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starts with  
your garden*

## Green Garden Park Ltd

Green Garden Park Ltd is no ordinary garden centre. It is an entirely new venture in the area supplying specialist trees and shrubs nationwide that will elevate your garden from the ordinary to something quite special.

Easily accessible north along the A1 just before Sandy and attached to the well-established Seddington Garden Centre, Green Garden Park Ltd has been set up by three business partners with a passion for gardening. It supplies unique, premium quality, mature trees and shrubs, all of which have been grown, trained and maintained by hand.

"Both my business partners are old friends who have experience in running garden centres abroad" explains Arax Nalbandjan, director. "As a successful business owner myself, together we decided to find a gap in the garden market. We chose to showcase premium quality trees and shrubs by providing a hand-picked selection of products from specialist suppliers and the world's leading horticulturists. There is no one else in this area that does exactly what we do."

The company's crowning jewel is its luxury Masterpiece Collection consisting of intensively cultivated trees that can be up to 25 years old. Arax proudly describes them as "living art" with every tree the company sells being totally individual.

"So much creativity, skill and care go into these trees" says Arax. "They are like a living sculpture. People buy them as a statement

centrepiece or to work within a larger landscape design."

As if to perfectly illustrate this fact, Arax shows me another range they sell – one of their 'logo' trees where the foliage has been trained into the shape of the well-known Mercedes' company emblem. Green Garden Park's main specialism is in Japanese Bonsai trees but not the miniature specimens most people associate them with. These Bonsai trees are large potted 'statement' trees with a big 'wow factor', pruned in what is known as cloud form (a traditional Japanese art, so called because the foliage resembles clumps of cloud settled around the branches).

All the company's trees arrive in special 'air pot' containers for year round planting and each tree purchased comes with one-year free specialist maintenance that can then be extended at a reasonable price. "So a customer does not need to worry about how to keep their tree healthy and looking beautiful" explains Arax. For those with a more limited budget, Arax points out that although they provide premium exclusive trees, they also stock products that are accessible to everyone. "We have something to suit all types of gardener and budget here" she explains. "As well as those in our Masterpiece Collection, we have other species of smaller Bonsai that are not so expensive." Alongside their trees with

pedigree and visual impact, the company sells regular trees and shrubs, including mature acers, conifers, roses, hydrangeas and rhododendrons, with the rare bonus that a customer can purchase their chosen plants in any size and unlimited quantity.

Familiar species have been given a twist, such as the apple tree that has been trained to grow flat in what is known as the 'espalier' form so that it can be used as natural, attractive screening instead of a fence; or the large prunus that has been grown over many years into an umbrella shape. Other apple trees are also available that have been trained into a stunning 'table top' crown design – perfect for a ready-made living pergola.

The versatile Box shrub, which Arax describes as the most popular shrub in the UK, is hand-pruned for quality rather than by the more usual machine method. The results of the more intensive manual input are incredible. The foliage of Green Garden Park's hand-pruned box is incredibly dense, vibrant and bursting with health, making my own machine-pruned specimens suddenly seem rather sparse and anaemic.

You can buy shrubs and trees of almost any shape and size at Green Garden Park – it would seem that the only limit is your imagination. Trees and shrubs shaped like cones, balls, umbrellas, cylinders and pointed barley-twists are all available. Arax shows me their 'wedding cake' trees which are pruned into tiers, and arches where two trees are trained to make a living archway when placed together – a magnificent addition to any garden.

I also admire the 'multi-stem' trees. These are the most natural-looking but where the branches have actually been hand-trained to give a pleasing shape and symmetry.

Unsurprisingly, due to the quality and limitless quantity of premium plants, Green Garden Park not only sells to the general public but works closely with landscape architects, garden designers and professional gardeners, advising and supplying them with a wide range of mature, premium quality trees and shrubs according to their specification. The company is also well placed to meet the needs of hotels, restaurants, property developers, local authorities and corporate event organisers. "We are a company for both professionals and private gardeners" says Arax.

Green Garden Park's services include consultation, landscape design, delivery, planting, landscaping, irrigation design and maintenance. It also offers its customers a free garden design service which involves a meeting to discuss requirements, following which three separate designs are produced that the customer can either choose from or mix and match according to their needs. Green Garden Park specialist garden centre is already open for business and can take orders. "We create something custom-made and have endless choices" Arax says. She finds that the on-site collaboration with Seddington Garden Centre works well as the two complement each other in what they sell.

"Our trees are suitable for any commercial exterior and there is a new tendency in the UK for people to spend more money on their gardens to complement their expensive houses. Luxurious gardens also add value to properties. At Green Garden Park, we believe your house should start with your garden, and with our products you can make it as stunning as your home."

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