

An invitation to professional garden designers, horticultural students and charities to design and build a show garden at next year's West Woodhay Garden Show.

* Theme is 'Room with a View'

Professional garden designers, horticultural colleges and local and national charities are being invited to submit designs for a garden with the theme 'Room with a View'. The event is being held on June 16 & 17, 2007 at West Woodhay House, just south of Newbury, on the Berkshire/Hampshire border, and it is estimated that 10-15,000 people will attend the event.

Show organiser, Nigel Dyson, said; "The 18 show gardens will be the centrepiece of the whole event. As well as established garden designers, we would welcome entries from exhibitors with new and innovative ideas who are looking to showcase their work to a wider audience, or charities wishing to raise their profile with a themed garden." The finished gardens will measure 6m x 6m and will be judged by Sir Simon Hornby, Past President of R.H.S., Douglas Harris from Penwood Nurseries and Garden Designer Veronica Mackinnon. Designers or colleges requiring more information should contact Nigel as soon as possible on Tel: 01206 251790 or go to the show website at www.westwoodhaygardenshow.co.uk

As well as the hustle and bustle of the competitions and numerous 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. 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 and can be viewed at the website www.westwoodhaygardenshow.co.uk

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