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## RHS 2008 Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

English Heritage Gardens are pleased to present:

### Natural Shade Garden

An enduring refuge and habitat for wildlife

Our garden is informal and relaxed, reviving elements of a Victorian Stumpery. Drawing on the ideas of the renowned English garden writer William Robinson, it brings the wild into the garden. Sustainability is key; the garden will endure, giving pleasure, but requiring only low maintenance and providing a haven for wildlife.



Hazel fence interwoven with native Honeysuckle hand crafted by Sussex Woodsman David Dunk 07711 891052

All the materials are natural and, wherever possible, locally sourced in Sussex. Reclaimed York Flagstones ([Ajeer.co.uk](http://Ajeer.co.uk)) provide an aged standing surface and are butt jointed to allow nature to fill the gaps. A log stack wall is made with split logs from a native coppiced woodland in Sussex creating a 'living wall', the perfect environment for many insects, fungi and plants to thrive. Locally quarried Sandstone ([Lambstone.com](http://Lambstone.com)) creates a natural overhang for the water feature, trickling water which falls into a small pool adding sound and movement. River Stone is used in the fern mosaic which mirrors the planting. Native Birch and Hazel provide a canopy of natural dappled shade for indigenous and non-indigenous shade loving plants including delicate Ferns and bold Hostas ([Rotherview.com](http://Rotherview.com)). The garden relies on partial shade and a rich humus soil and composted bark ([Gardenscapedirect.co.uk](http://Gardenscapedirect.co.uk)) which are naturally replenished year on year allowing the woodland and bog plants to survive and prosper with minimal attention.

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