



**Plankbridge celebrates creature comforts at
RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2025**

May 2025 – Dorset-based master hutmakers Plankbridge, renowned for their exceptional handcrafted spaces for top UK destinations including The Pig Hotel Group and Elmley Nature Reserve, are marking their 25th anniversary with the launch of a luxurious dog-friendly version of their popular [Guest House](#) at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2025.

Building on the popularity of their [Dog Wash](#) Hut, this beautifully customised [Guest House](#) has been thoughtfully designed to meet the rising demand for pet-friendly accommodation. Clad in traditional corrugated tin and mounted on cast-iron wheels, the hut includes a pull-out under-bed dog bed on casters, Shaker pegs for hanging leads and wooden shelves for treat tins. For human guests, a handcrafted kitchen and dining area, kingsize bed and en-suite shower room, complete with Fired Earth tiles, make it the perfect accommodation both for holiday lets and visiting friends and family.

Richard Lee, co-founder and director of Plankbridge, says: “When Jane and I started Plankbridge 25 years ago, our goal was to honour the heritage of the traditional Victorian shepherd’s hut – a simple, mobile shelter for shepherds out working in the fields. Over the years, together with our designers, we have reimagined these iconic structures as larger, more functional retreats while staying true to their origins. We can’t wait to showcase the craftsmanship and skill of our talented hutmaking team.”

The Plankbridge Guest House (20ft x 7ft 10.5in) starts from £49,800 including VAT and will be available to view in Ranelagh Gardens (RA643). The design for the trade stand has been created in collaboration with The Urban Garden, a Bath-based social enterprise, with the hut interior styled using homewares from The Country Crib; bedding from Piglet in Bed; and blinds and garden furniture from Susie Watson Designs.

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Notes to Editors

Plankbridge was founded in 2000 by Richard Lee and Jane Dennison and is the only hutmaker officially endorsed by the Royal Horticultural Society. Operating from a 15,000 sq ft workshop in Piddlehinton, Dorset, the company employs a skilled 30-strong team of master hutmakers, CAD designers, joiners, furniture makers and paint finishers. Their huts serve a wide range of uses, from garden offices and house extensions to artist studios, holiday lets and children’s playrooms.



Trainees in the main glasshouse at the Urban Garden, Bath, with Training Co-ordinator Sophia Rowe (third from right) and Plankbridge Head of Creative Hannah Lee (centre)

PLANKBRIDGE PARTNERS WITH URBAN GARDEN TRAINEES FOR RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW 2025

Dorset-based hutmakers Plankbridge, celebrated for their beautifully crafted shepherd's huts and cabins, are delighted to announce a collaboration with Bath-based social enterprise the Urban Garden for RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2025.

This partnership will provide seven local trainees – many of whom are facing mental health challenges or long-term unemployment – with the opportunity to be actively involved in the planting scheme of the Plankbridge Chelsea 2025 trade stand. Under expert guidance, they will gain invaluable hands-on experience in designing and preparing a show garden, offering a rare insight into the craftsmanship, planting choices and meticulous planning required at one of the world's

most prestigious horticultural events. This initiative is designed to reflect the transformative power of horticulture – not just in shaping beautiful landscapes but in nurturing confidence and wellbeing.

Sophia Rowe, Training Co-ordinator at The Urban Garden, reflects on the partnership: “The Urban Garden is really excited to be collaborating with Plankbridge to design a planting scheme for Chelsea 2025. To be able to offer our trainees the opportunity to work on this project is incredible, as it will give them real insight into the design process, planting choices and practical considerations needed for a live show garden.”

Hannah Lee, Head of Creative at Plankbridge, adds: “This is our second year working with the Urban Garden in the lead-up to RHS Chelsea, and this time we are collaborating even more closely with their team of trainees. We are so pleased to support the outstanding work that Matt, Sophia and the team do in Bath. It is always such a joy to see for myself the positive impact of their training and volunteer programmes on people’s mental health and career paths. There is a real sense of community at the Urban Garden, deeply rooted in a shared love of plants and the outdoors. It is a truly special place, quietly tucked away just below the Royal Crescent.”

The final design will be on display at Ranelagh Gardens, RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2025.

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The Urban Garden

The Urban Garden is managed by The Urban Garden (Bath) CIC, a Community Interest Company (CIC) dedicated to improving mental health and wellbeing through horticultural training and

employment opportunities. Based within the B&NES council nursery site, they operate in collaboration with the council, which also supplies a portion of their plants. All profits from The Urban Garden are reinvested into their training programmes, supporting local adults on their journey towards confidence, wellbeing and new career paths.