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## AUDREY HEPBURN INSPIRES AWARD WINNING DESIGNER'S MACMILLAN GARDEN

A garden bringing to life Audrey Hepburn's iconic quote – "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" - will be on show at this year's BBC Gardener's World Live.

Created for Macmillan Cancer Support by award winning designer, Martyn Wilson, the garden is bedecked with brightly coloured presents and celebrates the idea of leaving a legacy.

The 'presents' in Martyn's garden will each contain a different species of tree and symbolise gifts left in wills to Macmillan. These vital legacy donations make up over a third of Macmillan's income and ensure the charity can be right there with people living with cancer throughout the UK.

The garden will be at BBC Gardener's World Live from 13-16 June at Birmingham's NEC.

Garden designer, Martyn Wilson, said: "For me the famous words of Audrey Hepburn tied in with the idea that to leave a gift in your will to Macmillan is to think of tomorrow and support the work of the charity into the future."



For Martyn, the varying sizes of the present planters holds a special meaning: "I wanted the differing heights of the planters to get across the fact that, no matter how big or small, every donation made in a will is of critical importance to Macmillan."

Each planter contained within the Macmillan Legacy Garden can be moved, so that the garden has the potential to be relocated after the garden show – creating its own legacy for another community.

The garden will be enclosed on both sides, creating a glade-like feel and providing visitors with a calming space in which they can reflect.

“So many of us have friends and family who have died of cancer,” said Martyn, “so it feels really meaningful to be supporting Macmillan with my garden.”

“The vibrant gifts in my garden will be set against a background of greens and whites. As well as being the Macmillan colours, these tones will create a soothing atmosphere in the garden. Hopefully it will be a place in which people can think about loved ones who may have died and celebrate their lives and legacies.”

Ruthie Coverdale, Macmillan Cancer Support Senior Legacy Promotions Manager said: “Gifts in wills raised over £80 million pounds last year for Macmillan and without these vital donations we wouldn’t be able to support people dealing with the physical, emotional and financial impact of cancer.”

“Martyn’s garden is such a creative celebration of the power of legacy giving and we can’t wait to see it come to life.”

Macmillan is almost entirely funded by public donations and gifts left in wills are crucial in helping the charity to support everyone - regardless of age, location or their cancer type.

For more information on how you can leave a legacy for Macmillan Cancer Support visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/donate/gifts-in-wills](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/donate/gifts-in-wills)

For further details and show tickets visit [bbcgardenersworldlive.com](http://bbcgardenersworldlive.com)

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