

Five reasons to create a green roof

A living green roof is both pretty and practical.

It has many benefits for you, your garden, the wildlife in your garden and for the environment as a whole

1. Provide food for bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. A garden building with a carefully designed green roof can be just as valuable to pollinating insects as any herbaceous border.

2. Insulate your building so that you can use it more often A living green roof is one of the oldest and most effective ways of insulating a building so that it stays warmer in winter and cooler in the summer.

3. Create a beautiful building

We all of us garden for different reasons; as therapy, to grow food, to help local wildlife or because no one else in the house wants to do it. A living green roof on a shed, garage or even a bin store, is guaranteed to generate plenty of interest.

A green roof will soften the lines of a garden building and help it to blend in to the landscape.

4. Preserve your waterproofing and help the shed last longer

A green roof will double, maybe even treble the life of the waterproofing on a shed. Not only will that save you from the cost of replacing the roofing felt.....it will considerably reduce the amount of building materials that go into landfill.

5. Help prevent flooding

The practice of paving over front gardens to make car parking space (or easy care gardens) should take some of the blame for inefficient water management. Rainwater can't soak in to concrete and so it makes it's way into the nearest drain.

The drains become overwhelmed for they were built when gardens were soil based and there were far fewer buildings, roads, car parks and pavements in the country.

When the drains are full and the ground is impermeable there is nowhere for the water to go, so it stays on the surface. Simple.