

Matthew Wilson

The "Mr Darcy of Gardening", Presenter of Channel 4's Landscape Man & Gardener's Question Time Regular



BIOGRAPHY

Matthew worked for a decade with the RHS, working at both RHS Hyde Hall as Curator, and as Head and Curator of the RHS Harlow Carr site, with Harlow Carr becoming world renowned for its Stream-side garden and Hyde Hall for its Dry Garden. They were incredibly rewarding gardens to develop.

Matthew has also worked as Associate Director for at The Landscape Agency (TLA) where he worked on a number of private high-end domestic, and commercial landscape designs, as well as significant projects for the National Trust and English Heritage.

Having once vowed not to follow the family tradition of gardening (his parents ran a nursery in a small village in Kent), Matthew has now become a very well respected voice in the horticultural field. It was during his time working with his father at a large historic garden in the south of England that Matthew's interest in gardening blossomed. A childhood love of wildlife and the environment has remained a constant theme and has been translated into the management of the Gardens that Matthew has looked after, and his writing, lecturing and broadcasting.

Matthew's knowledge and passion for gardening and horticulture easily translates to screen, and Matthew presented his first television series on Channel 4 in 2010. *The Landscape Man*, which followed ambitious landscaping projects from conception to realisation, enjoyed critical acclaim, picking up an award as Television Programme of the Year at the 2010 Garden Media Guild Awards. In 2016, Matthew won the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show 'People's Choice Award' for his garden 'God's Own Country'

Matthew is also a regular on Radio 4's *Gardener's Question Time*.

He is also a Trustee of the Loather Castle & Gardens Trust (Cumbria), board member and horticultural advisor to Horticap (Harrogate), Patron of the Friends of Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, as well as still helping the RHS on a voluntary basis.

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY
2003-16	Gardener's World	BBC
2010	The Landscape Man	Channel 4
2007	A Passion for Plants	BBC
2006	How to Improve Your Memory	BBC 1
2006	Countryfile	BBC
2006	Britain's Best Historic Gardens	UKTV History
2005	Britain's Best Back Gardens	ITV1
2004	Gardener's World Road Show	BBC

2004	Turf Wars	UKTV
2004	Chelsea Flower Show	BBC
2003	Gardening with the Experts	BBC
2003	The Plantsman	
2003	Garden Challenge	UKTV
2003	Chelsea Flower Show	BBC
2001	Gardener of the Year	BBC
2001	Gardener of the Year	BBC
2001	Take A Leaf	Anglia TV

RADIO

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY
2011-16	Gardener's Question Time	BBC Radio 4
2011-16	News Quiz Christmas Panto	BBC Radio 4

JOURNALISM

PUBLICATION (ROLE)
The Daily Telegraph (Regular Columnist)
The Garden (Regular Contributor)
Gardens Illustrated (Regular Contributor)
The Guardian (Regular Contributor)
Country Living (Regular Contributor)
Gardeners World Magazine (Regular Contributor)
The English Garden (Regular Contributor)
Garden Life (Regular Contributor)
Essential Water Gardening (Regular Contributor)

BOOKS

DATE	PUBLICATION (ROLE)	COMPANY
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2009	Landscape Man: Making a Garden	Quadrille
2007	RHS New Gardening: How to Garden in a Changing Climate	Mitchell Beazley
2007	1001 Gardens to Visit Before You Die	Cassell Illustrated
2005	Garden Techniques	Collins