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The Industry & The Future



First, let's go back a year or





40 years in horticulture

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1980s

1991 - 2011

2011 - 2020

2020 - 2023

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Webbs of Wychbold

British Garden Centres



Horticulture & beyond...



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A Strategic Plan from the Environmental Horticulture Group

Autumn 2024

The Value of Plants, **Trees** and Green Spaces is Environmental, Social and Economic.

This has never been



722,000 jobs now

£38 billion UK GDP in 2023

£8.4 billion in tax revenues



£800.5 million

The estimated value that the removal harmful pollutants by urban vegetation generated in avoided negative health impacts in Great Britain in 2021 (ONS, 2023)



£27.4 billion

The asset value of urban cooling provided by green and blue spaces in UK urban environments in 2021 (ONS, 2023)



EHG many asks of the government...

- Policy framework that enables investment
- Strong education programme
- Urban & suburban green strategy
- ++Environmental impact
- The new NHS (Neighbourhood Health















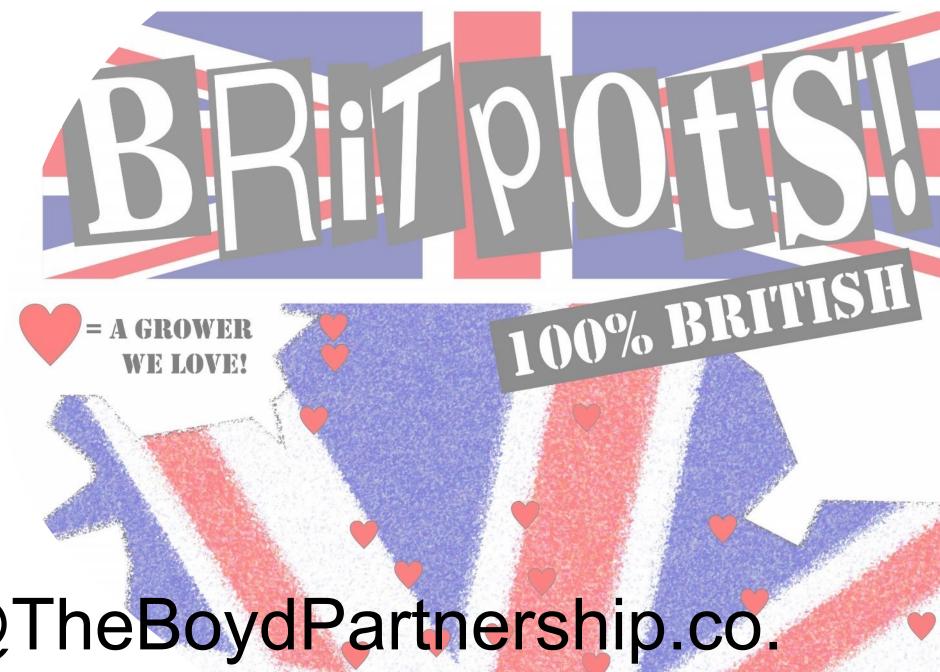


The biggest challenge we face?









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