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## **British Garden Centres announces its 79<sup>th</sup> garden centre in Knaresborough**

**British Garden Centres is delighted to announce the acquisition of Moorlands Nurseries in Knaresborough, a much-loved, traditional garden centre with a proud heritage. Established in 1947, the site has remained family-run for generations and has built a strong reputation within the local community.**

Following the acquisition, the centre will become known as Knaresborough Garden Centre, joining the British Garden Centres family as its 79th garden centre nationwide.

The existing, knowledgeable team will remain in place, ensuring continuity for customers, with new job opportunities also becoming available. Popular on-site features, including the Lime Tree Café concession, will continue to operate as normal.

The centre offers everything customers need to make the most of their gardens and outdoor spaces – from quality plants and gardening essentials to outdoor living, homeware and seasonal inspiration – and will continue to build on its strong horticultural foundations.

**Amy Stubbs, Managing Director**, said, “We are thrilled to welcome Knaresborough Garden Centre to the family as our 79th garden centre. This centre is a perfect fit for us, as it prides itself on great quality plants. We are excited to build on this for the centre and local community.”

**Guy Merrin, Former Owner**, said “would like to thank our loyal customers and dedicated team for their incredible support over the years. We wish British Garden Centres every success as they take the centre forward

This acquisition marks another exciting milestone in British Garden Centres’ continued expansion as the UK’s largest family-owned garden centre group.



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About the business:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK's largest family-owned garden centre group with 79 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 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 over 79 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to Heighley Gate. The group has a team of 3,500 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, 2 growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres, Woodthorpe Leisure Park, and Woody's Restaurant & Bar.

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