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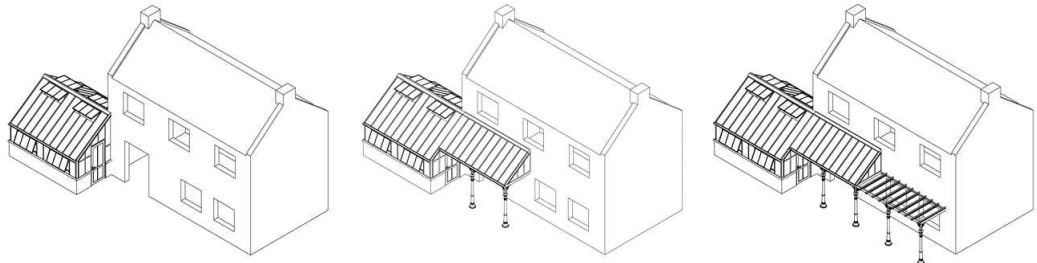
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**right:** Illustrations showing how the elements of the new Hartley Botanic Prince's Foundation Glasshouse Range can abut the house to bring nature closer.



**RIGHT:** An artist's impression showing how a freestanding suite of glasshouse, canopy and pergola can add interest, versatility, colour and elegance to a garden. A 10.76m/35ft long three element freestanding linear suite costs around £36,000 but Hartley can customise the Prince's Foundation Glasshouse Range to any client's requirement.



## CLOSER TO NATURE: HARTLEY BOTANIC UNVEILS PRINCE'S FOUNDATION GLASSHOUSE RANGE

**A collaboration between the Prince's Foundation for Building Community and top British glasshouse maker, Hartley Botanic has borne spectacular fruit in the form of a bespoke collection of elegant and optionally interlinked garden structures which can bring houses closer to nature in diverse ways.**

The new **Prince's Foundation Glasshouse Range** from Hartley Botanic comprises three linkable elements – The Glasshouse, The Canopy and The Pergola – which can be freestanding or attached to an external wall as an extension to provide immediate access to different micro-climates, whatever the weather.

The range is inspired by the architecture of ancient Rome and Persia, where the home and its surroundings were often linked by a series of walkways, canopies and courtyards affording a rich variety of outdoor living spaces.

Established by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the **Prince's Foundation for Building Community** aims to transform lives by engaging, education and empowering people around the issues of sustainability. A closer connection to nature plays a key part in that.

Design director, Ben Bolgar who worked closely with Hartley Botanic to create the versatile structures, believes that they will facilitate continuous appreciation of, and interaction with, diverse aspects of nature and outdoor living.

He said: "Glasshouses have always played a key part in giving people the chance to interact with nature, and feel closer to it. They are also an extension to our homes and communities, and we felt therefore that it was particularly important to help create a truly beautiful and sustainable glasshouse that not only helps us to get closer to nature, but also gives people the chance to add an attractive extension to their home that is perfect for the British climate."

Johnny Mobasher, managing director of Hartley Botanic, said: "We share with the Prince's Foundation a strong desire to create beautiful structures and green spaces and to empower people through horticulture to improve the quality of their lives and their communities. I'm proud to say that these new state of the art structures achieve this without compromise."

### **Shade and interest**

The Prince's Foundation Glasshouse Range builds upon any of the classic Hartley Botanic glasshouses, such as the Victorian Villa with its variable micro-climates and comfortable relaxation space, extending the design laterally to a glazed canopy on Corinthian columns which provides an outdoor living area or walkway protected from the rain; and beyond that, on matching piers, to a pergola for climbing plants affording shade and interest whether viewed from the house, the garden or from inside the walkway.

Painstakingly crafted from the highest quality materials including strong yet elegant aluminium frames with ball finials, ornate piers, stainless steel fixings and 4mm toughened safety glass in independently cushioned frames, the structures are designed to last a lifetime. They can be specified in any size, in a range of colours and can be ordered as a linear or corner 'suite' or as individual elements for erection next to the house or on their own, further into the garden. The glazed canopy can even be used on a balcony to provide an attractive shelter from rain and wind or shade for windows.

These graceful, adaptable structures, unveiled at the 2013 Chelsea Flower Show, will enhance any property, adding value and practicality while enhancing and extending outdoor living space for the benefit of the family and the neighbouring community. For further details, call Hartley Botanic on 01457 819155 or visit the company's new microsite at [www.hartley-botanic.co.uk/princes-foundation](http://www.hartley-botanic.co.uk/princes-foundation). For further information about the work of the Prince's Foundation, go to [www.princes-foundation.org](http://www.princes-foundation.org).