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## **Restaurant refurbishment and new jobs on the menu at Hitchin Garden Centre**

**Hitchin Garden Centre is creating a wave of new opportunities for the local community as it prepares to unveil its newly expanded restaurant, which includes a brand new carvery later this month. The development, part of British Garden Centres' ongoing investment programme, will not only enhance the dining experience at the Cambridge Road store but also generate 15 new jobs in the Hitchin area.**

Recruitment is now underway for a range of roles suitable for both experienced hospitality professionals and those looking to start a career in the sector. Available positions include chefs, kitchen team members, and restaurant team members. All roles come with competitive pay, training, and the chance to be part of one of the UK's largest family-run garden centre groups.

The new Gardener's Retreat restaurant, which will seat up to 250 guests, will provide a modern, welcoming space for families, professionals, and visitors to enjoy freshly prepared meals in relaxing surroundings. Diners can look forward to a fresh new look with beautiful décor throughout and the added comfort of air conditioning for those warm days.

As customer numbers grow, expanding the team is vital to ensure service remains of the highest standard while maintaining the warm and friendly environment that Hitchin Garden Centre is known for.

**Ricky Towers, Group Restaurant Director at British Garden Centres**, said: "This expansion represents a significant investment not only in our site but in the local area of North Hertfordshire. We are proud to be creating new employment opportunities in Hitchin across a wide range of roles in our newly expanded restaurant. We look forward to welcoming new colleagues who share our passion for great service and hospitality and to diners who appreciate good, quality meals at great value."

Applications are open now via the British Garden Centres website <https://www.britishgardencentres.com/careers/>.

The restaurant is currently closed, with a temporary catering solution in place, and the new refurbished offering is scheduled to open on the **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of September**.

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**Notes to Editors:** 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.



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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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