

# COUNTRYFILE CELEBRATES 30TH BIRTHDAY AT HAMPTON COURT

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*Countryfile's 30th Anniversary Garden designed by Ann-Marie Powell. Photo: RHS*

Ann-Marie Powell's garden at Hampton Court Flower Show celebrates 30 years of the much-loved BBC One programme *Countryfile* and depicts varied aspects of the British countryside.

The garden has been designed to encourage Hampton Court visitors and TV viewers to reconnect with nature.

The Countryfile 30th Anniversary Garden is a tiered landscape representing different areas of the British Isles, from the Scottish Highlands to Yorkshire's Dales and moors, to the woodlands of North Wales and coastal areas of the south and Ireland.



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For the Scottish highlands there will be a rugged landscape of Gabbro boulders, Scot's pine, *Vaccinium myrtillus* (blaeberry) and heathers. The dales and moors will also be a rocky landscape, with an abundance of *Crataegus* (hawthorn), rock rose *Helianthemum nummularium* and wild thyme among weathered limestone.

North Wales is represented by woodland trees such as *Fagus sylvatica*, our native beech, featuring alongside slate outcrops. The coast will be depicted through seaside plant *Crambe maritima*, which will nestle alongside *Crithmum maritimum* (samphire) and *Glaucium flavum* (yellow horned poppy).

Ann-Marie Powell says: "I hope the garden encourages people to think about the diversity of plants they can grow in their own gardens wherever they are in the UK to support our precious wildlife and get people to reconnect with nature."





*Countryfiles 30th Anniversary Garden. Designed by: Ann-Marie Powell. Feature Garden. RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2018. Stand no. 518*

"It is both an honour and a joy to create this wonderful garden for Countryfile at one of the biggest and most famous gardening events in the world. I've loved researching and being inspired by Britain's amazing landscapes whilst creating my design."

#### **Plants from the Countryfile 30th Anniversary Garden**





**Samphire**

A coastal plant that thrives in sunny, sandy areas and flowers in summer.



**Rock**



**rose**

A spreading evergreen with a long flowering period, from spring to autumn.



**Calluna vulgaris**

This heather flowers in late summer and early autumn and grows best in light, acidic soil. Find plants [here](#).

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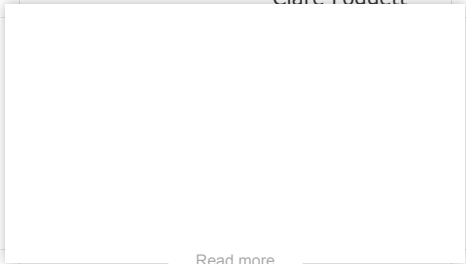
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