



## **WATERING IN NEW GROWTH AT HILLIER**

Pictured right: Glyn Webster (Garden Centre Manager), Robert Hillier (Hillier Chairman), Gregory Barker (MP) and Tim Voyce (Mayor of Polgate)



Eastbourne's new eco-friendly garden centre, Hillier, celebrated its official launch on Friday 11 March with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with a horticultural twist.

Hillier welcomed Pevensey and Westham MP Gregory Barker, the Mayor of Polegate and a host of other local dignitaries and gardening celebrities to toast the opening of its new £3million flagship store.

Chairman, Robert Hillier OBE, said: "Our new flagship garden centre brings an unrivalled horticultural destination to East Sussex. The redevelopment has enabled us to become more eco-friendly with rainwater harvesting for irrigation, low energy LED lighting, solar energy recovery and energy management systems, as well as exceeding all of the building regulations for insulation."

Eastbourne Garden Centre Manager, Glyn Webster, added: "As well as improved facilities and a new 112-cover coffee shop, we have added 25 members to our team.

"Throughout almost a year of building work, our loyal customers have shown great support and interest in our progress, for which we are grateful. To cement our place in the East Sussex community of horticulturists we offer not only a magnificent range of trees, shrubs, seasonal bedding and other garden sundries, but a full programme of events and activities including talks from Hillier's gardening experts."

Pevensey and Westham MP, Gregory Barker, commented: "This new garden centre is a great boost for local business, providing jobs for local people. Looking after our gardens is a real joy for so many of us and I am delighted that Hillier have invested in this exciting re-development in such an environmentally sound way. I understand

that, except for one skip load, Hillier have recycled the whole of the old garden centre!”

Hillier’s new Eastbourne garden centre is located on the B2014 Hailsham Road, between Stone Cross and Pevensey.