



Barnsdale Gardens

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Barnsdale Crowned UK's Best Garden!

Rutland's Barnsdale Gardens has come top in a poll to find the best 100 visitor gardens in the UK. *Garden News* readers voted in their thousands over the summer with Barnsdale emerging as the victor, beating hundreds of famous attractions, including Kew Gardens, Wisley RHS Garden and, in the no. 2 slot, Northern Ireland's Bangor Castle.

Barnsdale is made up of 38 different themed gardens, and was founded by TV gardener Geoff Hamilton. His son Nick, who now owns and runs the Gardens, was delighted by news of the award:

"We're all over the moon, and really want to thank everyone who voted for us," he said. "My Dad had a great passion for inspiring people to try new ideas and that's what we continue to do to this day."

Nick was presented with his award by *Garden News* editor Simon Caney, who said: "We know our readers love visiting gardens to draw inspiration and ideas they can take home. Barnsdale epitomises that- there's something for everyone there, and visitors can see that these are 'real' gardens grown under the same conditions as their own."

Nick added:

"The Gardens here are all of a manageable size, so everything our visitors see is achievable in their own gardens. We want them to think, 'I can do that!' and if they continue go away inspired and with new ideas to try at home, that to us is a sign of success and spurs us on to do even more. After all, just like most gardens, ours is continually evolving, which encourages visitors to come back for more."

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Image attached:

Nick Hamilton (L) receives the *Garden News* 'Best UK Garden' award from editor Simon Caney (R).

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