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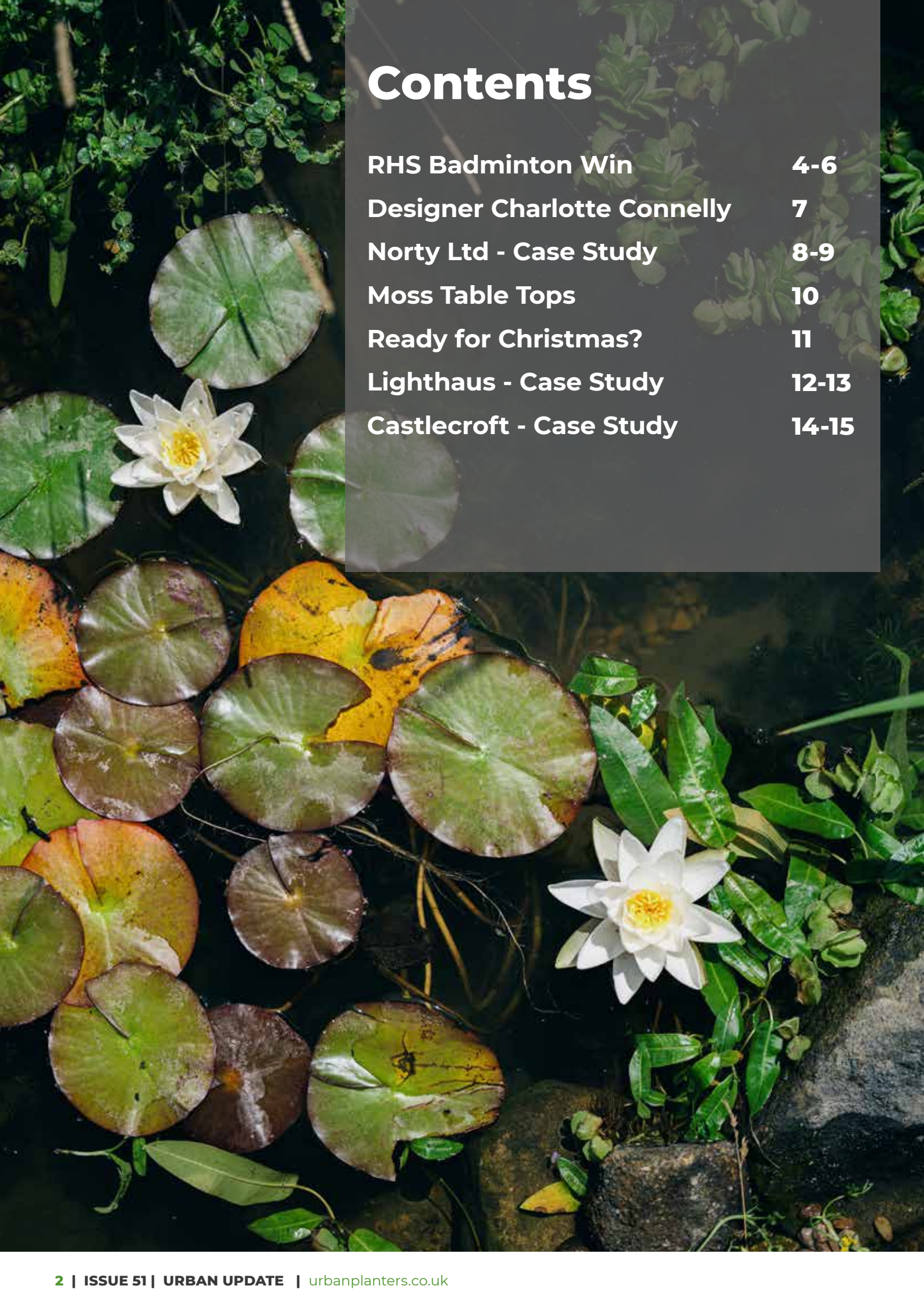
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A photograph of a pond with several lily pads and two white water lilies in bloom. The lily pads are green with some yellowing and brown spots, indicating they are older. The water is dark, and the background shows more green foliage.

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Thoughtful design makes a noticeable difference!

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Urban Update. My name is Lisa Horsnett and I am the Sales Manager for Urban Planters in the North.

I've spent over a decade in the planting and interior landscape industry, and it's a field I'm genuinely passionate about.

What I love most about this line of work goes far beyond the plants themselves, it's the reaction from the people who live and work alongside them every day. There's something deeply satisfying about watching a team walk into a workplace we've transformed and seeing how much they appreciate the new feel of their space. Knowing our designs make a direct, positive impact on people's day-to-day lives is easily the most

rewarding part of what I do. I'm also incredibly lucky to work alongside a team of seven who bring over 80 years of combined experience to the table. We take real pride in that deep pool of knowledge and we approach every space and every client as an individual project, finding thoughtful, tailored ideas that work for different environments and budgets alike.

2026 has been a demanding year for many industries, which makes our surroundings even more important. We spend over a third of our lives at work and the feel of a space plays a huge role in our everyday morale, health and general wellbeing. Whether it's simply making a room feel more welcoming or using greenery to help create a healthier, calmer atmosphere that reduces stress and sickness.

Have you ever looked around your own workplace and wondered how you can enhance your environment and make it feel just a bit more inviting? I truly believe that thoughtful design makes a noticeable difference!

As a final note, even though we've been enjoying a beautiful summer, our team actually talks about Christmas trees all year round! With the festive season slowly creeping up on us, it's always on our minds. So do get in touch if it's something we can help you with.

I hope you find plenty of inspiration in the pages ahead.

Kind regards,

Lisa

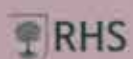


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Pocket Planting

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Urban Planters: A Pocket for Amphibians

The border focuses on protecting amphibian life cycles. A central pond is surrounded by a bog garden filled with moisture-loving plants, while a mini wildflower meadow attracts insects and invertebrates that frogs feed on. A mix of native and non-native pollinator-friendly species creates a calm atmosphere.

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Biodiversity Spotlight

Silver Gilt win at RHS Badminton 2026

We are thrilled to announce that Urban Planter's very own designer Charlotte Connelly has won Silver Gilt at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Flower Show with an innovative exhibit engineered to tackle Britain's accelerating biodiversity crisis.

Titled 'A Pocket For Amphibians', the award-winning pocket garden addresses the dramatic loss of native UK wetland habitats by proving that

even small, freestanding urban spaces can serve as complete sanctuaries for frogs, toads, and newts.

The design at RHS Badminton maps out an entire, self-contained ecosystem that supports every stage of the amphibian life cycle, offering dedicated zones for breeding, foraging, shelter and safe hibernation.

At the heart of the installation is a multi-depth, cement-free

wildlife pond. Deep central waters provide a secure, frost-free underwater hibernation zone for frogs, while shallow, shelf-like margins allow easy access for emerging wildlife. Surrounding the water, a damp bog garden, rotting log piles, and reclaimed stone rockeries offer cool refuges for newts and toads while simultaneously attracting a rich array of insects to serve as a vital food source.



Purposeful Planting

The garden's naturalistic style combines a soft pastel palette with deep, dramatic tones, utilising varying plant heights to add visual depth. Wildflowers, ferns, and native grasses sway gently to create a relaxed atmosphere while ensuring safe cover for travelling amphibians.

Key structural plants were selected specifically for their functional roles, including:

Hawthorn Tree (*Crataegus monogyna*):

Acts as a structural anchor, supporting local insect populations while its deep root system provides a ideal winter haven for hibernating newts.

Water Forget-Me-Not (*Myosotis scorpioides*):

Features broad foliage chosen specifically for female newts to wrap and protect their eggs.

Pastel Wildflowers & Ferns:

Soft pastels and swaying grasses create visual depth and safe travel routes across the plot.



Sustainability and Legacy around the Garden

True to its environmental purpose, the exhibit prioritised carbon reduction by completely eliminating hard cement. The structure was constructed using a recycled fleece pond liner, durable LDPE, and reclaimed rockery stones, with all plastic plant pots returned directly to a sustainable nursery for recycling.

Reflecting a commitment to circular design, the garden's journey does not end with the show. The entire Silver Gilt-winning pocket will be permanently relocated to the Centre:MK, in Milton Keynes, ensuring this thriving habitat continues to support local biodiversity long after the curtains close.



Designer Spotlight

Charlotte Connelly



Charlotte Connelly brings a unique blend of artistic vision and practical grit to garden design. Her approach is rooted in a simple philosophy: gardens should be beautiful, deeply connected to nature, and built to foster personal wellbeing.

Charlotte earned a BA (Hons) in Art History in 2012, specialising her dissertation on the History of Garden Design to master

landscape aesthetics. She then spent five years working in the trenches as a hands-on landscaper, partnering on residential projects. This gave her a deep, first-hand understanding of garden construction, soil and long-term maintenance

Driven to design with the planet in mind, Charlotte earned a Diploma in Garden Design in 2018, subsequently running

her own successful bespoke residential design business for five years.

Charlotte joined Urban Planters in 2023, where she seamlessly integrates her commitment to ecological responsibility into commercial and residential spaces, creating intricate planting designs that delight the senses while actively restoring local biodiversity.



Case Study

Norty Ltd - Livingston

When fashion house Norty Ltd acquired their new premises in Livingston, they wanted a local partner to bring their creative vision to life.

Rebranding and renovating from the ground up, they needed greenery that reflected their vibrant identity, seeking custom, brightly coloured planters to match their brand palette right from the start.

Urban Planters was on site from the hard-hat phase all the way to opening day. Our Livingston team designed a seamless two-phase rollout.

Phase 1: Focused on high-impact live plants in custom RAL-coloured planters across the entrance, waiting areas and kitchen for the grand opening.

Phase 2: Added live plants to meeting rooms and durable replica troughs for desk cabinets once furniture was fully placed.

Sleek grey planters set a modern tone in the outer foyer, opening up to bold, branded pops of colour inside. Despite tight launch deadlines, the final result was a stunning success.

Norty Ltd was thrilled with how perfectly the custom colours matched their space and they are already discussing future projects with us!





Product Spotlight

Moss Table Tops

Modern workplaces thrive on innovation, and bringing nature indoors is no longer just a design trend, it's a proven productivity strategy. If you want a striking feature for your workspace, Moss Table Tops deliver the transformative benefits of nature right to your fingertips.

This simple new design innovation for Urban Planters can uplift any work environment.

What are Moss Table Tops?

These unique pieces seamlessly blend natural beauty with modern design. Each arrangement features lush, preserved moss artfully styled within a sleek table top or compact desk bowl. Perfectly sized for any desk, counter or boardroom table, they provide a vibrant green centerpiece without taking over your space.

Key benefits for your workspace

Zero Maintenance: Our moss is preserved using natural oils, keeping it soft, vibrant and lush indefinitely. No watering, soil, sunlight or pruning needed.

Enhanced Wellbeing & Productivity: Integrating biophilic design into office spaces reduces stress and fatigue. Studies show natural elements can boost morale and increase productivity by up to 15%.

Superior Acoustics: Moss is a natural sound absorber. Adding acoustic moss elements to open-plan offices helps dampen ambient background noise by up to 5 decibels, creating a quieter, more focused environment.

Cleaner Air: The dense, natural texture of moss helps trap airborne dust particles, supporting a healthier indoor atmosphere.

Contact us to find the perfect natural touch for your workspace.





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Christmas
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Case study

Lighthouse - Liverpool

When you're launching high-end residential apartments in a location like Liverpool Waters, first impressions are everything. The team at Lighthouse knew they needed lush greenery to give the space that instant "wow" factor and luxury residents expect, all while staying within budget.

Our design and install team were able to bring it to life as only they could.

We chose large-leafed live plants to bring instant energy and bold, vibrant colours to the space.

For the pots, we went with Oyster Imperial White planters. They're made from ficonstone (a tough mix of cement, sand, and fiberglass), giving them a gorgeous, rugged yet-modern texture that matches the building's atmosphere perfectly.

Installing in a fresh new-build always brings a few extra rules and contractor schedules to juggle! Our team carried out detailed site visits beforehand and worked seamlessly around the site regulations to get everything set up safely and on time.

At the end of it we created a stunning, high-end look that totally transformed the entrance and living spaces into a warm, stylish sanctuary.

Reflecting on the final design, the client shared that they were absolutely thrilled with the transformation: "The plants look truly amazing and completely elevate the atmosphere of the space. We're very happy with the plants and service provided!"

Looking to bring your own space to life with statement planting? Get in touch with the Urban Planters team today!





Case study

Castlecroft Securities - Perth

When Perth-based Castlecroft Securities decided to refresh their three business centres, they knew their greenery needed a modern upgrade too. Their previous plant displays felt dated and scattered. Castlecroft wanted an intentional, high-impact design to complement their newly repainted interiors.

Our Urban Planters team stepped in to transform the space. Led by Stephen Soyka from our Livingston team, we designed and installed modern, striking displays across key focal points for maximum visual effect.

A standout feature is the long trough on the balcony, framed by two tall vases to anchor the large window behind it, replacing stagnant, spread-out foliage with a sharp, modern focal piece.

The installation went seamlessly, with Castlecroft thrilled by the final result, particularly the vibrant greenery framing the entrance logos.

A Castlecroft representative said, "they really do make such an improvement to our business centres and today's team were exceptional in carrying out the installation."





