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TWO YEARS JAIL FOR VILE TROLLS

**Tough new
crackdown to
target online
tormentors**

EXCLUSIVE

By **Caroline Wheeler**
POLITICAL EDITOR

TROLLS who post sickening abuse and threats on the internet are to face up to two years in prison.

The Government crackdown comes after last week's Twitter storm that saw bullies taunt Chloe Madeley with terrifying rape threats.

Last night Chloe and TV presenter Vanessa Feltz, who was also a victim of online abuse, welcomed the move, which follows a Sunday Express campaign.

Justice Secretary Chris Grayling warned cyber-stalkers: "We will make sure you can go to prison for a longer

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**Carol's laughter
after love split**

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THE New Homes Garden Awards, now in their 12th year and sponsored again by Express Newspapers, have always encouraged house builders and garden designers to 'go green'.

Points are awarded for efforts to provide bird and bat roosts as well as rainwater harnessing and pollinator planting.

This year we had some outstanding gardens from builders and designers, but the number of entries from house builders fell.

It appears that when the house building market prospers, as it does at present, some builders feel less inclined to wrap their wares in expensive landscaping.

The Royal Horticultural Society is adding its considerable weight to campaigns to help preserve and promote wildlife, in particular those vital 1,500 species of insect that pollinate our food crops. Many are sadly facing extinction.

It recommends leaving small areas untidy, with a 'bug hotel' to provide overwintering habitat for small creatures that are vital to our own survival, and it urges us to cut back on the cutting back, leaving dead leaves and stems for the winter months, as well as reducing the use of pesticides.

As land for house building becomes ever more scarce and plot sizes continue to diminish, the importance of the garden increases. Domestic gardens add up to about a million acres that are vital to the survival of many species. They cover a quarter of all urban areas.

Volunteers working for the RHS have transformed 3,222 acres of derelict land into nature-friendly gardens and the Britain in Bloom initiative has seen volunteers, known as Bloomers, caring for 115,000 acres nationwide (the equivalent of 65,000 football pitches).

RECENT developments in the garden industry mean that careers in horticulture are becoming more desirable, and with developers usually putting greater emphasis on landscaping than they once did, this can only be good for those wishing to make their living from gardening.

So to summarise, in the end of term landscaping report, the house building industry is doing well – but it could do even better.

The Express Newspapers New Homes Garden Awards are now an established and valuable annual event, but too many builders are paying no more than lip service to the settings of their homes.

Top of the form are the



Gardens take the honours

LEADING THE WAY: Antler Homes' impressive garden in Sunningdale, Berkshire, was honoured with the gold accolade for best garden at a family home

Awards scheme salutes the very best as top designers show off their creative instincts, reports DAVID HOPPITT



DOUBLE SALUTE: Aralia Gardens won a brace of gold awards

retirement developers, some providing beautiful communal gardens as well as private space and even allotments.

Among the best are those designing memory gardens, so important in the treatment of varying degrees of dementia.

This year the standard of entries was exceptional and we applaud no fewer than nine gold medallists. Antler Homes and Barratt

Homes won gold with Redrow, Crest Nicholson, Churchill Retirement Living and Taylor Wimpey all receiving silver-gilt awards. Designers Janine Pattison, Fisher Tomlin & Bowyer, Charlotte Rowe and Aralia Garden all won gold, with Janine Pattison taking the prestigious Landscape of the Year title and Charlotte Rowe winning the equally prestigious Garden of the Year award.

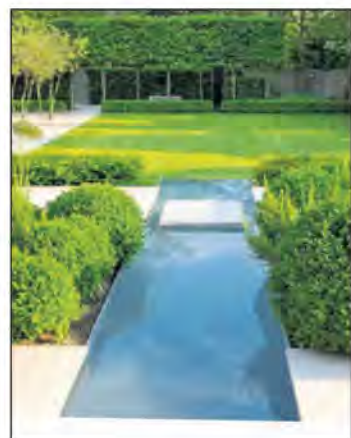
Specialist retirement home and memory garden designer Tim Lynch won awards with the Royal Star & Garter home and Signature Senior Living.

In addition each gold award winner will collect a bonus fruit tree fertiliser and vegetable booster provided by Lucy Summers Living.

Charlotte Rowe, winner of Garden of the Year, also won a copy of *The Bee: A Natural History*, by Noah Wilson-Rich. It describes the behaviour of many of the 20,000 worldwide species.

As well as a gold medal, Landscape of the Year winner Janine Pattison takes home a little serious reading: a copy of *The Hillier Manual Of Trees And Shrubs*, produced in collaboration with the RHS.

Roll of honour: who won what in the New Homes Garden Awards



TOP PERFORMER: Plaudits for Charlotte Rowe Garden Design

BEST GARDEN FAMILY HOME
Gold: Antler Homes

**BEST RURAL GARDEN/
LANDSCAPE**

Gold: Aralia Gardens
Silver Gilt Award: Redrow Homes

BEST URBAN GARDEN

Gold: Janine Pattison Studios
Gold: Fisher Tomlin & Bowyer

**BEST LANDSCAPED URBAN
DEVELOPMENT**

Gold: Barratt London
Silver Gilt: Crest Nicholson
Regeneration

**BEST RENOVATION PROJECT/
RESTORED GARDEN**

Gold: Charlotte Rowe Garden Design

BEST SHOW HOUSE GARDEN

Gold: Antler Homes
Silver Gilt: Taylor Wimpey
Silver Gilt: Redrow Homes

BEST COMMUNAL GARDEN

Silver Gilt: Crest Nicholson
Regeneration

**BEST LANDSCAPED
RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT
(VOLUME SECTOR)**

Silver Gilt: Churchill Retirement Living

**BEST LANDSCAPED
RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT
(LUXURY SECTOR)**

Silver Gilt: Signature Senior Lifestyle/
Tim Lynch Associates

BEST MEMORY GARDEN

Gold: Tim Lynch Associates/Royal Star
& Garter Home

BEST ROOF TERRACE GARDEN

Gold: Aralia Gardens

GARDEN OF THE YEAR

Charlotte Rowe Garden Design

LANDSCAPE OF THE YEAR

Janine Pattison Studios

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