

KENT COUNTY SHOW GOLD AND BEST IN SHOW  
PLOT TO PLATE SHOWSTOPPER YIELDS BLENWOOD SECOND GOLD AWARD IN 2015



If you've ever stepped just outside the Flower Show at the annual Kent Show you may have come across the exhibition gardens. There charities and community groups come together for a busy week of preparation in the build up to the show before unveiling their own fantastic displays of planning and garden design. The Blenwood team joined forces with AmicusHorizon for the 2015 Kent Show to build our own brand new show garden with the theme 'Plot to Plate'.

We wanted to give visitors a beautiful example of what can be created in a small garden space. We also wanted to show that with the right approach a garden's beauty can be more than skin deep – bringing all kinds of benefits for people and wildlife. Our 'Plot to Plate' design demonstrated how, with simple but effective design, anyone can grow their own healthy vegetables and attractive flowers to use in the kitchen and home. The garden was a sustainable, wildlife-friendly design using many local and naturalised plants to encourage beneficial wildlife into the garden.

The project partnership also included Canterbury College students trained in construction, carpentry, blacksmith, floristry and catering. It was a real joy working alongside the students. By helping us to build the show garden they gained practical knowledge of hard-landscaping. They also contributed their own ideas and skills – giving cookery and flower arranging demonstrations for the public throughout the show weekend.

We were all so pleased when we learned that the 'Plot to Plate' garden had won the Kent Show Top Gold Award as well as Best in Show. This was a real tribute to the hard work of everyone involved in the project.

