

UPDATES

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Welcome to the latest Updates newsletter from Steven Kelvin Gardens

FEATURE

Inside Out

With this commission we worked with a modern mix of quality materials: Limestone planking for the patio areas, Oak planks for the "jetty" and Venetian slatted fencing for the boundaries, combined with a carefully balanced planting scheme to create a harmonious cohesion between the interior and exterior spaces.

RECOMMEND

If you're a fan of Lavender then a trip off the beaten track to The Lavender Garden near Kingscote in Gloucestershire is worth the effort.



Andrew stocks a wide range of quality Lavender along with other plants to attract Bees and insects. He also holds the national Buddleja collection. www.thelavenderg.co.uk

GARDENS TO VISIT

Little Sparta, Scotland. One of my all time favourite gardens, tucked away in the Pentland Hills outside Edinburgh, just finding it is an achievement! This is the garden and masterpiece of the artist, poet and philosopher Ian Hamilton Finlay.



As well as being hard to find it has very limited opening times but this is such a unique and stunning garden that it far outweighs the logistical nightmare of organising the visit. www.littlesparta.org

OTHER NEWS

This summer we successfully completed the design and implementation for a new courtyard garden at the 46 bedroom Herald House Hotel in central Edinburgh. Some days it didn't even rain! heraldhousehotel.co.uk

After last year's design and planting project for the popular restaurant chain Cote brasserie in Bath we have just provided the same service for their latest opening opposite the Cathedral in Exeter. cote-restaurants.co.uk.

We spent some of this Spring at the Hare and Hounds, Lansdown (quite possibly with the best views of any pub in Bath) transforming the garden in time for the opening, and are now delighted to have taken on the contract to maintain and evolve this great outdoor space for the bath Pub Company. hareandhoundsbath.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ed and Antonia for their wonderful hospitality on my field trip to Lagos, Portugal and look forward to some gardening in sunny climes in the coming months.

SEASONAL TIPS

PRUNING

After flowering prune Wisteria and shrubs such as Pyracantha. Also a good time to lightly prune Lavender and Hebe's. Trim hedges Prune Rambling Roses once flowers have finished

LAWNS

Scarify and Aerate over the next month or so. Give a high Phosphate feed, especially good if you have a poor soil.

This months tips dedicated to Nick!

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
Cutting, Shaping and Renovation.

Lawn Care
Turving, Scarification, Aeration, Feeding and Renovation.

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