

Garden show aims to establish itself on the calendar for summer events

***Variety of competition options for professional and amateur designers and growers**

*** Community involvement a vital element**

West Woodhay Garden Show is aiming to establish itself on the calendar of 'must attend' events for all keen gardeners and plant lovers. After a successful inaugural show in 2005, plans are already underway for the June 2007 show taking place at West Woodhay House, on the Hampshire, Berkshire border from June 15-17, 2007.

Nigel Dyson, show director, explained; "We are keen to involve as many parts of the community as possible. We are inviting any interested Garden or Horticultural Club to enter our Hanging Basket competition, and local schools and youth groups throughout Berkshire and North Hampshire are being encouraged to take part in the 'Grub in a Tub' competition. It seems very early to be thinking about next year's plants and gardens but clubs and schools start planning their programme of activity in September and we want them to get involved and make West Woodhay Garden Show the highlight of their summer trips."

Professional designers and horticultural colleges are being invited to submit designs for a garden with the theme 'Room with a View'. More information on all these activities can be obtained by contacting Nigel Dyson on Tel: 01206 251790 or going to the show website at www.westwoodhaygardenshow.co.uk

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As well as the hustle and bustle of the competitions and trade stands the weekend will provide a rare opportunity for members of the public to have access to one of the most noteworthy private gardens in the South of England. Garden societies wishing to visit the show should contact Nigel for details of special packages available

The garden show is being hosted by Harry Henderson and his family at West Woodhay House and will benefit a number of local charities and churches. Built in 1635, the house has undergone several changes and alterations, but in 1947 John Henderson carried out a superb transfiguration and restored it to its original 17th century size and laid down the basis for the splendid gardens. Harry and his wife Sarah have continued this work and made significant improvements to the gardens, which include a rose garden, a walled vegetable garden and a number of lakes and streams, all linked by avenues and vistas of creative planting.

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Note to editors:

Photos of the house and garden are available on request.

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