



National Garden Scheme

RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024

Media Pack

The National Garden Scheme Garden designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, brought to life by Crocus and fully funded by Project Giving Back



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Front cover: Illustration of The National Garden Scheme Garden, designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, brought to life by Crocus and fully funded by Project Giving Back.

Photo left: Honor Reekie, Landscape Architect and Project Lead Tom Stuart-Smith Studio, Tom Stuart-Smith, George Plumtre, National Garden Scheme Chief Executive

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Press Release:

The National Garden Scheme at RHS Chelsea Flower Show

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The National Garden Scheme Garden

The National Garden Scheme is looking forward to hosting an RHS Chelsea Show Garden this year. Designed by eight-time RHS gold medal winner Tom Stuart-Smith OBE, who returns to Chelsea after a gap of 10 years, the garden is fully funded by Project Giving Back and is being brought to life by Crocus.

Exemplifying the joy and associated health and wellbeing benefits of garden visiting that have been at the heart of the National Garden Scheme charity since 1927 the garden will be relocated to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to become part of the garden of a new Maggie's for people living with cancer as well as family and friends.

Theme and planting

With a woodland edge theme, the garden's drift of gentle underplanting, made up of principally drought tolerant woodland plants laid out through an open hazel coppice, is designed to give a sense of calm and a connection to nature. A selection of plants have also been donated by National Garden Scheme garden owners and incorporated into the design, exemplifying the spirit of generosity that is woven through the relationship the charity has with its supporters. A cleft oak structure, made of UK grown oak is central to the garden design and to the idea of bringing visitors and volunteers together, and has been designed by Ben Stuart-Smith and created by Fenton Scott-Fielder.

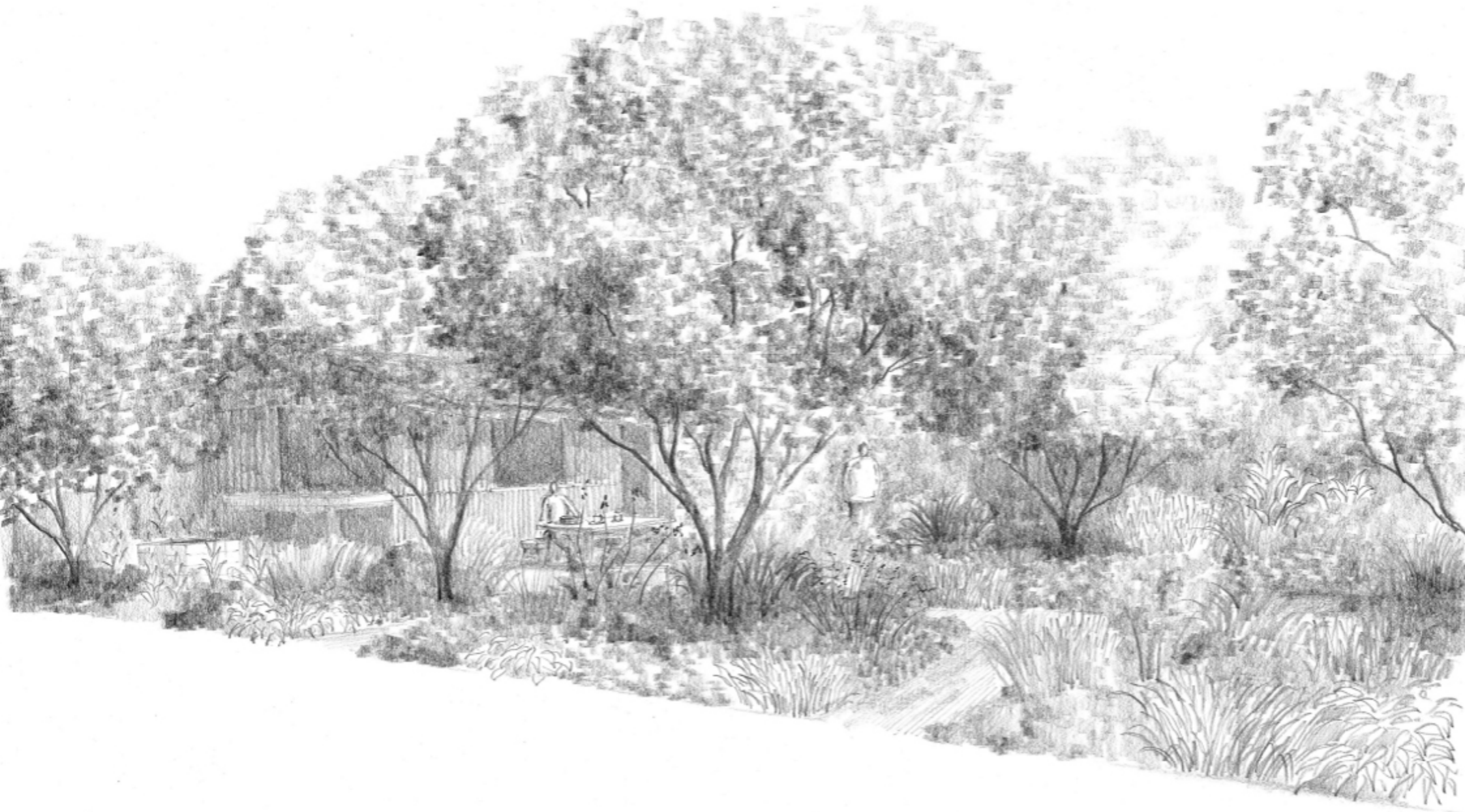
Tom Stuart-Smith OBE says: "The National Garden Scheme is a wonderfully unique charity, and I am proud to have opened my own garden in aid of it for nearly 30 years. It's a very special honour for me to be helping bring the National Garden Scheme to an even wider audience through this new garden, that has been made possible with support from Project Giving Back."

As with much of Tom's work the garden will showcase a juxtaposition and contrast; simplicity and complexity; the modern and the romantic, forging a connection between people and place.

"I really do think when you first see this garden your heartbeat will go down. It's about the calm you feel when you enter a woodland."

Tom is particularly interested in planting schemes inspired by plant communities as they occur in natural and semi-natural landscapes and is known for his plant combinations that combine naturalism and modernity. The National Garden Scheme Garden for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024 will be a garden of naturalistic planting incorporating wider biodiversity and which consciously provides a sense of tranquility and calm.





Plant choices for this woodland-edge garden will include: the stunning hazels *Corylus avellana*, and herbaceous plants including *Carex oshimensis* 'JS Greenwell', *Cynanchum ascyrifolium*, *Euphorbia palustris* and *Molopospermum peloponnesiacum* (longer list below).

Mary Berry DBE, President of the National Garden Scheme, who opened her garden for the charity for over 20 years and who will attend on press day says: "The hope is very much that the charity's presence at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show with a garden designed by the incomparable Tom Stuart-Smith will inspire more people to visit National Garden Scheme gardens throughout 2024 and beyond, and to become part of the wider National Garden Scheme family by either opening their own gardens or volunteering, and helping to raise huge sums of money for nursing and health charities."

The National Garden Scheme has raised over £70 million for nursing and health charities since its inception in 1927. In November 2023, the charity donated a record £3.4 million from garden openings with 2024 looking to build on this growing success. Money raised supports some the UK's best-loved nursing and health charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Maggie's, Hospice UK, Parkinson's UK, The Queen's Nursing Institute, Carers Trust and Horatio's Garden.

George Plumptre, Chief Executive of the National Garden Scheme adds: "Exhibiting a show garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is a unique privilege for the National Garden Scheme. It gives our charity the opportunity to celebrate our passion for gardens and our charitable activities with a worldwide audience of garden lovers. It is particularly special that our garden is being designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, not only a pre-eminent garden designer, but also a long-term supporter of the National Garden Scheme.

"We are in wonderfully safe hands with Tom and with the garden being brought to life by Crocus who have a long history of working with the country's leading garden designers to grow the plants and build the Show Gardens at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Over the last twenty years, they have grown and built 36 show gardens, won 33 Gold Medals and received 12 Best in Shows.

"That the garden will be relocated to one of our major beneficiary charities to become the garden of a new Maggie's at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge completes the story arc of one of our main charitable aims: to support gardens in healthcare settings and to open affordable green spaces for the benefits of everyone's health and wellbeing."

More about Tom Stuart-Smith and the National Garden Scheme

Tom Stuart-Smith has opened his own garden, The Barn at Serge Hill in Hertfordshire, for the National Garden Scheme for 30 years and fully embraces the spirit of generosity that is exemplified by the charity. This ethos has been woven into the Show Garden with National Garden Scheme garden owners supplying plants and volunteering during the week of the show, sharing their expert knowledge of plants and passion for the charity with a global audience.

The Barn opens for the National Garden Scheme as part of Serge Hill Gardens on Sunday 2nd June and, for the first time in 2024, The Plant Library, part of the Serge Hill Project for Gardening, Creativity, and Health a not-for-profit, set up by Sue and Tom Stuart-Smith in 2023, will also open. For details [CLICK HERE](#).

Tom Stuart-Smith OBE



Tom Stuart-Smith is a landscape architect whose work combines naturalism with modernity and built forms with romantic planting. He read Zoology at the University of Cambridge before completing a postgraduate degree in Landscape Design. Tom has since designed gardens, parks and landscapes throughout the world.

His clients have included the Royal Horticultural Society, the Royal Academy of Arts and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Recent projects in the public domain include several projects at Chatsworth, a new public garden at the Hepworth Wakefield, and the masterplan for RHS Garden Bridgewater.

2021 saw the completion of a new Islamic garden, Jellicoe Gardens in Kings Cross, commissioned by the Aga Khan Development Network and Argent, and 2022 has seen the dramatic recasting of a garden by St Pauls Cathedral in the City of London which has a 100m² water basin at its centre.

He has also designed eight award winning gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show, all of which were presented with gold medals and three 'Best in Show'.

He is a Vice President of the Royal Horticultural Society, a Trustee of the Garden Museum, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, a Fellow of the Landscape Institute, a Fellow of the Society of Garden Designers, and a Trustee of The Oak Project.

Tom Stuart-Smith and Crocus have previously collaborated on 10 gardens at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show since 1998:

Chelsea 2019 - The RHS Bridgewater Garden (not judged)

Chelsea 2018 - The Weston Garden (not judged)

Chelsea 2010 - The Laurent-Perrier Garden

Chelsea 2008 - The Laurent-Perrier Garden

Chelsea 2006 - The Daily Telegraph Garden

Chelsea 2005 - Trentham awakes - for Laurent-Perrier and the Trentham Estate

Chelsea 2003 - The Laurent-Perrier Garden

Chelsea 2001 - The Laurent-Perrier Garden

Chelsea 2000 - Homage to Le Nôtre
For Laurent-Perrier and the Garden History Society

Chelsea 1998 - Le Bosquet de Chanel

Eight of these gardens won Gold, three were awarded Best in Show. Two were not judged.

Full planting list

Plants for The National Garden Scheme Garden, designed by Tom Stuart-Smith.

Planting will include a selection from the following list:

Final planting list

The final plant list will be available from the Crocus trade stand at RHS Chelsea and online at <https://ngs.org.uk/our-chelsea-garden/>

Acer campestre
Aconitum 'Ivorine'
Amsonia tabernaemontana 'Storm Cloud'
Anemone leveillei
Angelica archangelica
Angelica dahurica
Angelica anomata - BSWJ10968
Anthriscus sylvestris
Aquilegia alpina
Aquilegia clematiflora 'Alba'
Aralia cordata - from Ullungdo - BSWJ8524
Aristolochia manshuriensis
Asarum europaeum
Astrantia major Shaggy
Astrantia major Snowstar
Astrantia major Star of Billion
Astrantia major sub. involucreta 'Shaggy'
Begonia barviensis BWJ 1565 I
Begonia palmate BWJ 16310
Blechnum spicant
Blechnum penna-marina
Boehmeria platanifolia
Camassia leichtlinii 'Alba'
Carex Kyoto
Carex morrowii 'Irish Green'
Carex oshimensis 'JS Greenwell'
Carex plantaginea
Carex remota
Carex scaposa
Carex testacea
Carpinus betulus
Cenolophium denudatum
Convallaria majalis
Convallaria majalis 'Hardwick Hall'
Cornus mas
Cornus sanguinea
Corylus avellana
Crataegus monogyna
Cynanchum ascyrifolium

Cyrtomium falcatum
Cyrtomium fortunei
Deschampsia cespitosa
Deschampsia cespitosa 'Goldtau'
Dicentra formosa 'Aurora'
Digitalis purpurea f. albiflora
Disporopsis aspera
Disporopsis bodinieri
Disporopsis pernyi
Disporum longistylum
Disporum longistylum 'Night Heron'
Disporum longistylum 'Green Giant'
Dryopteris wallichiana
Dystaenia takesimana - BSWJ12627
Epimedium 'Spine Tinger'
Disporum longistylum 'Night Heron'
Disporum longistylum 'Green Giant'
Dryopteris wallichiana
Dystaenia takesimana - BSWJ12627
Epimedium 'Spine Tinger'
Epimedium x versicolor 'Sulphureum'
Euonymus europaeus
Euphorbia cornigera or Euphorbia wallichii
Euphorbia oblongata
Euphorbia palustris
Farfugium japonicum
Geranium himalayense 'Derrick Cook'
Geranium maculatum 'Beth Chatto'
Geranium sylvaticum 'Baker's Pink'
Geranium 'Nimbus'
Geranium sylvaticum 'Album'
Geranium sylvaticum 'Birch Lilac'
Gunnera magellanica
Hosta 'Snowden'
Hosta 'Devon Green'
Ilex aquifolium
Iris sibirica 'Caesar's Brother'
Iris sibirica 'Silver Edge'
Iris sibirica 'Sparkling Rose'

Iris sibirica 'Tropic Night'
Iris sibirica 'White Swirl'
Kirengeshoma palm. Koreana Group
Lamprocapnos spectabilis 'Alba'
Leptinella squallida
Luzula sylvatica 'Bromel'
Maianthemum laxiflorum BSWJ10305
Maianthemum racemosa
Mainthemum aff. Salvinii - BSWJ986
Mainthemum flexuosum - BSWJ9026
Mainthemum oleraceum - 12502
Melica altissima 'Alba'
Meum athamanticum syn. Athamanta
Mitella acerina
Mitella breweri
Mitella formosana
Molopospermum peloponnesiacum
Paeonia 'Avant Garde'
Paeonia lactiflora 'Nymphe' AGM
Paeonia lactiflora 'White Wings'
Paeonia 'Late Windflower'
Paeonia 'Claire De Lune'
Paeonia lactiflora 'Jan van Leeuwen'
Paeonia lactiflora 'White Wings'
Peltoboykinia watanabei
Phlox divaricata 'May Breeze'
Phlox divaricata 'Clouds of Perfume'
Piper heydei
Podophyllum peltatum
Polemonium 'Lambrook Mauve'
Polygonatum giganteum
Polygonatum hybridum
Polygonatum odoratum Red Stem
Polygonatum roseum
Polygonatum verticillatum
Polygonatum x hybridum
Polygonatum zanlanscianense
Polygonatum verticillatum 'Roseum'
Polystichum munitum

Rodgersia 'Bronze Peacock'
Rodgersia 'Bronze Peacock'
Rodgersia podophylla 'Braunlaub'
Saruma henryi
Silene fimbriata
Smyrniium perfoliatum
Thalictrum delavayi 'Album'
Thalictrum delavayi 'Splendide White' (PBR)
Thalictrum 'Black Stockings'
Trollius x cultorum 'Cheddar'
Trollius x cultorum 'New Moon'
Viburnum lantana



Corylus avellana (hazel)

Corylus avellana, the common hazel, is a species of flowering plant in the birch family Betulaceae, native to Europe and Western Asia. It is an important component of the hedgerows that were, historically, used as property and field boundaries in lowland England. The wood was traditionally grown as coppice, with the poles cut being used for wattle-and-daub building, and agricultural fencing.

Five large Corylus trees form the Hazel grove in the Natural Garden Scheme Garden, under which the herbaceous layer is planted. Their large canopies spread up to 6 metres to create a sense of a green, calm refuge across the garden, inviting the visitor to wander the charming winding paths leading to our volunteer hut in the woods.

Boundary Hedge



Cornus mas (non-native)



Cornus sanguinea (native)



Crataegus monogyna (native)



Acer campestre (native)



Corylus avellana (native)



Viburnum lantana (native)



Carpinus betulus (native)

Herbaceous plants



Amsonia tabernaemontana 'Storm Cloud'



Anemone leveillei



Angelica archangelica



Angelica dahurica



Aralia cordata



Boehmeria platanifolia



Camassia leichtlinii 'Alba'



Carex oshimensis 'JS Greenwell'



Carex remota



Cenolophium denudatum



Cynanchum ascyrifolium

Herbaceous plants



Disporopsis pernyi



Hosta 'Devon Green'



Melica altissima 'Alba'



Epimedium 'Spine Tinger'



Iris sibirica 'Sparkling Rose'



Euphorbia palustris



Iris sibirica 'White Swirl'



Molopospermum peloponnesiacum



Geranium himalayense 'Derrick Cook'



Kirengeshoma palmata Korean Group



Paeonia lactiflora 'Jan van Leeuwen'

Herbaceous plants



Podophyllum peltatum



Phlox divaricata 'Clouds of Perfume'



Polystichum munitum



Astrantia major 'Star of Billion'



Trollius x cultorum 'New Moon'



Peltoboykinia watanabei



Rodgersia 'Bronze Peacock'



Paeonia lactiflora 'White Wings'

Planting - with special thanks to National Garden Scheme owners who contributed plants for the garden



John and Gill Hadland - Westview, South Leicestershire



Philippa Burrough - Ulting Wick, Essex



Sarah Pajwani - St Timothee, Berkshire



Lucy Adams - Doddington Place Gardens, Kent



Caspar Todd - Lepe House Gardens, Hampshire



Griselda Kerr - The Dower House, Derbyshire



Pete Stevens, Kerrie Lloyd-Dawson, 43 Mardley Hill, Herts



Chippis Mann - Oxleaze Farm, Gloucestershire



Jean & Richard Wiseman - Ravensthorpe Nursery, Northants
OTHER CONTRIBUTOR
Louise Arbuthnott - Stone House Cottage, Worcestershire



Ian and Susie Pasley-Tyler - Coton Manor, Northants



Joan Gaunt - The Circles Garden, West Yorkshire



Some of the plants used in the garden have been kindly donated by owners of gardens which open for the National Garden Scheme

Garden elements

Plants donated by National Garden Scheme garden owners

Exemplifying the spirit of generosity that is woven through the relationship the charity has with its supporters a selection of plants have been donated by National Garden Scheme garden owners to be incorporated into the design of the 2024 Show Garden.

A group of garden owners delivered their plants to Tom Stuart-Smith's studio at Serge Hill in October. From there they have been looked after by Crocus, the main contractor for the garden build, in readiness for the RHS show in May. A number of other plants were also collected from garden owners unable to make the delivery day in October.

[READ THE COLLECTION STORY HERE](#)

Tools from Sunnyside Rural Trust

In keeping with an increased emphasis on sustainability The National Garden Scheme Garden for RHS Chelsea will feature a number of recycled and repurposed items. Some, like the old tools that will be on display in the shed, were destined for the local tip before being rescued by the Hertfordshire based Sunnyside Rural Trust. Known for innovative trainee schemes and services that offer wellness, training and employment to young people and adults with learning disabilities, Sunnyside blends social enterprise and day care with the therapeutic nature of horticulture. The organisation has three sites across Hertfordshire all of which open for the National Garden Scheme on 29 June.

[READ THE RECYCLING STORY HERE](#)



Regional links

Bristol:
Hut constructed

Hertfordshire:
Fallen timber sourced

Cambridge:
Relocation after RHS
Chelsea

Garden owners donating plants are based in: Leicestershire, Hertfordshire, Berkshire, Essex, Derbyshire, Kent, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Worcestershire, West Yorkshire, Northamptonshire

Sunnyside Rural Trust is based in Hertfordshire

Terracotta gutter and downpipe

Robert Silver

Potter

We collaborated with the potter Robert Silver to make hand thrown gutter and downpipe based on traditional Sicilian terracotta guttering.

Robert is based in South London he began his career as an art school ceramic technician at Harrow Collage of Art making everything from storage jars sold at New Covent Garden Market to abstract wall panels exhibited in Brixton. He then followed with 10 years working as a journalist for The Times, Guardian, Studio Pottery, Restaurant and FX.

Robert then returned to making pots and has hand thrown all our pieces of gutter, downpipe and hopper for the project using a low fired dark grey German clay.

The gutters are fixed to the building with aged copper bespoke brackets.



The Hut

Every garden needs a shed, but not many will have one as considered and well-crafted as the one being prepared for The National Garden Scheme Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show this year. Designed by architect Ben Stuart-Smith, son of Tom, the shed has been put together by furniture maker and woodworker Fenton Scott-Fielder and his team in Bristol.

It is perhaps disingenuous to call this beautiful, cleft oak structure lined with beech and oak and topped with timber shingles a shed. It is, and will be, much more than that. After its starring role as an integral part of the garden at Chelsea the structure is destined for the new Maggie's garden at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge where it will provide a calm sanctuary for those receiving cancer treatment and their families. Even in its unfinished state, the sense of light and calm is tangible.

[READ THE CREATION STORY HERE](#)

Fenton Scott-Fielder and assistant Annie Stevens

Carpenters

Fenton is a skilled woodworker who specialises in bespoke furniture made from native timber based outside Bristol. Fenton has collaborated with Ben to build the hut using traditional skills and sustainable methods.

This includes the cleft oak shingles and pales which are used to clad the roof and sides of the building. The result is a rough yet textural finish. The interior of the hut has been constructed using planed beech and has a more contemporary feel.

Fenton has also made the potting bench and outdoor sink on the outside of the hut along with the table and benches on the terrace.



Press Day

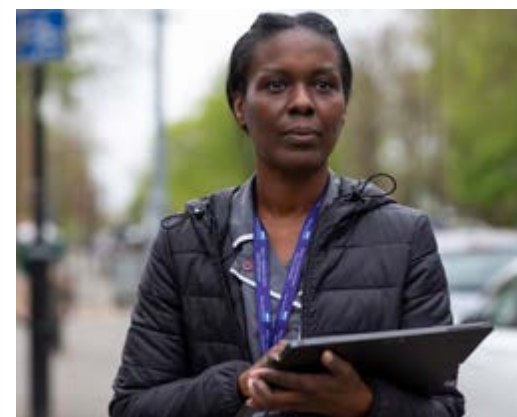
Press Day - great gardens, great cakes, great causes ...

The National Garden Scheme has hosted a trade stand at RHS Chelsea for over 25 years and always attracts wonderful guests. Last year this included (pictured left) our Ambassadors, Danny Clarke, Jo Whiley and Rachel de Thame, President Dame Mary Berry and Trustee Arit Anderson. With a Show Garden in 2024 the attraction is sure to be huge!

On Monday 20th May at 10.25am our President Dame Mary Berry - the nation's favourite Queen of Cakes - will enjoy tea and cake on The National Garden Scheme Garden with Chelsea Pensioners and two of the Queen's Nurses whose London-based gardens and health projects the National Garden Scheme funds. And, representing great gardens, Alan Titchmarsh MBE, has promised to pop in for a cuppa!

Joining Mary Berry for tea - Queen's Nurses leading community garden projects

The National Garden Scheme was founded by the Queen's Nursing Institute in 1927 and continues to fund their nurses working in the community. So we're delighted that two of those nurses will be joining Dame Mary Berry to celebrate our very special garden at Chelsea.



Queen's Nurse Kendra Schneller is leading a National Garden Scheme funded project 'Garden to Plate' at Tower Bridge in London. The project is focussed on supporting women, street homeless and those at risk of homelessness, to grow vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers. It gives them access to a kitchen where they can cook their produce and helps them contribute to their communities by taking harvested produce to local food banks. Designed to support their life skills and help them return to permanent accommodation, the project also helps them learn about nature, gardens and how growing your own benefits better physical and mental health.



Queen's Nurse Fawn Bess-Leith leads a project called 'Botanical Brothers' in East London that aims to improve the mental health of fathers in the community. The gardening project connects with fathers to support their emotional health, providing an environment of calmness, tranquility and safety to raise awareness about mental health, and improving access to mental health services.



Tyga Helme Our painter on The National Garden Scheme Garden

Artist, Tyga Helme will be capturing the National Garden Scheme Garden. Working at the show ground on Monday 20th May her work will form part of a fundraising auction raising additional funds for the National Garden Scheme and the beneficiary of its show garden, Maggie's.

About Tyga

Born in 1990, Tyga lives and works in the UK. She is a painter and printmaker with drawing lying at the heart of her practice. She uses the directness and urgency of drawing from life as a springboard for all her work, finding her subjects in nature's edgelands; where trees and mountains meet the sky, where sea meets rock or in tangled undergrowth. In working from life she celebrates the spontaneity of the moment whilst also building on memory and feeling by returning to places over and over again.



The garden will live on at the new Maggie's at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

One of the National Garden Scheme's Gardens and Health beneficiaries is Maggie's. Built alongside NHS hospitals, their centres are uplifting places with professional staff on hand to offer the support people with cancer and their families need. They combine iconic architecture with gorgeous gardens.

Having supported Maggie's since 2017, in 2022, the National Garden Scheme committed to annual support for ten years and has donated £100,000 annually to help create bespoke gardens. This year, the National Garden Scheme's Show Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show - designed by Tom Stuart-Smith and funded by Project Giving Back - will be relocated to the new garden at Maggie's Cambridge.

Maggie's Chief Executive, Dame Laura says: "We're so grateful to the National Garden Scheme for their support funding our green spaces over the years and to have this wonderful contribution from Project Giving Back, Tom Stuart-Smith and the National Garden Scheme is a perfect illustration of the strength of our partnership."

A number of garden owners who open their gardens for the National Garden Scheme also have close links to Maggie's - their stories are told in the 2024 *Little Yellow Book of Gardens and Health* [HERE](#)

You can read more about our partnership with Maggie's [HERE](#)



Chelsea Connections

The National Garden Scheme Garden designed by Tom Stuart-Smith and brought to life by Crocus is fully funded by Project Giving Back and shines a global spotlight on our work and the wonderful gardens that we open each year, raising millions for some of the best-loved nursing and health charities in the UK.

Like the thousands of gardens we open each year, the Chelsea garden epitomises great planting and design and the deep rooted sense of sharing that illustrates the ethos of the National Garden Scheme.

You can find additional inspiration from the gardens with a Chelsea connection that open for us this year including the gardens at Maggie's centres, Tom Stuart-Smith's family home and many others designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, such as:

Knepp Castle, West Sussex (above left)

Opening Date: Saturday 1 June

Horatio's Garden London & South East

Opening Dates: Sunday 12 May and Sunday 15 September

Grendon Court, Herefordshire (below left)

Opening Dates: Sunday 2 June and Sunday 15 September

Broughton Grange, Oxfordshire

Opening Dates: Sundays 28 April, 23 June, 28 July, 8 September

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW ALL THE CHELSEA CONNECTION GARDENS](#)

For all gardens opening for the National Garden Scheme in 2024
[CLICK HERE](#)



NEW Emma Bridgewater Collection

A limited-edition collection designed exclusively by Emma Bridgewater to celebrate the National Garden Scheme at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024 is being released on Monday 20th May.

The gorgeous honeysuckle design inspired by the National Garden Scheme show garden at Chelsea 2024 with its beautiful woodland planting decorates this beautiful new range of homeware and textiles.

Emma Bridgewater, long term supporter and ambassador for the National Garden Scheme says, "Creating collections to support charities like the National Garden Scheme that do so much good - not just to promote the joy of gardens but also raise millions for some of the UK's best-loved nursing and health charities - is always a pleasure. And I hope that Chelsea visitors and beyond will be enchanted not only by Tom Stuart-Smith's beautiful woodland edge garden for the National Garden Scheme, but also by this new collection that celebrates it."

The collection includes a range of homeware and textiles featuring a half Pint mug, apron, tea towel, potholder, reusable tote bag and cosmetic bag.

All funds raised are in aid of the National Garden Scheme.

Items can be bought at the National Garden Scheme trade stand at the Chelsea Show Ground and online at:
<https://ngs.org.uk/our-chelsea-garden/>



Plant sale on Saturday 1st June A chance to take home a part of the garden

Following the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, the National Garden Scheme will be selling a selection of plants from the show garden at Chilworth Manor in Surrey (pictured left). The plants have been specially selected by award-winning garden designer Tom Stuart-Smith, and Peter Clay, co-founder of the renowned online nursery Crocus.

With the relocation of the garden to Maggie's not taking place immediately, the perennials need new homes and will be sold in support of the charity. In addition to the wide range of plants and the expert horticultural advice from National Garden Scheme volunteers, buyers will have the opportunity to explore the beautiful garden at Chilworth Manor – a regular opener for the National Garden Scheme since 1933 - and enjoy delicious home-made tea and cakes in the walled garden. Head Gardener at Chilworth Manor, John MacRae-Brown will also be available to lead visitors on a tour of the garden at 1pm.

For more details and to book a timed ticket slot [CLICK HERE](#)



Crocus is the main partner supplying plants and build services for The National Garden Scheme Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show designed by Tom Stuart-Smith.

Crocus has a long history of working with the country's leading garden designers to grow the plants and build the Show Gardens at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Over the last twenty years, Crocus has grown and built 36 Show Gardens, won 33 Gold Medals and received 12 Best in Shows.

By working closely with the best designers in the business, Crocus keep their fingers on the pulse discovering their favourite (often lesser-known) plants and adding them to their ever evolving range.

As part of their Chelsea offering Crocus will be promoting a number of Border Combinations with plants inspired by Tom Stuart-Smith's planting. 10% of all sales will support the National Garden Scheme.

For more about Crocus visit their website here: www.crocus.co.uk/

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YOUR GARDEN VISITS HELP CHANGE LIVES

In 2023 the National Garden Scheme donated £3,403,960 to our beneficiaries, providing critical support to nursing and health charities.

 Marie Curie £450,000	 Macmillan Cancer Support £450,000	 Hospice UK £450,000	 The Queen's Nursing Institute £425,000	 Parkinson's UK £350,000	 Carers Trust £350,000
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SUPPORT FOR GARDENERS

-  English Heritage £125,000
-  Perennial £100,000
-  National Botanic Garden, Wales £26,000
-  Professional Gardeners' Trust £20,000
-  Garden Museum £10,000
-  Support for Community Gardens £260,000

GARDENS AND HEALTH CHARITIES

-  Maggie's £100,000
-  Horatio's Garden £90,000
-  The Army Benevolent Fund £80,000
-  Mencap £50,000
-  Sue Ryder £40,660
-  Thrive £27,300



About the National Garden Scheme

The National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique, affordable access to over 3,500 exceptional private gardens and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake.

Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors we have donated over £70 million to nursing and health charities. Founded in 1927 to support district nurses, we are now the most significant charitable funder of nursing in the UK and our beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute and Maggie's.

The National Garden Scheme doesn't just open beautiful gardens for charity – we are passionate about the physical and mental health benefits of gardens too. We fund projects which promote gardens and gardening as therapy, and in 2017, we launched our annual Gardens and Health Week to raise awareness of the topic.

The National Garden Scheme last had a show garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2002 to mark its 75th anniversary. In 2027, the National Garden Scheme will celebrate 100 years of opening exceptional private gardens.

To find your perfect garden, visit ngs.org.uk, download the National Garden Scheme app or purchase the National Garden Scheme's Garden Visitor's Handbook which is published annually and available via ngs.org.uk/shop and at all good book retailers.

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About Project Giving Back

Project Giving Back (PGB) is a unique grant-making charity that provides funding for gardens for good causes at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. PGB was launched in May 2021 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and its devastating effects on UK charitable fundraising - effects that have since been exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis. It will fund gardens inspired by a range of good causes at RHS Chelsea Flower Show from 2022 - 2026.

PGB will fund a total of 15 gardens at RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2024 and intends to fund up to 60 gardens at the show from 2022 - 2026.

Find out more at www.givingback.org.uk

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