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## **The Beehive at Chewton Glen – guaranteed to create a Buzz...**

Chewton Glen is eagerly awaiting the arrival of 'The Beehive', a fabulous new treehouse, which will become home to the hotel's popular children's club this summer. Thousands of visitors had an opportunity to explore this remarkable treehouse at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show, when it was opened by Strictly Come Dancing stars Joe Sugg and Dianne Buswell.

Following its debut appearance, the Beehive will be transported to its new home in the grounds of Chewton Glen when it will open for play at the beginning of July. Created in collaboration with Blue Forest, the world's leading treehouse consultancy, the Beehive is a fantasy-like den that will sit playfully in its new woodland glade home and is guaranteed to become the place where childhood memories are created and treasured for a lifetime.

“Chewton Glen has evolved to become one of the best family friendly hotels in the UK and the Beehive will provide a fabulous experience for families staying at the hotel, it will be available every weekend and throughout the school holidays and we are certain that it is going to be a remarkable space for children to enjoy”, said Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director, Chewton Glen and Executive Director, Iconic Luxury Hotels.

The spacious treehouse is a celebration of wood and natural materials with all timber being sustainably certified, The Beehive is clad inside and out with sweet-smelling Western Red Cedar and all the windows and doors have been hand-made from European Oak. The support structure is constructed from treated softwood and, large bifold doors allow the light to flood into the children’s club from the large secured deck area, which provides additional play space.

Guests with an eye for detail will spot numerous bespoke touches, and an interior design scheme that has been inspired by the hotel’s quintessentially English garden setting. The Beehive’s vaulted ceiling is fitted with fibre optic lighting and cleverly designed seating provides plenty of storage space for games and puzzles, leaving a large circular play area for playtime.

The treehouse is complete with a kitchen area and safe storage with door handles in the shape of bees, and twig shaped coat hooks for keeping outdoor clothing tidy. A comfy reading nook has been created for story time and quiet play. This children’s sanctuary among the trees is accessed by two curved wooden staircases, with sturdy rope work handrails, to guide our little guests to their own Treehouse play den overlooking the children’s garden, which has been created by Estate Manager Darren Venables.

The Beehive team will keep the children entertained, whilst Mums and Dads enjoy some time together, knowing that their children are also having a fabulous time. Children will enjoy everything from painting and crafts, to puzzles and train-sets. Story-time, nature walks and treasure hunts plus plenty of supervised playtime – a real opportunity to get back to nature and create memories for a new generation of young Chewton Glen’s guests.

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#### Editor's Note:

**Chewton Glen** is a five-red star privately-owned luxury country house hotel, located on the edge of the ancient New Forest National Park in Hampshire and just a few minutes' walk from the sea. Featuring an award-winning restaurant, world-class spa and leisure activities, luxurious accommodation and modern meeting facilities, the hotel has 72 individually designed bedrooms and suites including 14 tree-house suites, a nine-hole par three golf course, croquet lawn, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and a spa which has been voted the best in Europe and recently opened a purpose-built cookery school, bakery and informal restaurant in association with James Martin.

Chewton Glen is a member of Iconic Luxury Hotels, a collection of England's finest iconic hotels which also includes Cliveden House in Berkshire, 11 Cadogan Gardens in the heart of Chelsea, and The Lygon Arms in the Cotswolds. Each property has its own character but they share a common commitment to delivering outstanding experiences.

**Blue Forest** has established a reputation as the world's leading treehouse consultancy and are renowned for designing buildings that reflect the environment in which they are built. Their award-winning team of designers and project managers, along with their network of craftspeople, engineers and manufacturers, ensure schemes are at the forefront of sustainable luxury design and construction.

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