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The Stubbs family dynasty

Charles and Robert Stubbs are the directors and owners of The British Garden Centres Group, which has 60 garden centres in the UK. The brothers have been in the gardening business since the 1970s, but their roots in horticulture and agriculture in the Lincolnshire Wolds go back much further.

CV Stubbs & Sons was established at Woodthorpe around the turn of the century with a business predominantly focused on agriculture and food production. The successful business was developed, and the estate grew rapidly until shortly after WWII when the agricultural land was broken up and divided between the 13 children of the family.

In 1977, their father opened Woodthorpe Leisure Park and the two brothers began their entrepreneurial journey propagating Leylandii and selling them from the garden gate. In 1987 the brothers launched their first garden centre, Woodthorpe Garden Centre.

The British Garden Centre Group is the largest family-run garden centre group in the UK. It is also the second-largest group in the country and rapidly closing in on the #1 spot following recent acquisitions. Their 60 centres span across England & Wales from Durham in the North to Wimborne in the South and Carmarthen in the West to Ramsgate in the East. The group saw immense expansion in 2019/2020 with the acquisition of 47 garden centres,

Woodthorpe Leisure Park is still in operation today and is home to luxury lodges, glamping pods, country cottages, touring caravan park and Woody's Restaurant and Bar. The leisure park has something for everyone including a beautiful 18-hole golf course, 25 bay two-tiered driving range, 2 fishing lakes, play areas and much more.

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The Stubbs dynasty is ever-expanding with Charles' daughter Amy Stubbs recently becoming the Group Project and Development manager. She was previously the centre manager at their flagship Brigg Garden Centre in Lincolnshire. Her cousin, Abigail Stubbs is Assistant Manager at Woodthorpe Garden Centre, the original home of British Garden Centres.

Charles Stubbs believes the key to future success is in the skills and experience built up through exposure to all aspects of the business. He said: "Of course, it's a proud moment when you see the next generation developing and succeeding in the business, but they must earn their stripes in exactly the same way as any other many of the team. It's a fundamental pillar of our business strategy to develop talent from within the business wherever we can. We have a business philosophy that empowers our managers and their teams, so we need to be confident we have the best people."

The British Garden Centre Group is ever-expanding and developing to become the best garden centre group in the UK. The centres are all individually unique to the group and are incredible places to visit in the UK.

For more information visit www.britishgardencentres.com.

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About British Garden Centres:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK's largest family-owned garden centre group with 60 centres around the country. The group is owned and led by The Stubbs family, who also own and operate Woodthorpe Leisure Park in Lincolnshire.

BGC was launched in 1987 with the opening of Woodthorpe Garden Centre by brothers Charles and Robert Stubbs. Since 2018 it has expanded rapidly with the acquisition of 50 garden centres allowing it to grow from its heartland to the business it is now with 60 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham.

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The group has a team of 2,700 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, 2 growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres and Woodthorpe Leisure Park and Woody's Restaurant & Bar.

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