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Whether you want soft boiled eggs, hard boiled eggs or anything in between, this electric boiler will boil up to 16 eggs at once with its versatile, dual layered design. It comes with a four-section poaching tray in which you can poach eggs or make tasty omelettes without the hassle and mess of traditional methods.

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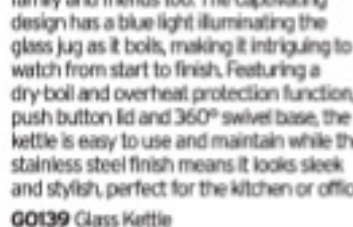
G0843 Two Tier Egg Boiler and Poacher

COOKS PROFESSIONAL GLASS KETTLE
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Combining style and performance, this elegant glass kettle from Cooks Professional will look great in any kitchen.

The powerful 2,200W cordless kettle has a two-litre capacity that will efficiently boil enough for one cup or a brew for family and friends too. The captivating design has a blue light illuminating the glass jug as it boils, making it intriguing to watch from start to finish. Featuring a dry-boil and overheat protection function, push button lid and 360° swivel base, the kettle is easy to use and maintain while the stainless steel finish means it looks sleek and stylish, perfect for the kitchen or office.

G0139 Glass Kettle



DOUBLE-WALLED CAFETIERE
Now £32.99 plus £4.95 p&p

If you're fed up of lacklustre instant coffee or paying over the odds for takeaway coffee, then you need this stylish cafetière from Cooks Professional.

This clever cafetière is double-walled, meaning it keeps your coffee hot inside while maintaining a safe temperature on the outside - it even features a cool-touch handle.

Comes with a handy measuring scoop and bag clip to keep your coffee fresher for longer. It's so easy to use: simply add your favourite coffee, fill with hot water and steep for around four minutes, then gently push down the specially designed plunger and serve.

It really will provide barista-standard coffee from the comfort of your home.

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Q&A



What tastes funny to hungry bunnies

I live in the countryside and rabbits keep eating my plants. Help. **Jill, Exeter**
DAVID: While nothing is entirely rabbit-proof, you can certainly plant things they dislike eating. They are not fans of plants with fuzzy leaves, such as lamb's ear, or a strong odour, like creeping phlox. Ones with strap leaves, like lilyturf, or plants like mountain pine, with needles, are also not on their menu. Drought-resistant plants and ornamental grasses could also be good options.



Danger of getting onions wet in Bath

Is it true that sudden wet weather will rot my onions? **Malcom Fisher, Bath**
DAVID: Onions and other bulbous vegetables, such as leeks and garlic, prefer a damp spring to swell bulbs, followed by a dry summer to ripen them. Using a garden fork to loosen and lift the bulbs slightly above the soil surface prevents them from being kept constantly wet and will ensure a better crop.

TIP of the week

Use broken down cardboard boxes folded over three or four times to create a temporary kneeler to protect your knees while gardening.

GET IN TOUCH

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Cultivation Street ambassadors are not just garden centre staff, they help communities grow. So here is why this bunch won our top prizes...

Garden centres are centres of excellence. As well as terrific plant and product ranges and fantastic cafes, they have the jewel in the crown - clued-up staff. Many are qualified horticulturalists, yet customers often have no idea just how much they know and how they can help.

For the past few years, the best garden centres have been joining forces with my Cultivation Street campaign by designating an expert staff member as an ambassador.

This Cultivation Street ambassador serves as a dedicated point of contact to support community groups and schools with a garden.

To find your local ambassador, visit cultivationstreet.com and pop in your post code.

Ambassador of the year

Once again, our brilliant Cultivation Street ambassadors have rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in helping their local schools and communities.

And once again we have recognised those who have gone above and beyond, with £3,000 of prizes, sponsored by Calliope.

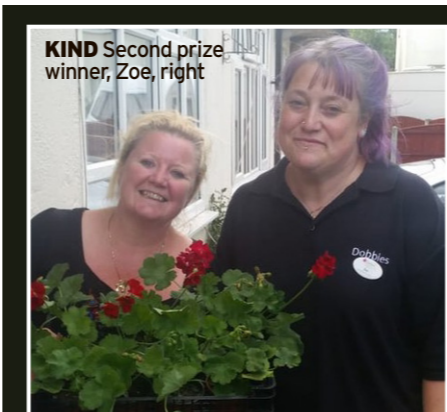
I'm delighted to announce that Steve Purton of Dobbies Garden Centre in Milton Keynes, has been crowned Ambassador of the Year, winning £1,000.

Steve said: "It feels absolutely amazing to win. It's lovely that people appreciate what we're doing."

"Garden centres can be just another soulless retail outlet but the Cultivation Street ambassador scheme turns us into something else - it makes us a part of the community."

"You have all the schools and clubs that you're helping and teaching and you feel like you're giving something back to the children and adults in the local area. It's not just about the plants growing but the people growing too."

JUDGES' VERDICT: This year, Steve has supported more than 1,000



KIND Second prize winner, Zoe, right



PROUD ??? TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO ANNIE IS

children at his free gardening sessions at Dobbies.

He regularly shares his expertise with a local charity, four schools, a college and a hospital to improve their communal spaces. Steve even uses his own car to transport supplies to groups that can't get to him.

SECOND PRIZE, £500: Zoe Stanmore of Dobbies Garden Centre, Southport
Zoe said: "Being an ambassador

Plant and plant care advice

Don't be shy. Whether you are looking to fill a bare spot or redesign an area, ask garden centre staff for advice.

They can tell you how and where to plant a variety, what its final spread and height will be and how to look after it.

If you don't know the make up and pH of your soil, they can even test a sample.

Don't be fooled into thinking everything you need to know will be on a plant label. It's no replacement for practical advice.



WISE WORDS Top ambassador Steve Purton chats to eager Beavers

HANDY Steve teaching groups and charities

means everything to me. I feel that being outside, whether in your own garden or a community space, is good for the body and the mind.

"I'm so lucky to have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing community groups and help them to create a place where people can meet, garden and have fun."

JUDGES' VERDICT: We loved the fact that Zoe runs her own community garden in her spare time and has even gone so far as to donate plants grown there for other community groups. She

has up to 60 children attend her garden each week and has forged links with schools and nursing homes.

THIRD PRIZE, £500, Annie Yates, marketing co-ordinator for Garden Store's 11 garden centres

Annie said: "I really enjoy bringing all my skills together to create original online gardening content for kids."

"I have two children of my own and first-hand experience of the effect that being outside and getting their hands dirty has on children's development."

"I love gardening and the great outdoors passionately and I find my role extremely rewarding"

JUDGES' VERDICT: With her focus on creating a free online bank of gardening activities and instruction videos, Annie has done something unique. She has the potential to expand far beyond local communities. Plus, her activities are great.

RUNNERS UP
We are also awarding 12 special commendation prizes of £100 each to the following ambassadors:

Jackie Barker, Notcutts, Solihull, West Mids, Gary Bissett, Inver Garden Centre, Larne, County Antrim, Louise Canfield, Aylett Nurseries, St Albans, Herts, Angela Fletcher, Notcutts, Rivendell, Cheshire, Steve Fry, Gardens Group, Dorset, Graham Heath, Garden Store, Littleheath, Worcs, Georgina Isherwood, Dobbies, King's Lynn, Norfolk, Matthew Lewis, Old Railway Line, Brecon, Sophie Lyall, Haskins, Southampton, Laura Stevens, Dobbies, Livingston, West Lothian, Carol Watson, Notcutts, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Andrew Wright, Gardens Group, Yeovil, Somerset.

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OFFER of the week

Lavender produces masses of flowers, even in drought conditions. So it really held its own this sizzling summer.

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GADGET



It'll blow you - and your leaves - away

The VonHaus 3 in 1 leaf blower is brilliant for tidying lawns, patios and driveways. As its name suggests, its 3000W motor blows, vacuums and mulches leaves into material suitable for composting depending on your needs. It'll certainly save a lot of elbow grease if you've a larger area to clear. It's mains operated with a ten-metre cable and shoulder strap for easy handling. I found it for £34.99 via www.amazon.co.uk

How to make the most of your amazing ambassadors

Blueberries may say on the label they prefer acidic soil, but does this tell you they need specialist ericaceous compost and to be fed with sequestered iron? No.

Problem identification
The eyes of a garden centre expert are second to none when it comes to identifying pests, diseases and problem plants correctly.

This was one of my favourite parts of working in the plant advice centre before my TV career took off. People

would bring in strange leaves and pictures of unruly pests and I would identify them and provide advice.

It was a marvellous daily experience, solving the public's problems and talking passionately about plants, and one that I missed when I left the advice centre.

Interesting talks, walks and events
Some garden centres even offer free talks. Themes include growing your own fruit and veg, home composting and making your own alpine bowl. Talks are a

great way to get free advice, fresh ideas and inspiration. Cultivation Street ambassadors often run things like this for school and community groups.

Most garden centres also hold ticketed seasonal events, such as Halloween pumpkin carving, Santa's grottos and festive afternoon teas.

Some offer nature trails, picnic areas and wildlife zones in their surroundings. So they have become a fascinating and fun place to take the kids.



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