



Kingston  
Landscape Group

March 2026

News



**Catch up on all the KLG news & what's been happening for this month. Important information for all staff.**

As we continue celebrating 40 years of Kingston Landscape Group, we're taking it right back to the early days. This month, we're sharing some of our first site photos



Forty years ago, health and safety looked a little different to today! In those early days, some of Steve's first team members were his own family, including his dad, sister Ange, and brother Richard. Fast forward to today, and that family spirit is still at the heart of KLG. It goes far beyond the Evans family too – across the business you'll find husbands & wives, parents and kids, siblings, cousins, uncles and aunts all working side by side. So when we say Kingston Landscape Group is family owned and operated, we really mean it.



## CHERRY BLOSSOMS – A SIGN OF SPRING

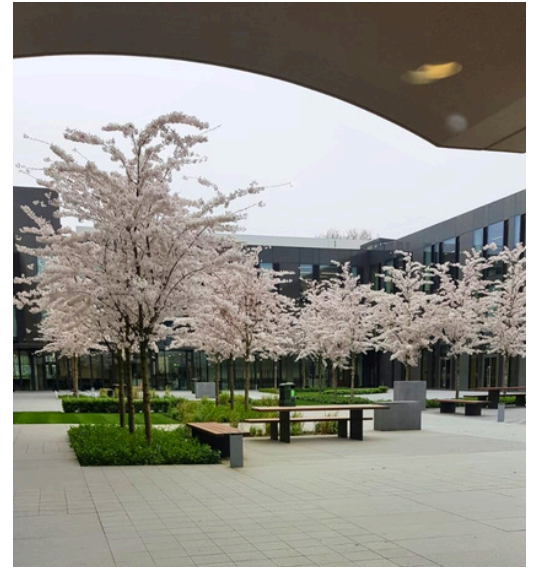
Cherry blossoms are beginning to appear across the UK, signalling the arrival of spring. The term “cherry blossom” refers to a range of flowering *Prunus* varieties.

In Japan, this time of year is marked by *hanami* – the tradition of gathering beneath the trees to appreciate the blossoms. It’s a chance to pause, reflect and enjoy the beauty.

A recent [BBC article](#) highlights how cherry trees are becoming more widely planted in the UK, including at the Eden Project. The planting forms part of a wider effort to enhance the landscape, celebrate seasonal change and create spaces that encourage people to connect with nature.

Seeing cherry blossom in bloom is a great reminder of projects we’ve delivered, including the Founders’ Courtyard at St Paul’s School, completed by KLG in March 2020.

If you’re feeling inspired, The Otter Nursery currently has a number of varieties available, with a generous staff discount.



## SAVE THE DATE!

This year’s KLG Summer Party will be a special one as we celebrate 40 years of KLG. Please save the date and join us on **Friday 12th June at The Anglers in Teddington.**

More details to follow soon – but for now, get it in the diary. We look forward to celebrating together!





**THE JOSHUA TREE**  
SUPPORTING FAMILIES FOR  
20 YEARS



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Dear Kingston Landscape Group,

We want to personally thank you for your generous donation in support of our fundraising for The Joshua Tree Foundation. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference to families affected by childhood cancer. To give you an idea of the impact your donation has is: £25 funds a personal training session for teenagers, £40 provides a therapeutic wellbeing session for a parent, and £50 covers the cost of a counselling session. Support like yours genuinely changes lives.

We chose to take on the three day Arctic trek because, although it was physically and mentally challenging, our discomfort was nothing compared to what these children and their families face every single day. Our hope is that this challenge not only raises vital funds but also increases awareness of the incredible work this charity does and the importance of the support it provides.

Thank you again for your kindness, generosity and belief in our cause. It truly means more than we can say.



Warmest regards,

Craig Carson

Danny Farenden

Piotr Prazych

Phil Smith



On Friday 13th March, we were at the 2026 APL Awards, where we proudly sponsored the Overall Design & Build Award as part of our 40th anniversary celebrations. It was an enjoyable event and a great opportunity to celebrate alongside so many talented peers from across the industry.

A special mention to Steve, who did a great job presenting our sponsored award on the evening.

**We're also delighted to share that our 11 Belgrave project was awarded Silver Merit.**

Congratulations to everyone involved in delivering this scheme – a well-deserved recognition of the team's hard work, skill, and attention to detail.

Silver Merit – Very high-quality work, clearly above industry standard. Some elements delivered to an exceptional level. Strong execution with only minor areas for improvement

Abi & Denise recently attended the Women in Horticulture event at RHS Garden Wisley, which focused on this year's theme: "Celebrating the Diversity of Careers and Skills in Horticulture."

The event highlighted the wide range of female talent, expertise and opportunities across the industry, with a series of insightful talks and discussions throughout the day.

At KLG, we are proud to support and champion Women in Horticulture and recognise the vital role they play across the sector.





Abi & Simon recently attended the BALI South Thames AGM at the Glasshouse Collective. The afternoon provided a great opportunity to connect with others across the industry, alongside a programme of insightful updates and presentations.

Highlights included the BALI update from CEO Wayne Grills, as well as engaging talks on people-focused performance and the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme. It was a valuable and informative event, with plenty of opportunity for networking and knowledge sharing.

## **SIGN-IN & OUT**

**ALL STAFF & VISITORS** WORKING OR VISITING EGHAM, OTTER AND WHITTON MUST SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL AND SIGN OUT WHEN LEAVING.

This is a vital Health & Safety requirement and is not negotiable, as we must always know who is on site in case of an emergency.

Sign in points are located in the following locations - if unsure ask someone.

- Egham: Tablet located in Reception
- Whitton: Tablet in Ishan's office
- Otter: Tablet in Lisa's office

You can also download the app to your phone and sign in that way. For the app to work correctly, your phone must be switched on, location settings enabled, and notifications turned on so you can confirm your sign-in has been successful. For app resets or sign-in codes, contact Yolanda or Abbey.

## **VISITOR FOBS – EGHAM**

Visitor fobs must be signed out with Jane in Reception and returned after use, please do not help yourself.

- Do not take fobs without signing for them
- Do not access Reception drawers without permission
- **Forgot your fob?** Request a spare from Jane (or Yolanda if absent) and return it same day
- **Lost your fob?** Email [Tom](#) for a replacement

Sign-in compliance is monitored monthly and is essential for audit purposes.



Helping people  
in horticulture  
**Perennial**



## Buy a plant and support a life

Look out for Plants for Perennial in garden centres and selected Waitrose stores this summer. By purchasing one of these plants, you'll be supporting UK growers and helping fund Perennial's vital work for people in horticulture – a small action that makes a real difference.



## KLG Sponsors Perennials Dig Deep Lunch

As part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations, we're incredibly proud to be sponsoring Perennial's Dig Deep Fundraising Lunch on Friday 9th October 2026. This is one of our favourite events in the industry calendar – a brilliant afternoon of networking, entertainment and fundraising, all in support of an amazing cause.

## Make the Most of Your Perennial Support

Perennial is **FREE** for all KLG employees to access, offering a wide range of support including digital resources, online tools, and expert advice for your money, health and career.

As a Platinum Partner of Perennial, KLG is proud to support the people within our industry – and we encourage everyone to make the most of the services available.



**YOUR MONEY**



**YOUR HEALTH**



**YOUR CAREER**

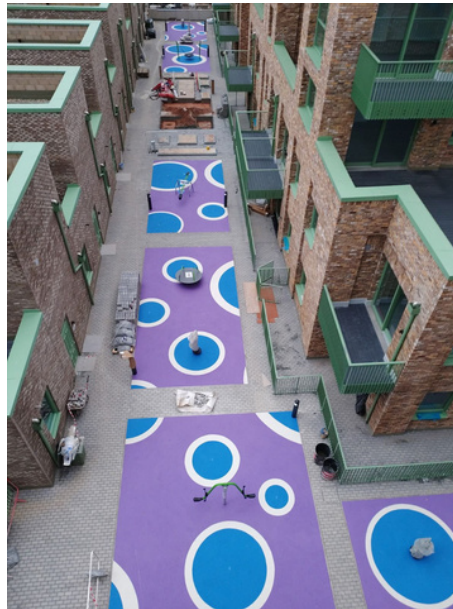


**YOUR LIFE**



**NWCC PEEL PROJECTS FOR VISTRY**

Landscaped by Eduardo, Axel and others.  
DCM installed wet pour under the play equipment.



**NORTHOLT GRANGE**

Podiums surfaces  
Installers - Teo and DCM  
surfaces

Dan Stanchui and team completed a large upgrade at **Hendon Waterside**.

A very happy Sales Team! Matt Chiverton, Nick Westmarland, The Otter, TPC and Ishan all playing key roles in organising.



Thanks to Andrei T for avoiding a health and safety crisis and rescuing the HQ fish





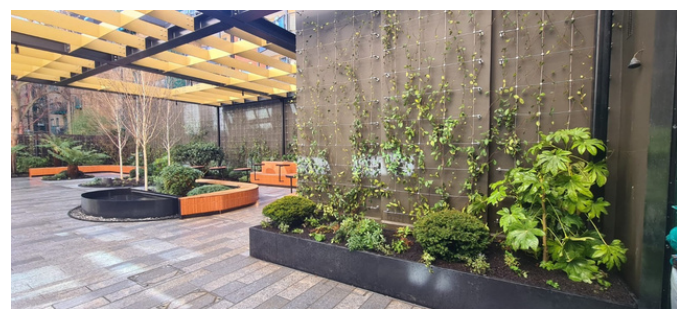
## RED KITE

Soft landscaping & street furniture  
Installer - Matt Carr



## LOWER MARSH FOR 8BUILD

Managed by Ricky  
Installer - Teo





## **Brook Green**

Raised planters by Gary & Mark  
Mounds by Silviu, Andrew & Vitali



This month has been so busy at Otter with lots of plant sales meaning we have been stocking up very regularly. The tables and displays are looking an array of colour and the staff have been working hard to keep the sales area tidy. Both Lesley and Mark have been dealing with the high volume of customers throughout the last month giving us some splendid sales.

There have been lots of specimen trees and plants going out which is really encouraging and we have now taken on a hire lorry driven by Andrei Stark to help out Andrew with our vast amount of deliveries whether they are on the internet, in the shop or over the phone. Turf and topsoil deliveries as well as collections are also going really well. The warm weather has got people out into their gardens and we certainly couldn't ask for more.

Our spring potting has got into full swing after our potting of native hedging. We have been doing herbaceous subjects as well as specimen plants and evergreen hedging specimens. The tunnels are nearly filled and also our large glasshouse so it is good they are being utilised to their full. There are lots more rootball to pot as it comes to the end of the season.

Here's to a great April and some even nicer weather!

**Well done to all at The Otter nursery for having their best sales week ever for 10 years !!!**



## Sales & Marketing Assistant Skilled Landscapers Landscape Supervisor

We're hiring – and you could earn up to ££ by helping us find great people.

### **Current vacancies:**

- Sales & Marketing Assistant
- Skilled Landscapers
- Landscape Supervisor

### **Know someone who'd be a great fit?**

Refer them and earn a bonus if they're hired & pass their 3-month probation.

### **How to refer**

Send [Abbey Swanson](#) your referral's details and she'll take care of the rest.

### **Who can you refer?**

Friends, family, or anyone who fits the role.

### **When do you get paid?**

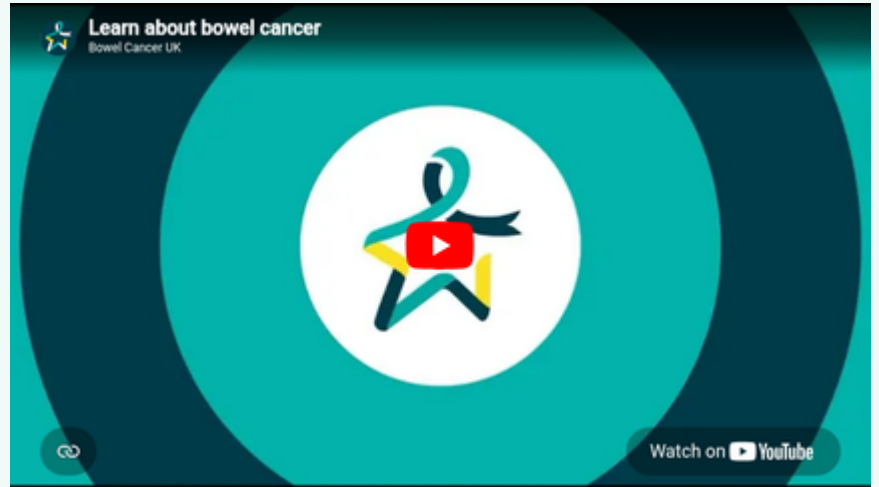
On the first payday after your referral passes their 3-month probation.

For more information on roles or requirements, speak to [Abbey](#).

### **T&Cs:**







- Open to all employees (excluding Senior Managers and HR Manager)
- Runs until roles are filled or withdrawn
- Candidates must not have previously worked for KLG
- First referral received by HR qualifies for payment

April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, and we thought we'd share an important reminder. When caught early, 9 in 10 people survive bowel cancer. Knowing the signs and understanding screening can make all the difference – taking a few minutes to learn more could help save a life.



## Know the symptoms of bowel cancer



-  Bleeding from your bottom
-  Blood in your poo
-  A change in how often you poo, or regularly having diarrhoea or constipation
-  Losing weight but you're not sure why
-  Feeling very tired all the time but you're not sure why
-  A pain or lump in your tummy

## What should I do if I have symptoms of bowel cancer?

If you notice any of these symptoms, or any changes that concern you, it's important to speak to your GP and ask about an at-home test. Not everyone will have the same symptoms, and some people may only experience one – but it's always worth getting checked.

You can also access a GP appointment through Benenden Health if needed.



## GNOMES RETURN TO CHELSEA



In a playful twist for 2026, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show has lifted its long-standing ban on garden gnomes.

Originally banned in 1990 to prevent the show becoming too “tacky,” gnomes have only been allowed back once before, during the 2013 centenary celebrations. This year, they return again, with a host of well-known names – including Cate Blanchett, Mary Berry, Brian May and Floella Benjamin – set to design their own gnomes.

These celebrity gnomes will then be auctioned off, helping to awaken curiosity in gardening among school children and support the RHS Campaign for School Gardening. You can read the full article [here](#), with information sourced from [thedirt.news](#).



The Otter  
Nursery

# WORD HUNT

Looking for some FREE Easter Holiday Fun? Bring the kids to Twickenham Plant Centre or The Otter to enjoy our word hunt. Find all the hidden letters around the nursery, spell out the two missing words & win a prize.

Starts Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Nurseries are closed Easter Sunday



# Happy Birthday

**Furdui Florinel 07/04**  
**Danielle Austin 16/04**  
**Dariush Ramezany 20/04**  
**Charlotte Hack-Davies 24/04**  
**Juliette Owens 30/04**

## Welcome

**Dariush Ramezany**  
Skilled Labourer

### Respect Costs Nothing, Means Everything

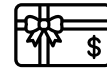
A daily reminder to treat others as you would like to be treated – with courtesy, manners and respect. Whether with colleagues, customers or clients, small things go a long way and set the standard for how we work.

### P60s Available Soon



P60s will be available shortly via the Paycircle app. You can access them in the same section as your payslips. If you have any trouble logging in or need a copy of your P60, please contact Abbey Swanson, who will be happy to help.

### Birthday Vouchers



Please take note of the **expiry date** on your birthday vouchers. This batch has a shorter expiry than usual so please use them sooner rather than later to avoid them expiring.

## Got Something to Share?

We're always looking for contributions for next month's newsletter – from personal milestones and photos to a job well done, or something great a colleague has done for you, KLG, or a client. You might also want to share an achievement, charity event, fundraiser, or a moment from KLG's history.

Anything shared should be suitable to be shared company-wide. To contribute, please contact Yolanda at [yolanda@klguk.com](mailto:yolanda@klguk.com) or via WhatsApp on [07552 173780](tel:07552173780).