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**Ian
Rothead's
Gardening Services**

Silver Medallist
RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2006
Small Garden Category

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IAN ROCHEAD

Urbanise, a small garden at the 2009 RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show was designed by the award winning 23 year old professional Gardner/garden designer Ian Rothead from Woking, Surrey.

Urbanise marks Ian's second small show garden, though his first at Hampton Court with his other small show garden 'The City Workers Retreat' exhibited at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2006 in the City Garden Category being award with a coveted silver medal and being the named the youngest ever independent Garden Designer at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show by the researchers from the BBC.

Ian Rothead lives in a Woking, a small town near Guildford in Surrey and has always enjoyed working outside and has had a passion for gardening ever since he first grew his own sunflower from seed.

At the age of 16 and fresh out of school and knowing what he wanted to do for a career enrolled at Merrist Wood Agricultural College near Guildford. What initial was only meant to be for a year to gain valuable landscaping skills and then look for work experience in the industry turned into a three year stay at the college stay graduating with a National Certificate in Landscape Construction and a National Diploma in Landscape Construction and the honour of being named Student of the year on the Landscape Construction course. Ian then stayed on for a third year to participate in a garden design course to understand the basic's of garden design.

Once leaving the college Ian, being only 18 at the time wanted to further his knowledge in Landscape construction and spent the next 3 years putting his knowledge about landscaping and garden maintenance learnt at the College to good use whilst also adding to it by working with various landscaping and



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garden maintenances companies working in both the commercial and domestic sectors of the industry.

In 2006 despite being only 20 Ian got to full fill his life long ambition by putting all his knowledge from Garden Design right through to Construction to the test when his garden 'The City Workers Retreat' garden was officially accepted to be exhibited at that years RHS Chelsea Flower Show, the most prestigious Flower Show in world, in the city garden category,. With only 10 days to build a garden from scratch, Ian and his team, who both had never done anything like that before were put under the pressure. Though with only 8 days gone the garden was complete and the judges awarded it with a Silver Medal.

In 2007, 10 month later after exhibiting at the Chelsea Flower Show Ian decided to go it alone and started his own Garden Maintenance Company – Ian Rothead's Gardening Services. With the company mainly set around garden maintenance Ian also finds the time to design and construct gardens with his passion to design modern gardens that are not only practical to his clients needs but also functional with his philosophy that a garden should be viewed as a room and an extension of the house and not just as a empty space. You wouldn't keep a room inside the house empty for no reason, so why should the garden be the same. Gardens shouldn't be seen as a chore they should be seen as something to enjoy and nurture and that's what Ian Rothead's Gardening Services is trying to show with URBANISE a practical garden that is also enjoyable whilst being low maintenance.

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