

# UPDATES

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Gardens



Welcome to the latest Updates newsletter from Steven Kelvin Gardens

## FEATURE

### Calm courtyard for contemporary city guesthouse

Our second commission for Brooks Hotels Ltd. the award-winning boutique guest house brand. Situated in central Bristol next to the vibrant St.Nicholas market with its eclectic mix of foodstuffs and stalls reminiscent of a Moroccan bazaar. We took influences from the Alhambra Palace Gardens in Spain combined with classic English planting to create a tranquil setting for guests to enjoy some peace and quiet in this bustling part of the City.

Other completed commissions in this sector include national restaurant chain Cote, The Marlborough Tavern and Chequers, award-winning pubs in Bath, No1 Beaufort Restaurant and Bar, Brooks Guesthouse, Bath.

## RECOMMEND

With lots of spring-cleaning to do in the garden we recommend a visit to [www.niwaki.com](http://www.niwaki.com). For the finest quality pruning tools (and other great stuff from Japan).



I have been using the beautifully balanced Okatsune Shears and Wakasaya Topiary Clippers for some time now and have even traded my trusty Felco's for a pair of Tobisho secateurs.

## GARDENS TO VISIT

Batsford Arboretum – Not quite Westonbirt but still one of the largest private collections of trees and shrubs. Great this time of year for flowering cherries. Batsford Park, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 9AB. Tel 01386 701441. [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk)

## OTHER NEWS

One of our most popular gardens has helped The Marlborough Tavern pick up the best Al Fresco dining award at the inaugural Bath Good Food Awards.

We have recently gained several new clients in The Cotswolds, expanding the range of our client base which as well as our core clientele in Bath and Bristol includes London, Berkshire, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire.

A garden art installation designed by Steven Kelvin Gardens and executed with pupils from Rendcomb College for the schools annual MAD festival proved a successful and rewarding project. Very nice to have such a creative brief to work from. As well as all the staff and students involved in the event, I would also like to thank Foxley Nurseries and Charles Davis Ltd for supplying plants.

## SEASONAL TIPS

### PRUNING

Hard prune summer-flowering shrubs such as Buddleia, Caryopteris and Lavatera.

Cut back ornamental grasses.

Prune established bush and standard roses. Cut back Lavender – but not into old wood!

### LAWNS

Good time to lay turf. Start to mow on a high blade setting.

Feed lawns with a spring/summer formulation.

### GENERAL

Good time to move shrubs, they should re-establish quickly. Ideal time to feed plants with fish, blood and bone or growmore. Plant evergreen shrubs, trees and hedging. Watch out for Slugs!

## MAINTENANCE

Due to increasing demand we now offer a bespoke maintenance service. So make the most of your garden with expert help and advice.

### Specialist Pruning

Wisteria, Roses, Clematis, Fruit trees.

### Topiary, Training and Shaping

Pleaching, Standards, Lollipop, Espalier.

### Topiary in Box and Yew

Hedges Shaping and Renovation.

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