

Local BBC radio and RHS Garden Design Competition 2022 Terms and Conditions

Calling all amateur gardeners and aspiring garden designers. BBC Radio Lancashire, Manchester and Merseyside are joining forces with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) to run an exciting garden design competition. We are looking for three Planet Friendly Garden designs to be brought to life at RHS Tatton Flower Show in July 2022.

What type of garden would you create on a 6 metre by 4 metre plot? What plants would you use? What features would you include? Our theme for 2022 is 'Planet Friendly Gardens', taking inspiration from your local area, and thinking of creative ways of designing to get the most out of a small outdoor space. A winning design from each station - BBC Radio Lancashire, Manchester and Merseyside will be chosen to represent the corresponding radio station.

Your design can be created digitally, or by hand and must be submitted by post – the key element is that your ideas are clear to the selection panel (which will include RHS and BBC representatives). The selection panel will be looking for originality and innovation, how well the garden interprets the brief, how interesting and creative the design is and the creative and effective use of plants. Our aim is to inspire our show visitors with great take home ideas and demonstrate how creative you can be when designing for a small outside space, set within a local theme.

We'll need your entries by Monday 14th February 2022. Three designs will be chosen – one from each region. The winning designers will be given the opportunity to work with a professional mentor and landscape contractor to bring your design to life at the RHS Tatton Flower Show, 20 – 24 July 2022.

So now it's over to you:

All the details of how to enter and the terms and conditions are below. Entries should be submitted by post. Your entry form and design drawings should be sent to the station at which you are entering:

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Please note that postal entries will **not** be returned and entrants will **not** receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

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How to enter

The design brief:

This is a competition to design a 'Planet Friendly Garden' taking inspiration from your local area, and thinking of creative ways of designing to get the most out of a small outdoor space. 'Planet Friendly Garden' is based on a 6m (depth) x 4m (frontage) flat site. Any excavations should be no deeper than 1 metre.

Each entrant should submit:

- A completed application confirming your agreement to the terms and conditions, your eligibility and your availability using the entry form (published on this website). This will include:
 1. 'Planet Friendly Garden' title
 2. A design brief with a description of how the garden celebrates the designer's local area and how that has informed the design choices
 3. A plant list (including rough estimates of quantities of each)
 4. Description of any Intended features
- Two hard copy drawings:
 1. An overhead layout plan of the garden
 2. An artist's impression from the front.

NB: You may wish to include a mood board to help the selection panel understand your design intentions. This is not compulsory.

These drawings should include any relevant dimensions. You can enter drawings that are hand or digitally drawn, colour or black and white. The maximum size of your drawings is A3, your minimum is A4. Unfortunately, models are **not** permitted.

Selection criteria:

The entries will be selected by a panel (to include RHS and BBC representatives) using the following criteria:

- How well the garden interprets the brief
 - How interesting and creative the design is for a small space
 - The creative and effective use of plants
- Shortlisted entrants will be ranked by the panel – against the set criteria.

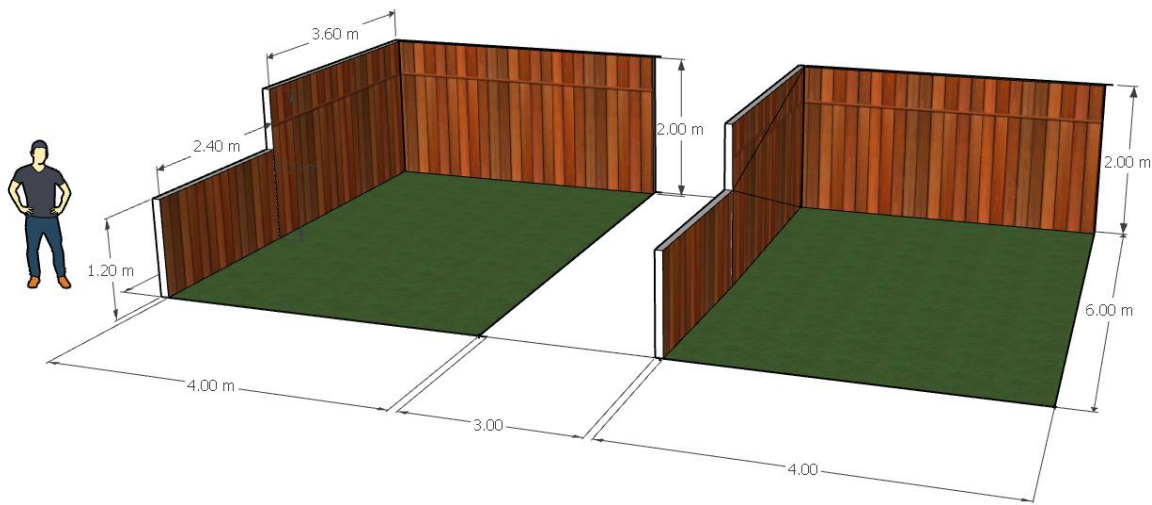
Things to consider when designing your garden:

- Landscaping materials (not to be commercially recognisable)
 - Details of structures included (not to be commercially recognisable)
 - Furniture/accessories to be featured (not to be commercially recognisable)
 - Details of any excavations (e.g. pond) – i.e. will the spoil be incorporated into the garden or need to be removed?
 - You should **not** include public access to your garden.
 - The perimeter of your garden needs to be considered in your design i.e. fencing, hedging, walls etc.
 - Plant Friendly Gardens' are 6 x 4m = 24 sq m. They will be viewed from the front and side and therefore must include boundaries on two sides, (back and left hand side) The side boundary should be a maximum height of 2m, except at the front of the garden where they should be a maximum height of 1.2m for the first 2.4m.
- Gardens will be laid out as shown in image 1, with a gap of 3m between each garden boundary, allowing visitors to walk freely around the gardens.

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Image 1



The design should not include:

- Artificial plants.
- Structures over 2m in height.
- Music/sound effects.
- Mirrors.
- Glass chippings, crushed CDs, etc and selected waste materials.
- Commercial references (signs, logos etc.)
- Balloons, flags, gnomes, bunting, banners.
- Offensive statuary, graphics or other artworks.
- Hazardous items.
- Anything likely to cause annoyance to adjacent gardens.

Closing Date and other important Dates

The closing date for the competition is Monday 14 February. You will be invited to visit Tatton whilst your garden is being built. There will be an opportunity to meet the show team at Tatton prior to the show to see where your garden will be placed – this is not compulsory.

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1. This competition is organised by the BBC in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society ('RHS') – together known as 'the Organisers'.
2. Entry to the competition is open to UK listeners (including those who may be resident in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) to BBC Radio Lancashire, Manchester and Merseyside aged 18 or over (on Monday 14 February 2022), except current employees of the Organisers or their affiliates, their close relatives or any person connected to the competition. One entry per person.
3. The costs of the garden build including, plants, materials, labour, leaflets and travel (already covered in point 10 a. and d.) will be covered by the 'Organisers' and go directly to the Landscape Contractor.
4. Entrants will be invited to submit a design brief and entry form, including two drawings (overhead plan and artist's impression from eye level), a plant list with approximate quantities and a statement detailing how the garden reflects the brief.
5. The competition is not open to professional or former professional garden designers or gardeners – only amateurs. To qualify as an amateur, individuals should not earn more than 50% of their annual income from garden design and/or gardening and should not hold a garden design qualification. For the avoidance of doubt this does not exclude people who work for horticultural or botanical businesses in some other capacity (for example, someone who derives all their income from working in a garden centre café but does not hold a garden

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design qualification would not be excluded). Your entry should be all your own work. If you have had help, you should declare it on the entry form.

6. Further, as this is a competition for amateurs, entrants must declare any connection with commercial horticulture when entering. Although this will not automatically exclude an entrant, the BBC will consider any conflict of interest and reserves the right to exclude an entry on that basis.

7. The competition is not open to anyone who has won a garden design competition with a prize worth more than £500 in the five years leading up to the closing date for entries, whether on television, radio, online or print.

8. Entries can only be submitted by post. Entries will not be accepted by email or delivered by hand at BBC receptions and offices.

Please ensure you keep a copy of everything you submit. Entries will not be returned and postal entries will not receive an acknowledgement of receipt. Neither the BBC nor RHS are responsible for lost entries. In the event of a postal strike, the closing date may be re-evaluated. Details will be posted on www.bbc.co.uk/localradiogarden

9. The application deadline will be Monday 22th February 2022. Entries received after this time will not be considered.

10. The three selected winners will be notified by Monday 7th March. If after several attempts to contact you have failed, your entry will be deemed invalid. At that point the next best ranked shortlisted entrant will be chosen. In addition to the garden design element of this competition, the three selected winners must be available for the following days including travel:

- a) On a date to be decided in June 2022 visit to a nursery to discuss and select plants. (Train travel or fuel costs for drivers will be reimbursed as per point d. below and the RHS expense policy).
- b) On site at RHS Flower Show Tatton Park for at least three of the following days during the build period. This is likely to include Saturday 9th July, Sunday 10th July, Saturday 16th July and Sunday 17th July. You will need to adhere to the RHS terms and conditions.
- c) In addition the winner will be expected to be on site during the show week with a minimum commitment of Press Morning (Wednesday 20th July)
- d) Accommodation will not be provided by the RHS. Mileage can be reimbursed (based on 0.45p per mile from the winner's home town to Tatton Park. If any of the selected winners cannot meet all of the availability requirements (including participating fully in the fulfilment of the Prize) they will not progress further in the competition and their entry will end. The next best shortlisted entrant will be contacted and offered a place as a finalist (subject to their availability / willingness, as above)

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Note: If the BBC receives a high number of entries there may be an initial sift carried out by horticultural researchers, using the selection criteria to create a 'long list' of entries for the selection panel to consider. The selection panel will then select the three winners. The long list will contain no more than twenty.

12. The Prize shall consist of the three winning gardens being realised with the assistance of the RHS in time for exhibition at the RHS Flower Show Tatton Park.

For the avoidance of doubt, unless expressly stated in these Terms, no expenses, costs, fees or other sums will be paid by the Organisers.

13. All parts of the entry must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The BBC accepts no liability if entrants ignore these rules and entrants agree to fully indemnify the BBC against any claims by any third party arising from any breach of these rules.

14. All parts of the entry must not contain illegal, unlawful, defamatory, obscene, offensive or any other unsuitable material. All entries must be suitable for use in broadcasts by the BBC.

15. Entrants retain the copyright in their original ideas but grant to the BBC a perpetual non-exclusive royalty-free licence to broadcast their entry across all media, as well as use it on any online platforms. For the avoidance of doubt, no fees or expenses will be paid for the creation of any part of the entry.

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16. The Organisers may need to make modifications to the winning design for practical purposes. This will not consist of any significant alteration of the original design but rather to ensure that the design can be realised in suitable form and can be moved after the RHS Tatton Flower Show 2022.
17. A requirement of entry is your acceptance that you will be filmed/recorded by the BBC. All entrants must consent to being filmed and acknowledge this consent by signing a standard BBC contributors' consent (no fee) form. The entrant may also be filmed for the BBC's main coverage of RHS Tatton Flower Show and will be interviewed by other BBC outlets (e.g. local radio stations).
18. By entering the competition the entrants warrant that they have legal capacity to enter the competition and agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.
19. No commercial gain can be made from using or referencing the BBC or RHS brands, the competition itself or any other element of this competition process.
20. The BBC's decision is final and no correspondence relating to the competition will be entered into. Unsuccessful entrants will not be contacted.
21. The BBC reserves the right to disqualify any entry, including the winner, which breaches any of these terms and conditions or acting fraudulently in any way.
22. The BBC reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions in any way.
23. The BBC reserves the right to cancel the competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside its control.
24. The BBC, its sub-contractors, subsidiaries and/or agencies cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem which may result in any entry being lost or not properly registered.
25. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales.