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Perennial's new virtual speaker panel – bringing gardening expertise to more people than ever

Book your speaker panel now or sign up to share your knowledge and join the speaker panel.



Bring your favourite speakers into the comfort of your own home by joining one of the virtual talks delivered via Zoom. This exciting new format will be hosted by a Perennial staff member and with the added bonus of a Q&A section. This option will be available long-term so that clubs in any part of the country can enjoy talks from all the experienced speakers, no matter where they are based.

A Grayshott Gardeners Club Member said: "So good to have a garden club evening again – it felt just like the real thing, except I had to provide my own tea and biscuits!"

Your club or group will be provided with an entertaining and informative presentation on a chosen subject. By booking a talk, you will be supporting gardeners, greenkeepers, landscapers, groundsman and all those working in horticulture who find themselves in difficulty. For more information and to book contact James Burns on jburns@perennial.org.uk or 07946 055 848.

Gordon Rae, President & Patron of Grayshott Gardeners said: "An excellent evening showed that in these abnormal times (even in normal times), Zoom and other technology is part of our present lives and is here to stay. We need not even venture outside as Zoom will bring the lecturer into the warmth of our own homes. Perennial staff did everything necessary to set this up for us. For a good evening's entertainment without even leaving home, I would recommend that gardening clubs contact Perennial and invite one of their volunteer speakers to lecture to them via Zoom on the subject we all love – gardening & horticulture".

Perennial want to hear from you if you are you an expert in your horticultural field, aspire to be a speaker and love to share your knowledge.

More information about our speakers is available on [our website](#).

<https://perennial.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Speakers-Panel-Bios-1.pdf>



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Neil Miller



Ben Pope



David Lewis

For every speaker panel that is booked, you will be helping build better futures for people in horticulture and their families, such as Martin, Head Gardener and father of two from Sussex: *“We were blown away by the support we received from Perennial - the charity has been our lifeline. They made sure we were getting the right benefits, gave us advice on how to deal with our debt and helped create a budget so we could take control of our money and work towards a more stable future.”*



If anyone working directly with plants, trees or flowers has a problem, however large or small, they can pick up the phone to Perennial and know that the charity will make sure they receive the support they need - for themselves and their family. As well as its range of frontline support services, Perennial provides services and information to help prevent people getting into deeper difficulty.



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About Perennial



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Perennial is the safety net for people in the horticulture industry and is here to help individuals working in, or retired from any job involving trees, plants, flowers or grass. The charity is responding to an unprecedented increase in requests for help due to the widespread effects of Coronavirus Covid-19 on the UK horticulture industry. Yet many of the events and activities the charity would usually be using to raise funds for its free advice and support services have been cancelled or postponed. An emergency fundraising appeal, [HortAid-21](#), has been launched to bridge the funding gap and offer some fun and easy ways for people to raise money for people in horticulture this year.

Perennial's help and support is free and confidential. The helpline is operating as usual on **0800 093 8543** or visit perennial.org.uk to complete the [Contact Form](#) or email services@perennial.org.uk to find out more. Or call Perennial's Debt Team of advisors on **0800 093 8546**.

Perennial's Debt Advice Service is authorised and regulated by the [Financial Conduct Authority \(www.fca.org.uk\)](http://www.fca.org.uk)

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