



The building of the new teaching centre at **RHS Garden Harlow Carr** involved relocating a large area of raised beds. **Marmax Products Ltd** has donated new recycled plastic raised beds to **RHS Garden Harlow Carr** to replace the old ones and they can now be seen in full production.

The recycled plastic does not rot or splinter and needs no chemical preservatives. This reduces the cost of maintenance and increases the life span of the raised beds. The recycled plastic is made from plastic milk bottles which take a long time to break down naturally, which is very bad for disposal, but very good for the raised beds. The recycled plastic is solid and robust and strong enough to withstand wheelbarrows and garden implements as well as the moist conditions necessary for cultivation.

The recycled plastic raised beds are now part of the kitchen garden area in front of the new Alpine House at **RHS Garden Harlow Carr**. Visitors can see what can be grown using this method of cultivation and how their old milk bottles have been transformed into something useful, showing a working example of recycling in action.

