

RHS Chelsea Flower Show

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Changing Tides Garden



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The mgr Changing Tides Garden is a coastal garden that celebrates the resilient plants that have adapted to the harsh conditions found along the strandline (the shoreline above the water) of the UK's vegetated shingle beaches. Here, just beyond the normal reach of the waves, a few plants will seize the opportunity to form a row of vegetation, a risky life where one storm too many could eradicate them forever.

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ABOUT THE GARDEN

This garden, designed for a wildlife enthusiast, is rustic and understated. It aims to capture the essence of the vast protected landscapes along the Kent coast and distil the elements into a simple, sustainable garden that celebrates the resilience and adaptability required of materials and plants to survive and flourish in such challenging coastal conditions.

Reclaimed coastal tropical hardwood forms the perimeter wall with a weathered timber groyne aesthetic, providing a protective boundary to hunker down from the prevailing coastal winds.

Reclaimed steel trench sheets, reminiscent of coastal shoring, have been simply repurposed into sustainable sculptural planters.

With a nod back to the Victorian rock pooling history of Pegwell Bay in Kent, an ensemble of reclaimed Kent Ragstone boulders have been hand-carved into planters.

The ground is dressed with native rounded flint beach pebbles like those found on many beaches in the south of England. They provide texture in a muted colour that compliments the rusted steel and tropical timber boundary.



DESIGNER LUCY MITCHELL

Enticed by the fast-paced life of events and brand experience, I have spent over 15 years as an architectural designer, creating installations and activations for some of the biggest brands in the world.

In 2013, I started working with the Goodwood Estate, creating nature-based installations; a career in garden and landscape design was a natural next step. When lockdown provided the opportunity to retrain, I signed up immediately, studying for three years, culminating in a nomination for the Bali

Chalk Fund student of the year and winning a competition to design the garden of a legendary brutalist water tower.

Having graduated last year, I am excited to start working in an environmentally forward-thinking industry, combining my design experience with newly acquired horticultural skills.

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Planting

Native coastal shingle plants are the inspiration and heroes of the garden.

I am interested in these storm-resilient plants that have adapted to survive the toughest conditions yet are still utterly beautiful.

Collectively, the planting works together to capture the essence of a coastal nature reserve.

Key Plants

- *Glaucium flavum*
- *Crithmum maritimum*
- *Crambe maritima*
- *Tragopogon porrifolius*
- *Silene maritima*
- *Silene vulgaris*
- *Foeniculum vulgare*
- *Pinus Sylvestris* 'Watererii
- *Crataegus monogyn*
- *Juniperus squamata* Blue Star
- *Pinus mugo* Mini Mop
- *Sedum spathulifolium* Cape Blanco
- *Sedum reflexum*
- *Sedum album*





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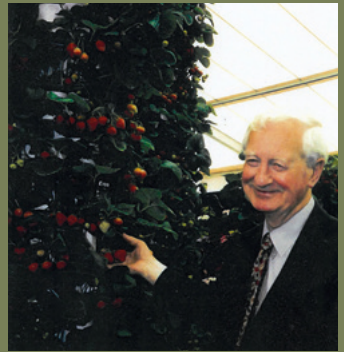
mgr Changing Tides Garden

When presented with the opportunity to sponsor a garden at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show, our response was a resounding yes!

In the past, mgr could not have done justice to such a prestigious event, but due to our firm's expansion and our very own "changing tides", we are not only able, but very excited to provide this sponsorship. Being associated with such a wonderful event as the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is an honour and testament to mgr's status as a leading firm of London based accountants.

"Changing Tides" is such a symbolic theme at present, not only for the mgr business, but for business outlook in general. In addition to its usual "ebb and flow", business faces significant challenges at the moment, reflecting the fact that we are in the middle of a changing of the tides...

Post-Brexit restructuring, inter-generational wealth transfer, transition to sustainable economic development, and a whole host of other major issues present both challenges and opportunities for business in the current economic climate.



Our very own Managing Partner, Nick Muir, has a very personal link to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and many childhood memories of his late Uncle, Ken Muir – a legendary strawberry grower, who would present annually at the show and regularly win awards.

"Hearing of his achievements created a great source of excitement and pride for our family, and I feel a deep connection with the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. It is extremely fitting to be a part of it once again, sponsoring the mgr Changing Tides Garden, the theme for which resonates so soundly with mgr's development and the ever changing economic landscape".

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Speaking of transitioning to sustainable economic development, mgr is delighted that Paul Rose will be spending time at our garden. Paul is such an advocate and inspiration for sustainability, and he was the first person we thought of to help us present and promote the garden.

I'm thrilled to support and champion the mgr Changing Tides Garden. It's a beautiful concept that evokes a wild habitat, making it an excellent platform for a meaningful discussion of environmental issues.

Awareness of environmental issues is at a historic high, yet we still suffer from the public perception that the issues are so big that individual actions are ineffective. There is also a sense of 'shifting baselines' in that it seems quite OK to miss globally agreed targets, and examples of successful actions are too remote to resonate with or engage most people.

And that's where the mgr Changing Tides Garden comes in - it reminds us of the natural world beyond our garden fences, acting as an easily accessible conduit to the wild places in our landscapes that are often out of sight and out of mind.

I'm delighted to have Joe Smith, Director of the The Royal Geographical Society, with me at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show to help me advocate this wonderful garden and the wild spaces we should all work hard to conserve.

- Paul Rose

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Paul is a mountain and polar guide leading Greenland ice cap crossing and mountaineering expeditions and polar science support logistics. He is an experienced television presenter and radio broadcaster.

Former Vice President of the Royal Geographical Society and Chair of the Expeditions and Fieldwork Division, Paul is currently Expedition Leader for the National Geographic Pristine Seas Expeditions.



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Above all else, the garden is there to be enjoyed at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and afterwards at Greenway Avenue Community Garden.

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