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## **Charlbury Garden Centre joins Oxfordshire companies to complete garden makeover**

**Charlbury Garden Centre has collaborated with local businesses to transform an overgrown and inaccessible garden into a peaceful and safe sanctuary for a mother and her disabled children.**

Led by Huws Grey Buildbase in Oxford, the store which is part of the largest family-run chain British Garden Centres, donated a wooden Charles Taylor furniture to the garden project in Eynsham.

Zoe is a single parent of three children with disabilities, ranging from moderate to complex. Ava, diagnosed with autism, struggles with a rare eye condition that could lead to blindness. Isabella, diagnosed with autism and ADHD, relies on her mother for social, emotional, and physical support. The garden provides a safe space for Isabella and her siblings to exhaust their energy. Finley suffers from DiGeorge Syndrome, requiring 24/7 care due to feeding, speech, hearing, heart, and bone issues. He also has autism and global developmental delay and uses a wheelchair for most of his waking hours. Zoe cannot allow Finley to explore the garden due to safety concerns and potential injury risks.

As part of a DIY SOS style makeover, Oxfordshire businesses and contractors transformed the garden. As a result, a low-maintenance sensory garden was created with decking, bark chips, and lots of sensory plants. The once-overgrown back garden has been completely transformed thanks to the vision and creativity of the team and is now a wheelchair-accessible space that the children can now explore whilst enjoying the benefits of spending time outside and close to nature

During the project, Buildbase Oxford provided all the materials for free, while M&M skip hire handled the garden waste disposal. Besides Charlbury Garden Centre and Huws Grey, Electric Base, Cotswold Botanique, Stephen J Wiley Electrical and Tony Bradley Building Services are also involved to build the garden sanctuary where Zoe, Ava, Isabella and Finley can relax and reflect.

**Amy Stubbs, Project and Development Manager at British Garden Centres** said: “We were delighted to help with the garden makeover for the Moseley family. The businesses have worked well together to combine so many



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different elements in the garden that will relax and soothe the family. That garden will not only help Zoe and her children but promote nature and nurture for well-being, valuing the experience as a form of care.”

**Sindre from Huws Grey Buildbase and James Oakey** were the masterminds behind the garden makeover and said: “The continued generosity of the community means the world to not just us, but to the Moseley family. This magical new back garden space provides a sanctuary of care and a place where Zoe and the children can create a million memories all of which would not be possible without the help of so many wonderful businesses.”

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About the business:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK’s largest family-owned garden centre group with 62 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 funded 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 62 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham. 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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