

## Blooming marvellous

Leading boiler manufacturer Worcester, Bosch Group and Olivia Kirk of KKE Architects have scooped a coveted 'Gold' Award from the judges, for the renewable energy themed garden at this year's Chelsea Flower Show which took place 24-28<sup>th</sup> May.



The award winning 'Power of Nature' Urban Garden was given the highest accolade at the show following a strict judging criteria, which pits the planting and design against its aims set at the outset. This year's garden aimed to demonstrate the forces of nature and how they can be harnessed to provide heat and hot water for our homes, and it certainly proved a winner with the judges.

Worcester's energy-efficient renewable technology - including solar panels set into the walls, striking solar evacuated tube features and ground source heat pumps collectors - were worked into the design and cleverly set against a beautiful, planting scheme to bring in the strong elements of earth, wind, fire and air.

Air was represented through a beautiful 'frothy' scheme of white, cream and green planting such as Calamagrosti x acutiflora 'Karl Foester', Digitalis purpurea 'Abla' and Allium stipitatum 'Mount Everest'. A streak of purple salvias adds a flow of energy through the garden and a large bowl richly planted with a shock of orange and yellow flowers such as Ophiopogon planiscapus 'Nigrescens', Geum 'Mrs Bradshaw characterised 'Fire'.

Olivia Kirk said: "We are delighted and overwhelmed to win this award. It was great to have the chance to incorporate Worcester's technology seamlessly amongst the planting design and wonderful that the judges liked the final result."

Sue Pennington, consumer brand manager from Worcester, Bosch Group said: "The interest in the garden, its design and its renewable energy theme has been fantastic and it is testament to the hard work that has been put in that we are celebrating this Gold Award. We hope

visitors to the show will enjoy looking at this Urban Garden as much as we are."



Continuing the renewable theme, the beautiful garden will be rebuilt at Worcester's headquarters in Worcestershire ahead of its 50th birthday celebrations in 2012, forming a lasting space that visitors can enjoy for years to come.