



Landscape Skills Competition 2024



Exclusive Skills Competition 2024

The Professionals

BBC GWL Autumn Fair

Audley End House & Gardens,

Audley End Rd, Audley End, Saffron Walden CB11 4JF.

Comp dates 28/8/24 - 30/8/24 Show dates 30/8/24 – 1/9/24

The APL will have a stand at the show and can represent your gardens throughout the show.

This is for teams of two, we are also happy for you to collaborate with a designer, but the design itself will not be judged. However the interpretation of the brief will be taken into account during the medal judging.

You will receive a grant of £2.5K, if required your accommodation will be paid and you will receive sponsorship of hard landscape product from Bradstone.

The APL will purchase type 1, sands and cement. Any other materials are to be taken from the budget provided and the use of your own sponsorship deals with suppliers.

We will help where we can.

The gardens will be 24m² (6 x 4m) or slightly more if required, but no less.

To enter please complete the below form and return as soon as possible, but no later than **21st June 2024**.
Applications should be returned to

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Please note that emails larger than 10MB will be rejected by the server so please use another method such as Drop Box or WeTransfer.

Competition timeline and rules

Each team will be given 16.5hrs to complete

Day 1 **28/8/24**

12noon -5pm (15 min afternoon break) 4.45hrs

Day 2 **29/8/24**

8.30am – 6pm (2 x 15mins + 1 half hr = 1hr total) 8.5hrs

Day 3 **30/8/24**

8.30am – 12noon (15 min morning break) 3.15hrs

(On day 3, there is no construction work allowed, only planting and light finishing)

YOU MUST OBEY THESE TIMES AND BREAKS.

The Gardens

Each plot MUST include a minimum of :-

5m2 of paved, hard standing (This **MUST** be sourced from Bradstone)

5m2 of Decked area This can be sourced from anywhere.

Total landscaped construction area should be no more than 14m2.

A minimum of 6m2 of planting.

A simple water feature.

This does leave around 5m2 for you to do what you wish.

There must be at least one change in level (But note there is no dig policy, maximum lowering is 200mm within the interior of raised bed)

At least one feature tree.

Gardens should be viewed from two sides minimum..

You may wish to incorporate a fence or a hedge, note that as these are raised beds, fence posts will have to be fixed to the border edge.

This is a construction award and whilst the pack does not need to include construction drawings, a layout plan must be supplied so judges can mark against what the plans dictate. Judges would also like to see a full specification.

We would like to see the designs ahead of the builds for promotional use.

Drawing and Submission Requirements

With your submission please also include the following:

- A coloured CAD or sketch plan view of garden
- Three dimensional perspectives of the garden showing the views that visitors will see
- A mood board of proposed plants
- Construction layout plan with key dimensions annotated excavations and elevations

The title of the projects setting out an overall theme is **“That’s Entertainment”**

The theme of 2024 APL Skills Competition "The professionals" is “That’s Entertainment”. This theme encourages you to produce a space that nod towards the Essex reputation for modern, stylised, sociable / partying lifestyles.

The gardens should be inspirational and aspirational, but with a focus on realistic budgets. Designs could incorporate achievable elements that reflect a market threatened with the current cost of living crisis so that it is relatable to individuals at the show.

The professional Judging will be done on the construction elements of the build and quality of planting. It will not be based on anything relating to the design.

The medals awarded will incorporate design elements.

Then the two elements will be placed together to give the judges the difficult decision of who becomes APL Landscapes Skill Champion 2024. Eg One garden could be Gold, the other Silvermerit. But combined scores could mean that Silver merit wins the competition.

GOOD LUCK.

CONTACT DETAILS

Landscape Company Contact Details

These details are used for communication between the Show Team and the Exhibitor and will not be published:

Company		
Key Contact		
Address		
Post Code		
Email		
Telephone	Mobile	Landline
Web Address		

Designer's Details

You are welcome to use your own in-house designer or an external designer.

Designer's Name		
Contact Name		
Designer's Address		
Post Code		
Email		
Telephone	Mobile	Landline
Web Address		