



The Anywhere Courtyard

The vision of the garden is to transform an unloved piece of concrete or land into a vibrant yet calming and restorative place.

At its heart is a central water feature surrounded by a living wall. On either side, trees form a natural canopy of gentle shade. A tiled courtyard continues the symmetry theme with seating framed on either side, incorporating a sensory mix of herbal and perennial plants, along with an evergreen structure to create a year-round space.

The garden is designed to be modular and practical, with raised beds forming the back of the seating and the seating providing built-in storage. The design seamlessly brings together land, water, space, and life, resulting in a serene and bright courtyard that provides both seclusion and a sense of wholeness.



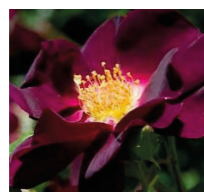


Plant List

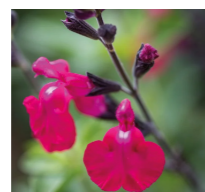
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 Astrantia Roma
 Canna indica
 Cistus purpureus Alan Fradd
 Erigeron karvinskianus (Profusion)
 Dryopteris affinis Crispa
 Festuca amethystina
 Gaura lindheimeri
 Iris Benton Dierdre (TB)
 Polystichum munitum
 Rosa Night Owl (Clg/Flor)
 Rosmarinus off. Whitewater Silver
 Salvia I Cavalieri del Tau
 Salvia jamensis Violette de Loire
 Salvia Love and Wishes
 Salvia nem. Caradonna Pink
 Salvia officinalis Berggarten
 Stipa tenuissima
 Tetrapanax papyrifera Rex
 Thymus serpyllum Magic Carpet
 Tulbaghia violacea Alba



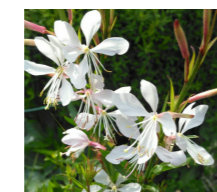
Tulbaghia violacea Alba



Rosa 'Night Owl'



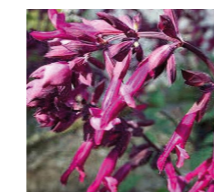
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Iris Benton Dierdre



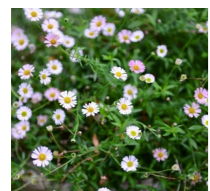
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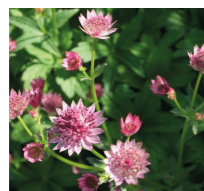
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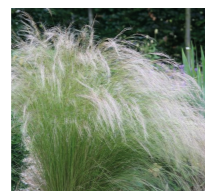
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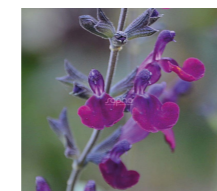
Erigeron 'Profusion'



Astrantia 'Roma'



Stipa tenuissima



Salvia x jamensis



Agapanthus Amourette Blue



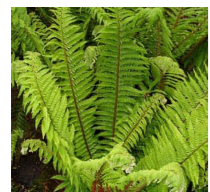
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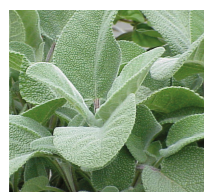
Salvia nem. Caradonna Pink



Aloysia citrodora



Polystichum aculeatum



Salvia officinalis Berggarten



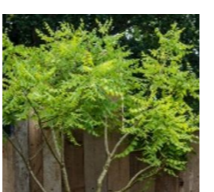
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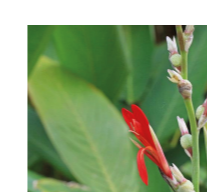
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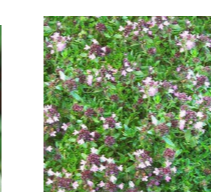
Ficus carica



Koelreuteria paniculata



Canna indica



Thymus serpyllum 'Magic Carpet'

RHS Chelsea Flower Show garden to become a sanctuary space for addiction recovery centre in Grimsby, in one of the most deprived and nature impoverished wards in the UK.



The Anywhere Courtyard, on show in this year's Balcony and Container Gardens section at RHS Chelsea, will become a tranquil oasis for rest and respite at Grimsby's award-winning addiction recovery centre [Creative Start](#).

Designed by first time Chelsea exhibitor Elisabeth Wright-McCalla of [Botanical Spaces](#), the fragrant courtyard's modular design means it can be adapted to fit into even the most challenging of urban areas. Its benches contain practical storage, whilst raised beds planted with medicinal herbs and gently scented hardy perennials double up as seatbacks.

"The need for a calm environment - where people can go to reflect and be in the present - has never been more important," says Wright-McCalla, who is delighted that her design will be going to create a much-needed "place of refuge and contrast", as she describes it, "offering a tranquil and untroubled place to sit and contemplate, amongst calming and sensory plants; a place to connect to the natural world."

The garden relocation is being configured in collaboration with the social enterprise [Create Streets](#), an organisation that exists to help communities, landowners, councils and developers to create and steward beautiful, healthy, and sustainable places. For the last three years, Create Streets has been working with the [community of the East Marsh](#) in Grimsby through their associated charity, the Create Streets Foundation. This includes the [Greening up the Marsh](#) project to bring beauty and biodiversity to the streets of the East Marsh, one of the most deprived wards in the UK and an area almost devoid of greenery. To date, they have helped plant 120 trees in the local park and in 8 primary schools alongside East Marsh United and expert urban forester Russell Horsey.

The garden will transform an industrial yard at Creative Start's social space, the Black Gull community venue, into a publicly accessible nature haven, becoming the first green space on the Grimsby Docks.

Creative Start founder, Sam Delaney, says, ““We're thrilled to partner with Botanical Spaces and Create Streets on this incredible initiative, benefiting both the recovery community and wider NE Lincs community. As a lived experience recovery organisation, we're committed to using art and creativity to foster lasting change and provide inspiring, non-clinical therapeutic spaces. Elisabeth's garden sanctuary embodies everything we wish to offer to the area. On behalf of our community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all involved.”

Create Streets Associate Director Eleanor Broad says: “Greening up our streets is the secret sauce for happy and healthy places. The research is done; the judgement is in: greening up is good for people, prosperity and planet. Streets and squares with more trees and more greenery are consistently associated with happier and healthier people, with cooler streets and with better places. And greening up can be so simple to do: a street tree here, a micro-garden there. Taking *The Anywhere Courtyard* to green up a corner of the former docks in Grimsby could not be a more superb example of how to improve our villages, towns and cities.”

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Editors' notes

Botanical Spaces is a young landscape design practice that offers custom-designed outdoor living spaces that bring the beauty of nature to one's doorstep. Designing multi-functional zones for cooking, dining, and relaxation, Botanical Spaces uses sustainable and tropical landscape planting schemes to create a lush, wildlife-friendly oasis. Designs can include both medicinal and edible plants, enhancing both the aesthetic appeal and providing access to herbs and natural remedies. 2D and 3D visualization enable clients to experience the design before it's built and get a clear idea of the end result. <https://botanical-spaces.com> @botanical_spaces_design

Creative Start Arts in Health CIC is an award-winning Lived Experience Recovery Organisation that has delivered arts in health workshops, creative community projects and structured peer support in North East Lincolnshire since 2012. We are a member-led organisation with excellent connections across the local culture and health sectors. Our members consistently prove that the creative process, in all its forms, is a successful way of aiding recovery, coping with mental health issues, providing a purpose and tackling stigma. We are proud that our community offers an inspiring and unique perspective of both how recovery can be achieved and what can be achieved by those in recovery. <https://www.creativestartcic.org/> @creativestartcic @blackgull.community @greatescapegrimsby

Create Streets is a design practice, town-builder and think tank that exists to help communities, landowners, councils and developers to create and steward beautiful, healthy, and sustainable places. We lead research, strategic placemaking, master-planning, design coding and community co-design to help develop and steward beautiful and popular 'gentle density' places which residents and neighbours can love for generations. For people, prosperity and planet.
For info on Create Street in Grimsby: <https://www.createstreetsfoundation.org.uk/grimsby/> For Create Street's Greening Up report: <https://www.createstreets.com/greeningup/>
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