

Search for Britain's Best Gardening Space Launches with GARDENA and The National Allotment Society

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March 24th - Celebrating the flourishing grow-your-own movement, **Huw Richards**, renowned gardening expert and Sunday Times best-selling author, has partnered with **GARDENA**, Europe's number one watering and hand tools brand, to launch the search for **Britain's best plot or outdoor space**. The competition, titled **Top of the Plots**, is supported by **The National Allotment Society** (NAS) and will reward the UK's finest gardeners with **£1,000 worth of GARDENA products** to help their spaces thrive.

Mike Farrell, Chairman of the **National Allotment Society**, said: "Allotments have been at the heart of communities for generations, providing food security, a place to connect, and a way to care for the environment. Top of the Plots is a brilliant way to highlight their importance. At NAS, we know how vital these spaces are—not just for food, but for mental well-being, education, and social connection. We're excited to support this initiative and see the incredible plots from across the country."

The competition comes at a time when **allotment demand** is higher than ever, as gardening becomes increasingly recognised for its **physical and mental health benefits**, as well as its role in **sustainable living** and **food security**.

"Top of the Plots is more than just a competition to find the best plot," says **Huw Richards**, head judge and **GARDENA Ambassador**. "It's about inspiring more people to grow their own food, whether they have a large garden or just a windowsill. We want to show that everyone, regardless of experience, can be a grower and make a meaningful contribution to sustainability."

The competition will spotlight a range of gardening achievements, from the perfect allotment plot to windowsill wonders and community spaces. Categories include:

- **Best Allotment:** The top plot in an official allotment space
- **Best Garden Plot:** The best home garden or backyard plot
- **Best New Plot:** A plot started within the past 12 months, judged on seasonal progress
- **Kids on the Plot, Best Small Plot, Biodiversity on the Plot, and Best Community Plot** will also be recognized.

The **main prize** for the competition winner is **£1,000 worth of GARDENA products**, along with a **coveted champion's plaque**. The first 100 entrants will receive exclusive **Top of the Plots** merchandise.

Mike Farrell continued, "Allotments are not just about growing food—they're about connecting people to nature and each other. We hope this competition will inspire more people to create their own gardening spaces and showcase the vital role allotments play in communities."

Huw Richards added, "Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this competition is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the joy of cultivating your produce and connecting with nature."

The **National Allotment Society** invites all gardening enthusiasts to take part in **Top of the Plots** and celebrate the power of **growing their own food, fostering biodiversity**, and creating beautiful, **sustainable plots**.

For more information and to enter, visit: <https://www.gardena.com/uk>

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