



#### **EMILY ALLARD**

Production Manager at The Beth Chatto Gardens, where she has worked for over thirty years. Emily started working during her school holidays, later becoming a Saturday girl. She started working full time in 1991 and spent time working alongside Beth and David Ward in many areas of the business. As Beth shared her passion for flower arranging and propagating plants, Emily soon found her own love for growing plants. In 2014 she became Production Manager, reporting to David Ward, Garden and Nursery Director. Emily is responsible for leading a team of six, each playing a crucial role in the day to day running of the production department, with help from trainees and volunteers. She oversees stock bed maintenance, cuttings, splits, seed sowing and stock control, along with many other production duties and ongoing developments in her department. She works very closely with the Nursery and Garden managers, who all rely on each other, e.g. plant material from the garden is being used for supplying plants to the nursery. Emily feels very lucky having grown up at the Gardens working with Beth, who generously shared her wealth of horticultural knowledge and passion for plants. Emily also spent time helping Beth in her much-loved private vegetable garden. Having spent many years practicing under Beth's watchful eye Emily, with her artistic flair, learned to produce beautiful floral arrangements for many occasions.

In addition to her work in Plant Production Emily also helps with plant fairs and other external events.

Emily didn't want any formal college training to study as she felt she had the best teachers close to her. Emily keeps Beth's ethos and legacy at the forefront by teaching others in the business, passing on her knowledge and caring for the future of the Beth Chatto Gardens.