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Envirolink Northwest Low Carbon Garden goes from Green to a spectacular Silver Gilt

Envirolink Northwest was the proud recipient of an esteemed Silver Gilt Medal at the RHS Tatton Flower Show last week. With the help of North West based garden designer, Pip Probert of Outer Spaces, the Envirolink Northwest Garden achieved the award thanks to the tranquil design and clever incorporation of renewable energy technologies and recycled products.

As a not for profit organisation which aims to develop and grow companies in the Low Carbon and Environmental Goods and Services (LCGSS) sector in the North West, Envirolink Northwest made certain that all materials, products and plants used in the garden were sourced from regional businesses, making the garden a local demonstration of innovation and modern design.

Nicola Ball, Head of Market Development at Envirolink Northwest said: "We are absolutely thrilled that the garden was awarded the Silver Gilt medal in the back to back garden category. Having never presented a garden at Tatton before, winning this award reassures us that people are aware of the importance of reducing their carbon footprint. Low carbon technologies and environmental goods and services are becoming more and more important and familiar to people and the garden shows how easy it can be to incorporate such technologies."

Pip Probert commented: "I have really enjoyed working on the Envirolink Northwest Garden. It presented me with a new and exciting challenge to incorporate recycled products and renewable energy into my design. I am over the moon that all the hard work has paid off and the garden won a silver gilt award."

Garden description: The garden had a number of sustainable elements including a raised pond and water feature powered by solar PV panels, a recycled plastic wood substitute used for garden decking, a recycled tyre crumb is the main component used to create the paved area and colourful recycled glass chippings are used on the garden approach. Soothing colours were also used to create a tranquil and charming setting with a variety of beautiful plants including Tree Ferns, Liatris, Heucheras, Green Rudbeckia and Echinacea.

A number of materials were provided by Northwest businesses to create the garden including LED lights from Chester based MJ Lighting, recycled cardboard biomass from Ecobriqs, recycled plastic decking from Highwood UK and solar PV panels from **Micro-Generation Systems**.



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