



The Drag Queen Gardener

A gardener with a penchant for drag

Tom Leonard is a trained horticulturist from Warwickshire, who happens to have a passion for drag. After a break up in 2019 he decided to get an allotment, where his love of gardening grew (and so did his love for high heels).

Over the past years, Tom has appeared as Daisy Desire at a number of major shows, including the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show and the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Daisy is now an established friend of the Royal Horticultural Society. Both Daisy and Tom have broken industry boundaries, presenting on some of the biggest gardening stages in the country, hosting segments on Channel 4's *Steph's Packed Lunch* and most impressively, BBC One's *Gardeners' World*.

Tom works as a professional gardener on a 90-acre private estate in Warwickshire, maintaining the grounds which consist of a 20-acre woodland, wild flower meadows, formal beds and lawns.

When it comes to Daisy Desire, The Drag Queen Gardener, she's bringing some sparkle to the horticultural world, or as she likes to say, "the couture to your manure". The gardening world was calling out for something fresh, and now they've got it. She set out with the aim of promoting the mental wellbeing benefits of horticulture, and she wants to encourage people to go outside and get growing, whilst not being afraid of being different – you should do whatever makes you happy.

Daisy is fast becoming a well-known contoured face in the gardening scene, for all the right reasons. Her joyful personality and refusal to take life so seriously has proven a tonic to audiences of all ages across the country. Daisy's work has been described by The Telegraph as "a revolution in horticulture". Meanwhile, according to The Times: "As it was, the most

colourful item on the main avenue was the vision in bubblegum pink that was Daisy Desire, the Drag Queen Gardener. She was the human equivalent of a giant fuchsia hanging basket. Her disco pink bag was emblazoned with the words: 'I didn't ask your opinion' – I think we knew that."