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SILVER MEDAL-WINNING CHILSTONE GARDEN “ADOPTED” BY CHELSEA PENSIONER

The Chilstone Garden, designed by Heather Appleton and built by Kent landscaper Twig, won major accolades at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The stunning urban garden with its bright turquoise outdoor carpet, stone temple, everlasting ice sculpture and hanging chair was awarded a silver medal, delighting all those involved in the project.

Twig managing director David Eyre said: “This was our first foray into the Chelsea Flower Show and so we are thrilled to have won a significant medal. I am delighted with how everything went. We’re definitely going for gold next time!”

Perhaps the most rewarding recognition, though, came from John Carbis, a Chelsea Pensioner, who “adopted” the garden as he has occasionally done over the years. He said: “For the past 14 years I have been coming into the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, taking full advantage of the Sunday afternoon preview. I adopted the Chilstone Garden this year - continuing a personal ‘adoption’ tradition I informally established more than a decade ago.”

In-Pensioner John Carbis, a retired Sapper, particularly appreciated the work that went into the structure of the Chilstone Garden. He said: "I think it is not only fantastic but restful. For me, this one was definitely the best in show."

The Chilstone Garden designer Heather Appleton said: "We are chuffed to bits that In-Pensioner John Carbis selected our Chilstone garden for the honour this year. It means a huge amount to us."

The Chilstone Garden includes:

- A luxuriously soft deep-pile turquoise outdoor carpet instead of paving (visit the [Twig Group website](#) for details)
- A neo-classical stone temple, inside which hangs a retro Eero Aarnio hanging see-through bubble chair
- An everlasting ice sculpture
- Snowball shaped seats
- An intricate pattern of wild grasses, purple and winter-white plants

Heather Appleton's urban garden has been on show at Chelsea between May 24-28 2011 on the Pavilion Way RHW30

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Key facts

Heather Appleton is a designer who consistently wins show garden competitions. Whether her creations are for charities, such as the PDSA or the Anthony Nolan Trust, or to promote commercial sponsors, she has a strong track record of impressing the judges. Heather, who took up garden design later in life, had long yearned to land a coveted place at RHS Chelsea. She is delighted to be showcasing her urban garden there.

The temple at the centre of the garden was designed for a show garden at the 1982 Chelsea Flower Show. It was part of the Home & Gardens display and was designed by David Stevens and won a gold medal. It has been tweaked for this year to give it a more contemporary appearance; the fibreglass roof has been changed to look like lead.

The columns and lintels were manufactured by hand using 2.5 tonnes of crushed sandstone. Heather adapted a number of Chilstone's standard components such as 22-inch balls, converting them into snowball seats, one of which will hook over the edge of the paddling pool. In total Chilstone used over 5 tonnes of crushed sandstone. Two staff were assigned to make all of the stone for Chelsea - the aptly named Greg Sands and Calon Flack.

To view the garden concept in pictures, visit: <http://www.chilstone.com/Chelsea2011.php>

The suppliers of the long grasses are Wildly Rural: <http://wildlyrural.com/Nursery/nursery.html>

Trees from Deepdale trees: <http://www.deepdale-trees.co.uk/index.htm>

CMA Moldform have supplied the ice sculpture. (They supplied the resin for Mauro Peruccetti's jelly baby installation at Marble Arch): <http://www.cmamoldform.co.uk>

The deep-pile outdoor carpet is manufactured in Germany by Kymo - www.kymo.de - and distributed in London and the South-East by the Twig Group: www.twiggroup.co.uk

The hanging see-through bubble chair supplied by Sitsmart: <http://www.sitsmart.co.uk>

The garden is being built and project-managed by the Twig Group, the Kent based landscape and countryside management company <http://www.twiggroup.co.uk>

About Twig

1. The Twig Group is an award-winning* landscape and countryside management company with dedicated branches operating within the domestic, commercial and educational sectors.
2. Twig's latest projects include landscaping various country gardens and agricultural spaces in south England; the clearance, redesign and rebuild of London town house gardens; creating an innovative rooftop garden for students at London's City University; landscaping for the 230-acre site at Thanet Earth and completing a number of outdoor learning spaces for schools as well as sensory gardens for those who are hard of hearing and visually impaired.
3. Twig have launched the widely acclaimed Maternitree tree-planting campaign: www.maternitree.co.uk is endorsed by the Woodland Trust and the influential online networking site, mumsnet

*Twig's most recent award was for London and South-East Business of the Year at the British Chambers Awards held in November 2010

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