



04 July 2023

## **Billericay boy has his world transformed thanks to garden makeover by British Garden Centres and Partyman's Magic Makers**

**Thanks to the donations from British Garden Centres and Partyman's Magic Makers, and the hard work of a team of volunteers, a Billericay schoolboy with muscular dystrophy has not just had his garden transformed – his whole world has been transformed, according to his thrilled family.**

Fraser is a 10-year-old boy living in Billericay with his Mum, Dad and big sister. When Fraser was a baby, his family learned that he has Duchenne muscular dystrophy. This diagnosis can be given to any family, even those without a history of the condition, like Fraser

His family said that Fraser is an extremely positive boy, very quick-witted with the best banter. He is a dinosaur expert and describes himself as a "professional gamer"! He is also a budding campaigner, having been in the paper and on the news talking about all things disability!

Fraser is a full-time powered wheelchair user, and his family has been undergoing the huge task of building and extending to give him a downstairs bedroom and wet room and adapting their home to ensure it is fully accessible for Fraser and his changing needs in the future.

Partyman's Magic Makers, a charity that works to create magical memories for children and their families has been busy fundraising for the garden makeover with work starting earlier this month. British Garden Centres were delighted to donate a pizza oven and gift voucher to make Fraser's dream garden a reality.

The garden was levelled, and new fencing was installed with a wheelchair-accessible decking area so that Fraser can get outside. It now is a peaceful oasis for Fraser with plants, new garden furniture and a Lazy Spa (water is highly recommended to help Fraser's muscles) to make this the ultimate place for Fraser to enjoy.



04 July 2023

**Debbie Bowerman, Charity Director of Partyman's Magic Makers** said: "We are extremely grateful for British Garden Centres' donations to Fraser's garden. The community has pulled together and with such generous gifts, and no labour costs, we are able to go above and beyond the family's expectations. We would like to thank all that helped with this garden makeover project. This is one of our biggest magic stories to date and the garden will provide extra special magic for Fraser and his family."

**Amy Stubbs, Development and Project Manager at British Garden Centres** said: "British Garden Centres is closely connected to the local community, and it brings me and our stores immense pride that we have been able to contribute to Fraser's garden makeover and bring some special magic to his family home."

**ENDS:**

**WORD COUNT: 437**

**Notes to Editors:**

About the business:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK's largest family-owned garden centre group with 62 centres around the country. The group is owned and led by The Stubbs family, who also own and operate Woodthorpe Leisure Park in Lincolnshire. BGC was launched in 1987 with the opening of Woodthorpe Garden Centre funded by brothers Charles and Robert Stubbs. Since 2018 it has expanded rapidly with the acquisition of 50 garden centres allowing it to grow from its heartland to the business it is now with 62 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham. The group has a team of 2,700 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, 2 growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres and Woodthorpe Leisure Park and Woody's Restaurant & Bar.

**Social Media**

Facebook: British Garden Centres

Twitter: @BGCentres

Instagram: @BritishGardenCentres

Website: [www.britishgardencentres.com](http://www.britishgardencentres.com)

**Cassie King**

PR Officer

[cking@britishgardencentres.com](mailto:cking@britishgardencentres.com)

07875 337290