

## RHS SHOW SEASON KICKS OF IN STYLE WITH FIRST EVER RHS LONDON SHOW GARDEN GOLD MEDAL AWARDED



The first ever RHS gold medal to be awarded to a Brett Landscaping supported garden has been picked up in London. The 'Smoke and Mirrors' show garden, designed by Alexandra Froggatt and supported by Brett Landscaping, has triumphed at the RHS London Show after winning a Gold Medal, the first time a show garden has been honoured with such an award at the event.

"I am elated and really thrilled!" says Alexandra. "We have worked really hard on this garden. We've spent a month in pre-fabrication and three days building the garden at the show, but it's been a fantastic experience and we are delighted to have won this award.

"Feedback on the garden has been really positive. The fact that ours is the first show garden to win a RHS Gold Award makes it even more special."

Brett Landscaping supported the garden with a donation of Silver Grey Granite which was meticulously cut to the curves of the pathway which runs through the garden. The pale grey stone, which has also been used in the seating area, provides strong contrast against the warm greens, reds and pinks of the planting, and acts to lift and lighten the design.

Decorative Aggregates also formed part of the hard landscaping. Alexandra Froggatt continues; "Our small garden has been designed to be stylish and contemporary and is based on the theme of 'Awkward Alleys'. The garden demonstrates how even the tightest space can be maximised

using various garden design tricks such as mirrors, curves, horizontal lines and strategic use of colour. The planting is bold and bright with evergreen shrubs and colourful stems for year round interest.”

Alexandra, whose company Azalea Designs is based in Cheshire, is developing a strong reputation as a designer. She won second place in the Young Designer of the Year Competition at RHS Tatton Park Flower Show 2011.



Jane Campion of Brett Landscaping adds; “We are delighted for Alexandra. The garden has attracted a phenomenal amount of interest and is a worthy winner. Visitors cannot fail to have been inspired by the clever use of materials and planting which demonstrates how every outdoor space, however small can be used as an extension of the home. It’s great to see Brett Landscaping’s natural stone used so creatively within this truly unique and exciting garden and we are proud of the part our materials have played in the success of the garden.” The RHS London Plant and Design Show took place at the RHS Horticultural Halls, 14th and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

We’ll have more photos up on [www.brett paving](http://www.brett paving) shortly.

Brett paving will be on show next at RHS Show Cardiff from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April.