



Readers' Letters

Sharing your news and views of country life

Star Letter

Den building success

I spent the day with my husband and children at the amazing Natural History Museum in Tring. It was an added bonus to find they had a den building area within their natural playground, where my youngest son and I made a den inspired by reading the wild hideaway article in your March/April 2017 issue. It was the most successful den I've ever made!

Alison Murray, Warwickshire



Countryside talent

It never ceases to amaze me to read about the talented and committed people we have in this country. I love to see the different crafts they produce for our homes and gardens. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful country.

Gill McConnell, Perthshire

March of the ducklings

I loved the cover image of the two ducklings on the March/April 2017 issue of *LandScape*. I have a pond at the end of my garden, and every single year we get ducklings, just like those, waddling around after their mother. Our dog always comes with me to see them at this time of year, but he lies down on the floor and makes as little sound as possible so as not to frighten them!

Edith Holmes, Warwickshire

Sitting comfortably

Eight years ago, I inherited a chair, and instead of putting it in the skip, I could see the potential in it. Your article 'Giving a chair a New Life' (Jan/Feb 2017 issue) inspired me to do just that. I am pleased with the result, and would like to share it with you.

Jenny Hedges, by email



A knotty solution

My friends and I spent a weekend away in mid Wales. We were able to walk out a bit, but when it rained we were stuck inside. Fortunately, *LandScape* provided us with a very satisfying craft activity, making simple knotted hangers for glass jars (Sept/Oct 2016 issue). Some even learned that the knot they had tied all their lives was called a reef knot!

Jan Jeffery, Vale of Glamorgan



Recognition of effort

One Sunday afternoon last year, my husband and I went to a local amateur gardening show. The displays were breathtaking. It made me realise just how much hard work goes into these events, and how many months of careful cossetting and nurturing are needed to get each specimen to show standard.

Lucy Travell, Gloucestershire



Floral encouragement

I thought I had lost my art inspiration until I saw your photo of hepaticas (March/April 2017 issue)!

Sarah Isaac, by email

Protecting the landscape

Using seashells as candle holders (March/April 2017 issue) is a lovely use for ones already collected. Readers should, however, be reminded of the old adage "take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints".

In today's environmentally-conscious world, we need to ensure landscapes remain as untouched as possible, so others, including future generations, can also enjoy them. Seashells breaking down contribute to creating lovely sandy beaches.

Barbara Guppy, Hertfordshire