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**ABOVE, left:** A bespoke suite of glasshouse, glazed canopy and pergola from Hartley Botanic's new Prince's Foundation Glasshouse Range, similar to the 35ft long garden pavilion which will be unveiled on stand TR1 at the 2013 Chelsea Flower Show.

**ABOVE, right:** The Grange glasshouse with its distinctive high pyramid roof is one of five garden sanctuaries exhibited by Hartley.

**RIGHT:** The classic Hartley Victorian Planthouse.

**FAR RIGHT:** The Hartley Wisley 8 greenhouse.



### NEW PRINCE'S FOUNDATION GLASSHOUSE RANGE IS STAR OF HARTLEY'S CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW SANCTUARIES

Inspired by the principles championed by HRH The Prince of Wales – and by the outdoor living spaces of the ancient civilisations of Rome and Persia – a stunning glass and aluminium garden pavilion comprising interlinked glasshouse, canopy and pergola is one of the highlights of the 2013 RHS Chelsea Flower Show (May 21-25).

This is the new **Prince's Foundation Glasshouse Range**, unveiled by Hartley Botanic on stand TR1 on the show-ground triangle at the Embankment end of Main Avenue where almost 200 square metres are devoted to glazed garden structures to suit properties of all sizes. Even the panoramic 35ft (10.76m) long Prince's Foundation pavilion can be supplied as separate elements for those with smaller gardens or just a balcony.

It is the result of a collaboration between the UK's top glasshouse maker and the Prince's Foundation for Building Community, the charity established by HRH The Prince of Wales to transform lives and build sustainable communities whilst forging a closer connection with nature. The Foundation's senior design director, Ben Bolgar, worked closely with Hartley Botanic to create a suite of versatile Victorian-style structures which could be free-standing in the garden or abut the home to provide shade, shelter and year-round interaction with diverse micro-climates, whatever the prevailing weather.

The example unveiled at Chelsea is based on the 15 x 8ft (4.7 x 2.6m) Hartley Victorian Villa glasshouse with side projection into a 10ft (3m) long canopy with glazed apex roof and ball finials, leading into a 10ft (3m) long pergola with extruded aluminium cross-beams. The canopy and pergola are supported on eight elegant structural Corinthian columns crafted from fluted aluminium extrusions and adorned with decorative capital, base and cornerpiece castings. Show-priced at £29,000, this suite would normally cost £36,000. Hartley can make any size to order and they offer a choice of corner or linear suites as well as a range of powder-coated colour finishes.

Four other traditional Hartley glasshouses are on display in the attractive, Landform-designed corner plot at the southern end of Main Avenue: the 10 x 10ft (3 x 3m) Grange with distinctive high pyramid roof and three classic 8 x 10ft (2.6 x 3m) models, the Wisley 8, Tradition 8 Planthouse and Victorian Planthouse.

### Sanctuary ideas

Stocked with native and tropical plants, the glasshouses also contain plenty of sanctuary ideas with one promising a star-gazer's delight with not only a vintage telescope but also lunar planted vegetables. Another is a leafy Pimm's paradise with, of course, lots of fruit; and there's a writer's retreat with a comfortable table and chair set amidst tranquil alpine plants. The Victorian Villa glasshouse is dressed as an artist's studio with easel, brushes and a rich tapestry of flowering plants for inspiration. And there's a birthday celebration theme too on the glasshouse maker's biggest-ever stand as two anniversaries are trumpeted: Chelsea's 100th and Hartley's 75th.

Red, white and blue flowering perennials paint a patriotic picture and the plot is brimming with attractive specimens including *Alchemilla mollis* (Lady's Mantle); various *Aquilegia* species/varieties: *alpina*, 'Ruby Port' & *vulgaris* var. *alba* (Granny's bonnet or columbine); *Astrantia major* 'Claret' (Masterwort); *Cenolophium denudatum* (Baltic parsley); *Deschampsia cespitosa* (Tufted Hair Grass); *Digitalis mertonensis* (Foxglove); *Epimedium rubrum* (Barrenwort); *Geranium* 'Johnson's Blue'; and *Salvia* 'Caradonna'.

Screening the Prince's Foundation pavilion from the other glasshouses is a 2.5m high *Liquidambar styraciflua* pleached hedge and among several fine specimens of flowering shrubs are *Euonymus alatus* (Winged Spindle) and *Viburnum plicatum* 'Mariesii' (Japanese snowball bush).

For the Chelsea Flower Show period only, Hartley are offering special prices on all their glasshouse exhibits with the Grange offered at £12,500 (normally £17,000), the Wisley 8 at £2,950 (£4,296), the Tradition 8 Planthouse at £3,700 (£4,995) and the Victorian Planthouse at £9,500 (£12,770) – all inclusive of VAT, 10-year warranty and UK mainland delivery.

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