthew Pottage	Head of Landscape Strategy and Gardens, The Royal Parks
Saffron Prentis	Assistant Head Gardener, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens
Craig Rankin	Sales Manager, Deepdale Trees
Mat Reese	Head Gardener, Malverleys
Adam Scott	Gardens & Nursery Manager, Windsor
Claire Silver	Head Gardener, Munstead Wood, National Trust
Ryan Simpson	Managing Director, Viridis Plants
Kate Slack	Garden Manager, RHS Bridgewater
Ross Stenning	Head Gardener, Hillwood
Tim Stretton	Head Gardener, Mounton Garden
Selina Tan	Head Gardener, Isabella Plantation, Richmond Park
Patrice Taravella	International Garden Architect. Restoring the Historic Villa and Garden of Vignamaggio
Claire Tatler	Garden Manager, RHS Harlow Carr
Mark Tuson	Garden Manager, RHS Wisley
Greg Watson	Head Gardener, Chevithorne
Henry Welch	Head Gardener, The Lost Gardens of Heligan
Joe Whelan	Head Gardener, Nymans, National Trust
Kevin Williams	Manager of Horticulture, Denver Botanic Gardens
Patrick Williams	Head of Design, Ballerina Farm
Carley Wootton	Head Gardener, Grovesnor Garden



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