Weeding by robot

A ROBOT gardener that prunes roses and trims bushes has been created. Trimbot uses mapping technology to find plants in need of attention.

It then snips and shapes using its cutting tools. The robot was created by fitting five pairs of cameras and a flexible robotic arm to an automated Bosch lawnmower.

Professor Bob Fisher, of the University of Edinburgh, said: “Getting it to work reliably was a major feat of engineering.”