

Chelsea Flower Show 2023: Everything we know so far

Tickets are now on sale as 2023's Chelsea Flower Show is fast approaching, with the promise of delightful spring gardens. Get your tickets

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Ruth Wilmott's Morris & Co garden, one of the highlights of the 2022 Chelsea Flower Show Eva Nemeth

The Royal Horticultural Society's flagship annual garden show, generally known as the [Chelsea Flower Show](#), is one of the most highly anticipated events in any garden enthusiast's calendar. The five day event, which this year is taking place from 23 – 27 May 2023, is an unmissable opportunity to see some of the most beautifully planned gardens from exciting players in the industry.



Horatio's Garden at Chelsea Flower Show 2023 designed by Charlotte Harris and Hugo Bugg of Harris Bugg Studio © Harris Bugg Studio

This is a year of firsts for the flower show. Horatio's Garden (designed by Charlotte Harris and Hugo Bugg of [Harris Bugg](#), for the charity [Horatio's Garden](#)) has created the show's first ever wheelchair-accessible garden. The garden itself aims to demonstrate the healing powers of plants,

with many nods towards its future permanent home at the Princess Royal Spinal Injuries Centre in Sheffield, including planting influenced by the flora of the wooded valleys in Sheffield.

Also new to the show is an insect laboratory in the [The Royal Entomological Society](#) garden, designed by Tom Massey. The laboratory will study insect numbers visiting the garden during the show, and project magnified images of these insects onto a screen for visitors to gain in insight into the biodiversity created by planting.

You can even expect to see, for the first time, some new species of plants. Innovator Raymond J. Evison will be showing a brand new species of *Clematis* (named 'Tumaini'), and Darren Everest Dahlias have two new sweet peas, 'Lizanne Davies' and 'Dawn Everest'.

Not to be missed is an installation created by [Pollyanna Wilkinson](#) at 'The Monument'. The installation is a tribute to historical female horticultural figures, including (but not limited to) award-winning novelist, journalist and garden designer Vita Sackville-West, Janaki Ammal, who was the first woman in the US to earn a PhD in Botanical Sciences, and garden designer Beth Chatto.

Amongst the many impressive show gardens are some shining stars, particularly from *House & Garden Rising Star 2022*, [Charlie Hawkes](#), who has designed a garden with The National Brain Appeal and Project Giving Back. The garden has been created for the enjoyment and respite of those suffering from dementia. Though the layout is uncomplicated, the garden is designed for quiet exploration and features bursts of colour surrounding its three seating areas.

Chef and writer Skye Gyngell will be curating a series of menus for the show's '[Spring Garden](#)', which will be open for the week. Set within a herb garden which guests are welcome to explore (and forage from), the menus are designed to call upon fresh ingredients, each day focusing on a different herb, from Sorrel to Fennel to Sage and many more, it's guaranteed to be quite a treat and the delightful setting a rather lovely place to rest your feet.

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is open from 23-27 May 2023, Tuesday to Friday. 8am - 8pm, Saturday, 8am - 5.30pm. Members tickets cost from £37.85. For more information, visit rhs.org.uk.