



Finalist for RHS 2012 Olympic Park Great British Garden Competition as featured in Garden Design Journal, Horticulture Week and BBC Radio Solent's 'The Good Life'

The 'Summers Sensation 2012 garden' is split into four different formal areas to represent different experiences of the Olympics; the onlooker, participating, training and success.

The onlooker enters the garden through one of two openings in the hedge, maybe after peeping through one of the six portholes located around the perimeter. This paved area has a simple wooden seat that is lined up to take in the vista through the garden to the Pierre de Coubertin Oak tree at the end of the garden.

From this area the onlooker can proceed down the circular steps onto the lawn of the main arena. Where he/she becomes part of the Olympics where the billowing flowers become the thousands of spectators seated cheering on their country. Alongside the main arena is a level walkway interspersed with blocks of mosaics that lead along to the vegetable garden.

The vegetable garden represents the healthy eating and attention to formal training, using natural herbs and fresh produce to support a world class athlete. Take a rest in the potting shed or watch the birds bathing in the water bowl.

From the vegetable garden, proceed through the beech hedge to the last room which is all about appreciating and displaying success. Sit on the curved benches whilst reading the engraved posts that surround one of the seedlings of the Pierre de Coubertin Oak tree.

Enjoy...!