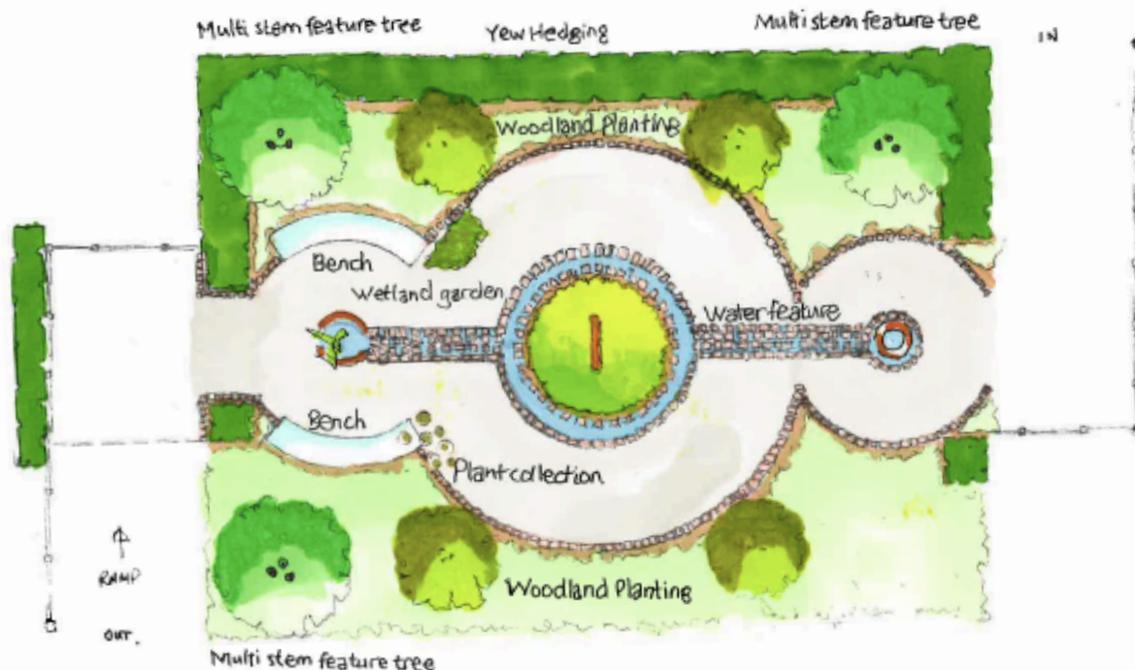


**DAVID WYNDHAM LEWIS DESIGNS PERENNIAL LEGACY GARDEN FOR
HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW 2019**



As part of a year-long calendar of events to mark its 180th anniversary, [Perennial](#), the charity that helps people in horticulture, will present a show garden at [Harrogate Spring Flower Show](#) (25-28 April 2019). Designed by David Wyndham Lewis, garden designer at Blank Canvas Gardens and Major Gifts Manager at Perennial, the Perennial Legacy Garden represents the lifelong impact leaving a gift in your will has on the people Perennial helps. This garden complements Perennial show gardens at RHS Flower Show Cardiff (12-14 April) and RHS Chelsea Flower Show (21-25 May).

Perennial was founded in 1839 as a pension fund for retired gardeners. Today the charity supports people and their families in all branches of horticulture through life-changing events with free and confidential personal support, for as long as it's needed. David Wyndham Lewis says;

“Perennial’s work is often described as a ‘lifeline’ so the Perennial Legacy Garden’s structure is a visual interpretation of the influence that a life can have. The water in the garden represents life and legacy, touching every part of the design. We want to draw visitors through to learn more about Perennial and its incredible work supporting people in horticulture.”

The longevity of the charity is represented through the medium of water, reminding us that life emerges, flows through time overcoming all obstacles in its way before returning to the earth. The bubbling, tricking and flowing of water culminates at a still pool, which is intended to be a space for people to sit, reflect and remember. [Pots & Pithoi](#) is supplying the water feature, [Chilstone](#) will provide stonework and a triptych of artworks by [Jane Proctor](#), representing the three phases of life, will hang on the yew hedging. [David Massey](#), based in Knaresborough near Harrogate, will build the garden – he built Perennial’s garden at the show in 2014, which was awarded Premier Gold.

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While conceptual in its design, the garden could be transferred to a domestic back garden or as part of a larger garden design. The materials are contemporary in feel and the art is a mixture of new works and ancient objects. The pathway cuts through the garden, bringing light into the two woodland areas, which is representative of how Perennial brings light to the darkest of situations. A collection of rare and special plants can be discovered as you move through the garden and a wetland and marginal area is fed from the central water feature. All elements of the garden have been sourced from local crafts people and growers wherever possible.

Anita Bates, Director of Marketing & Fundraising at Perennial says:

“We’re thrilled to be displaying a show garden at Harrogate Spring Flower Show this year. It’s a favourite in the show calendar for us as it’s so local to our York Gate Garden near Leeds and we have a fantastic team of volunteers who always represent Perennial on our trade stand. This garden gives us a wonderful opportunity to talk to visitors about the importance of legacies to our life-changing work for people in horticulture and of course offers some brilliant design ideas for their own gardens.”

Perennial helps and supports anyone who creates or maintains gardens, parks, sports facilities and other green spaces. The Perennial Legacy Garden at Harrogate Spring Flower Show will raise awareness of the charity in the North of England, helping spread the message that Perennial’s friendly and knowledgeable team has the experience and resources to make a difference to people’s lives, regardless of the scale of their issue or concern.

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ABOUT DAVID LEWIS

David trained as garden designer from 1996-99 and since then has worked as Head Gardener and designer in the UK, Europe and Africa. He has also consulted on garden development projects across the world, mainly in relation to roof gardens. Now David supports the Major Donor fundraising programme for Perennial while working as garden designer for Blank Canvas Gardens.