

Tony Heywood and Wesley Kerr OBE join the BBC Gardeners' World Live Show Garden and Beautiful Border Assessment Panels

BBC Gardeners' World Live organisers have announced the names of the Assessors for their Show Gardens and Beautiful Borders in 2018. The Assessor list includes two new names:

Tony Heywood – horticultural installation artist known for his conceptual designs that cross the boundaries of garden design and fine art

Wesley Kerr OBE – writer, horticulturalist and broadcaster, well-known for his presenting of the BBC's RHS Chelsea Flower Show TV coverage

Making a welcome return to the Assessment Panels:

Anita Foy – award winning garden designer and previous RHS Chelsea Flower Show Manager

Kate Gould – multiple Gold Award-winning garden designer

Chris Harrop – Group Marketing Director at Marshalls

Ian Hodgson – specialist garden writer and editor of Garden News

Steve Smith – owner of Shore Landscapes, RHS judge and World Skills assessor for Landscaping

Mark Gregory, recently awarded Most Influential in the Pro Landscaper Awards 2018, Chairs the Show Garden Assessment Panel for the second year and Richard Barnard, eminent horticulturalist and Managing Director of Hillier Landscapes, also continues as Chair of the Beautiful Borders Assessment Panel.

The Assessors will survey the Show Gardens and Beautiful Borders, awarding them Gold, Silver Merit, Silver and Bronze Awards. The Awards will be announced at the presentation ceremony, hosted by Matt Biggs, as part of the Press Preview on Wednesday 13 June. The Show will then open to the public on Thursday 14 June.