



THE GREEN GARDENER

This issue, we take a look at the striking show garden created at *The Home & Garden Show* by regular *Concept For Living* contributor & Green Gardener David Keegan.



David's modern show garden, with its unusual sunken seating area and circular viewing point, proved popular with show visitors, and was an especially big hit with TV gardener Diarmuid Gavin, who returned to it several times during the show.

The garden designers last met when David appeared in BBC2 programme *Garden School* as one of Diarmuid's garden design students.

"I can't wait to see David's garden," said Diarmuid when he arrived at the show, and he managed to find the time between his main stage talks to take plenty of snapshots of it.

David explained that he had opted for a low-level seating area to protect people from the elements. Even on a cool, breezy day it provides a warm, sheltered space, where plants can be enjoyed from an unusual angle.

Bark was laid over the soil, providing an attractive yet practical layer, which helps to preserve water.

Concept For Living Garden Design Awards judge Jill Nicholson commented: "In terms of planting there's a lot of interest in this garden. The garden designer is also thinking about the future in terms of water preservation with the bark. The use of ferns is very fashionable right now and I think the water feature is very effective."