

# A Garden for all Seasons

This year's design includes 22 species of shrubs, herbaceous and bulbous plants. These will be planted repeatedly in an end-to-end pattern of undulating waves, inspired by the waves on Eastbourne beach.

There will be structural evergreen plants included. Spring and summer flowers include varieties of Euphorbia, Agapanthus and Kniphofia and in autumn, hundreds of Nerine bowdenii will produce their pink trumpet flowers.

Between the waves of plants, the ground surface will be visible – a mixture of graded gravel that mimics the beach a few metres away. The design also features two rows of groyne sculptures, which mirror those on the beach.

The new scheme is best described as having a naturalistic and informal style that is robust enough to tolerate and reflect its coastal location, featuring plants able to cope with salt-laden coastal winds. It is designed to be sustainable and last for many years with relatively minimal intervention.

The gardens will provide Eastbourne's residents and visitors with a permanent, year-round display of foliage interest, seasonally changing flower colour and autumnal seed heads.

Many of the new plants are also important food and nectar sources for insects and birds. Peak flowering season will be during the spring and summer months, when Eastbourne seafront is at its busiest.

Five different structural plants are repeated throughout the two borders as single specimens or in groups of three. They are shrubs rather than herbaceous perennials and have a more solid presence in the planting and provide the bone structure.

## Winter & Year Round



## Autumn

## Spring



## Summer