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British Garden Centres wins 4 Flower Plant Village Award at first Hampton Court show

British Garden Centres is celebrating after winning a 4 Flower Plant Village Award for its retail stand at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival. This was the first time the family owned group had exhibited at the show, using the opportunity to raise its profile and increase awareness of its 73 stores to a wider audience.

The stand, situated in the Plant Village of the show, features a beautiful display of Earthenware planters and urns kindly supplied by Woodlodge. The collections, ranging from large rustic focal containers to smaller textured pots, were arranged on a bed of natural pebbles and moss, creating a natural yet effective display. The planting was soft and inviting, with pastel coloured foxgloves, delphiniums, agapanthus, hydrangeas and eucalyptus bringing the display to life with colour and texture.

Founder Charles Stubbs took a hands-on role, returning to his roots by planting up the impressive container display himself just as he did in his early days at garden shows.

His personal touch added warmth and authenticity to the display, and with daughter Libby Stubbs front and centre, organising the stand and serving visitors, this perfectly captured the spirit of British Garden Centres as a family business with a real love for plants and gardening.

Charles said: "It felt great to get back to designing and planting up the display at Hampton Court, something I've always enjoyed. Winning this award is a wonderful recognition of the hard work of everyone involved. Showing at Hampton Court for the first time has been a brilliant way to introduce our brand and family run group of garden centres to new gardeners."

The display was designed to inspire gardeners with creative ideas for combining pots of different heights and textures, showing how even the simplest containers can be transformed into an inspiring garden feature. All plants in the display, along with other seasonal varieties, were available to buy on the stand at exclusive show prices.

Libby Stubbs, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, added: "Hampton Court is a staple in the gardening calendar, and being part of it for the first time has been fantastic. It's the perfect platform to showcase what British Garden Centres stands for and connect with gardeners who will hopefully now visit us in store."

The team at British Garden Centres is now hoping to replicate this success at RHS Flower Show Wentworth Woodhouse which takes place from July 16th – July 20th.



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About the business:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK's largest family-owned garden centre group, with 73 centres around the country. The group is owned and led by the Stubbs family, who also own and operate Woodthorpe Leisure Park in Lincolnshire.

BGC was launched in 1990 with the opening of Woodthorpe Garden Centre, funded by brothers Charles and Robert Stubbs. Since 2018, it has expanded rapidly with the acquisition of 50 garden centres, allowing it to grow from its heartland to the business it is now with 73 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham.

The group has a team of 2,700 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, three growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres and Woodthorpe Leisure Park and Woody's Restaurant & Bar.

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