

## **TRAILFINDERS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN** **By Jonathan Snow, pre-registered member**

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**"FOR THIS, MY** third Chelsea garden for Trailfinders, I'm exploring those plants we know in Britain as an ornamental part of our gardens, but represented in their natural habitat," says pre-registered member Jonathan Snow.

The garden does feature an extraordinary Nepalese-style wooden mountain shelter, which was actually made in Essex, and some sinuous and sculptural paths that reflect the absence of roads in this mountainous region but primarily, says Snow, "the plants are a really important part of the effect.

"When the Show was rescheduled, that did become quite a worry, but I decided to stick to my original concept and represent only plants that grow between 2,000 and 4,000 metres and which flower later in the year. We'll still include rhododendrons, because they're found everywhere in the Himalayas, but clearly they won't have the ornamental impact I originally imagined for May.

"There will also be a mix of things that people will know, like thalictrums and persicarias, and some less usual stuff, including colocasias and hedychiums.

"I want it to be lush, full and very natural looking, and hopefully we can pull it off. When you are designing a May



garden, you know that 70 per cent of your plants will come good. This is a whole different ball game."

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