

# Media Release

The Garden Company celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a BALI Award



The Garden Company, a Hertfordshire-based landscape design and build business led by James Scott MSGD, has two reasons to celebrate this month. The company had already made plans to mark its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an all-staff party, and the 'icing on the cake' was provided by the news that the company has won a national BALI award. This brings the number of national awards won by the company since it was founded in 1991 to a total of 21. The winning garden project this year (in Pinner) is in the Domestic Garden Construction category and met the judging panel's requirement for exceptionally high standards of professionalism and skill.

James Scott commented: 'This year we are celebrating 25 successful years in business. We started out back in 1991 in Barnet with just two of us and a few garden maintenance clients. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our clients over the years since then for trusting us with their precious gardens and outdoor spaces. We know that they choose us with great care, and it is a real privilege to work for them to create, develop and nurture beautiful gardens. We have a fantastic track record in meeting clients' needs and evidence for this can be found in our long trail of national landscaping awards. Winning these awards is always a huge professional

achievement and we believe it reflects not only our technical 'knowhow' but also our focus on 'wow-ing' our clients.'

'Thank you too to our close suppliers, business partners and those fellow designers who choose us to build their gardens for them because they know that we will endeavor to build their creations as envisaged. Over the years we have worked with many designers and I am grateful to them all.'

'I would also like to thank and applaud everybody working in the business today, whether out in all weathers building and maintaining gardens or in the office, managing teams and projects and keeping the business running. Between us we have nearly 100 years of service - so people that joined us recently have joined a company with a huge amount of knowledge and expertise. We are equally proud to welcome our recent joiners and delighted that our apprenticeship scheme will be put to great use in the coming year, with 4 more team members signed up to work on NVQs Levels 2 and 3. Thank you too of course to Kathie Coss who set up the business with me originally, and came back to celebrate our anniversary with us'.

'On a personal note, I genuinely look forward to steering the company from strength to strength in the coming years while 'putting something back' by association with two great professional bodies, BALI and the SGD. Landscape design and horticulture is a wonderful place to work but not always recognized as such, and attracting and developing new talent into the industry is for me one of the most exciting challenges that we face in the years ahead'.

## **NOTES TO THE EDITOR**

### **James Scott MSGD**

James has won numerous awards for his garden design work in Hertfordshire, North London and South East England. James oversees all work produced by his award winning design team and has overall responsibility for the Garden Company business. He has achieved full accreditation and is a Registered Member of the Society of Garden Designers which is the only body representing professional garden designers in the UK. Since 2013, James has served on Council for the Society of Garden Designers. James grew up in the Cotswolds where he spent many hours with his grandparents who were keen gardeners of their one acre garden in the Slad valley. It was here that James first developed his love of plants and their place in the greater landscape. He studied at Merrist Wood College in Guildford where he graduated in 1989 and was awarded the accolade of 'Best Design Student'.



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The Garden Company Ltd provides specialist garden design, landscaping and maintenance services for both commercial and domestic clients. Founded in 1991, we have won multiple national awards. Although we are based near Hemel Hempstead, we provide specialist garden services throughout Hertfordshire and can often be found in Berkhamsted, Kings Langley, St Albans or Tring. We also work extensively in North London (Highgate, Hampstead), Buckinghamshire (Amersham, the Chalfonts), Bedfordshire and Middlesex.

Our track record shows that we are dedicated to creating and maintaining traditional and contemporary timeless gardens and landscapes that exceed our clients' expectations. We are capable of providing a first class range of garden services to commercial and domestic clients and also have much experience in providing full landscaping services to other professional designers. Our highly trained and client-focused teams offer expertise in areas including garden lighting, irrigation, interior landscaping, interior maintenance and tree surgery as well as our core services in design, construction, garden and grounds maintenance