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## NEWSPRINT

All that's new in the world of garden design *Compiled by Zia Alloway*

### SGD LAUNCHES CPD PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE WORKING PRACTISES



gardens and surface water management in private, domestic settings. She will explain how to make the most of rainwater in these outdoor spaces and show what kind of nature-based solutions can be used to manage each stage of its flow through a garden. Designers and landscape professionals will also learn how to build small-scale rain gardens and install rain planters in existing gardens, to help improve biodiversity and the wider environment.

The remaining sessions this autumn/winter will be 'How to use Climate Positive Design's online carbon calculator, Pathfinder' with Rachel Bailey MSGD, 'Using concrete and concrete substitutes', 'Sustainable lighting', and 'Choosing the right trees for biodiversity and climate change'.

Future topics will be announced in due course, with a full timetable of one-day, half-day and shorter sessions for 2023 running alongside the Society's regular CPD programme. All the sessions will be online and open to members and non-members alike, around the world.

**For more details and to book places, visit [sgd.org.uk](http://sgd.org.uk) and search for Sustainability and Environment.**

**THE SOCIETY OF GARDEN DESIGNERS (SGD)** has launched a new continuing professional development (CPD) programme this autumn that is intended to inspire and enable designers to incorporate more sustainable practices into both their garden design schemes and their businesses.

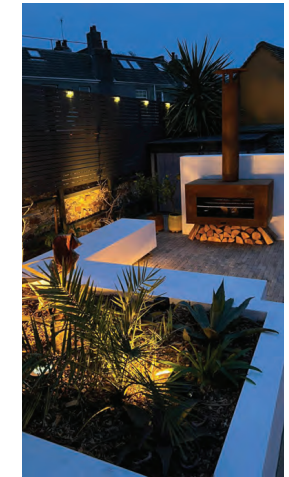
In keeping with the Society's Environmental Action Plan, introduced in December 2021, the new CPD programme will show SGD members and others how to ensure every garden they design has a biodiverse, nature-based system; a green infrastructure; and a sustainable surface water management system.

The training sessions will cover a wide range of subjects, including construction methods and material choices, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), planting designs, and how to reduce the carbon footprint of a design office or studio's business operations. The latter will be the subject of the CPD programme's introductory talk this October, given by Tim Maiden, of Green Small Business. On 10 and 11 October, garden designer, SuDS consultant, and SGD Friend Wendy Allen will present a two-part session focusing on rain



Shalbourne School rain garden (top), and rain planters and downpipes for Preshute School, both by Wendy Allen Designs for Action for the River Kennet.

### New partners for the SGD's Affiliated Business Partnership Scheme



**FIVE COMPANIES** have signed up to the SGD's new Affiliated Business Partnership, which was launched earlier this year.

The companies are Garden Spark ([gardenspark.co.uk](http://gardenspark.co.uk)), which installs lighting and power in gardens and outdoor spaces (pictured); professional garden and plant photographer Alistair Thorpe ([alisterthorpe.co.uk](http://alisterthorpe.co.uk)); south Yorkshire-based landscaper and garden design studio, James Bird Landscapes ([james-bird-landscaping.com](http://james-bird-landscaping.com)); Arbour Landscape Solutions ([arbourlandscapesolutions.co.uk](http://arbourlandscapesolutions.co.uk)), which supplies landscaping materials, accessories, equipment, tools, and plant hire to the trade; and Elveden Instant Hedge ([elvedenhedges.com](http://elvedenhedges.com)), supplier of mature hedging that is grown on the Elveden Estate in Suffolk.

The Affiliated Business Partnership is open to the wider landscaping industry, including suppliers, manufacturers and contractors, journalists and photographers, surveyors, architects, and CAD technicians. Visit [sgd.org.uk/join\\_the\\_SGD](http://sgd.org.uk/join_the_SGD)

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