

## 'Adventures in Gardening'

### Hillier at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2010

In partnership with The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

This year's Hillier exhibit at the heart of the Great Pavilion is all about gardening as an exciting adventure. It is about inspiring visitors to throw caution to the wind and embark on their own gardening journey. Intrepid Hillier designer and MD, Andy McIndoe, is clearly set to tackle any horticultural challenge during the Chelsea set-up!



## The Hillier Exhibit by Numbers.....

### 3000 Trees, Shrubs and Hardy Plants

Chelsea veteran Ricky Dorlay has the task of preparing over 3000 trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials to the peak of perfection for one crucial week in May. This year's harsh winter and spring have particularly affected the late-flowering rhododendrons and cornus, but may have helped the flowering cherries amongst others.



### 20m x 20m - Hillier, The Largest Site at the Chelsea Flower Show

The Hillier exhibit is the largest of all gardens and exhibits at Chelsea and centres on The Monument at the centre of the Floral Pavilion. Hillier are not allowed to dig down into the football pitches and roadway that lie beneath, so all constructions must be above ground. Just 10 days before the show opens (at least a week later than the outdoor Show gardens), the Hillier hard landscape construction team arrives on site, covers the entire Hillier pitch in black polythene, and then sets to work. Walls are built, paving laid, buildings erected, water features created, terraces, lawns and pools raised.

- 16 tons of sand, cement and ballast
- 1300 concrete blocks to raise the terraces and water features
- 4 tons of paving and walling
- 10 tons of bark chips
- 750 hand-written labels!

### 10 days to build, but only 10 hours to take apart.....

The Hillier 'Adventures in Gardening' Exhibit will take 10 intense days to build, compared to 3 weeks for the outdoor gardens.....but just 10 sorry hours to dismantle. Hundreds of plants are shipped straight from the showground to Hillier's Sunningdale Garden Centre for a huge Chelsea Plant Sale on Sunday morning.



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