

GREENING GREY BRITAIN

DESIGNER Ann-Marie Powell

SPONSOR Royal Horticultural Society

CONTRACTOR The Outdoor Room

BRIEF To promote the RHS Greening Grey Britain campaign: a front garden full of ideas visitors can take home

INSPIRATION Colour; also inspired by the diverse specialist activities of the RHS

GREATEST CHALLENGE "Not to go too mad. I've got to be careful it's not just an amorphous mass of different ideas"



FLOWER POWER Ann-Marie promises her planting will require sunglasses!

"It's quite nerve wracking presenting a garden to the RHS – they've seen everything over the years, so it was a real honour to be invited to create this garden for them at Chelsea. It's quite a large plot, which I've designed as a walk-through space, with plenty of seating so you can view it from within the garden, not just from around its edges.

"The planting is quite eclectic – from traditional herbaceous borders to cactus, epiphytes and planting for dry shade. I also wanted it to be as bright as humanly possible. You'll need your sunglasses for this one! When you haven't got a massive budget you have to do something to attract people's attention.

"The double herbaceous border includes roses, delphiniums and old

classics used in an unusual way, and there's a bed for dry shade filled with orange geums, blue *Meconopsis cookei* 'Lingholm', *Digitalis purpurea* and *Epimedium warleyense* 'Orangekönigin'. In the courtyard are four pledge trees (hawthorns) where visitors can attach their pledges to help with the Green Up Grey Britain campaign. There's really something for everyone.



VEG ON THE ROOF

Herbs, fruit and veg are planted in containers

Planting palette



PLANTING STYLE Eclectic, vivacious and attention-grabbing. Plants include orange geums (1), foxgloves (2), roses (3), blue meconopsis (4)

PALETTE Orange, pink, yellow

