



# 2026 RHS SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW

## Grow Forward Gardens

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### **1) Butterfly Sanctuary Garden**

Designer: Amanda Thomas

Contractor: Arkscape

Sponsor: Part sponsored by King and Co, Woodbridge Garden Rooms and TMP

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*The Butterfly Sanctuary Garden* has been designed to offer sanctuary for visitors and wildlife, in particular butterflies. The exhibit hopes to encourage visitors to incorporate butterfly friendly plants into their gardens to help with their survival.

Set in East Anglia, the exhibit is designed to be part of a large family garden where the children can learn about the benefits of wildlife gardening and the importance of protecting butterflies.



The garden features a garden room, decking and multiple seating areas. In addition, there is a stream flowing through the garden and into a pond. The overflow from the pond runs into a rain garden which demonstrates how run off can be used to create a wildlife pond and irrigate the garden.

### Planting/Colour Scheme

Visitors can expect to see pinks, purples, white and silver. The garden will use plants which are drought tolerant and butterfly friendly, for example *Cistus* and *Salvia*.

## 2) Mindful Meadowlands

Designer: Constructing Minds with Nature

Contractor: Constructing Minds with Nature, Urban Groundscapes and Posh Ponds

Sponsor: Constructing Minds with Nature, Places for People, Urban Groundscapes, Talasay Landscape Solution, Breedon Special Aggregates

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*Mindful Meadowlands* highlights how gardens can counteract environmental changes from flash floods to drought but still offer a year-round usable green space. The design emphasises the risk of flood threats and shows visitors how to incorporate measures, such as crushed gravel, raised planting areas and trees to absorb excess moisture, into their gardens to reduce the impact of waterlogged soil conditions.



The garden features a bespoke pergola, acting as a shaded place to sit. Dead hedges provide shelter and food to small mammals, whilst also acting as a natural barrier to excess water flow. A curved boardwalk resembles the natural flow of a river with the path elevated above any waterlogged ground.

### Planting/Colour Scheme

The garden's colour scheme will showcase a soft palette of blues, white and claret, creating a harmonious and peaceful atmosphere. Key plants that feature in the exhibit will include *Crataegus × media* 'Plena', *Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Palo Alto', *Salix caprea* and wildflowers.

## 3) The Chestnut Group Garden for The Gurkha Welfare Trust

Designer: Jane Scott Moncrieff

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*The Chestnut Group Garden for The Gurkha Welfare Trust* is inspired by the enormous range of Himalayan plants and the modern cultivars derived from the indigenous plants.

Set in East Anglia, drought tolerant planting and water capture is well suited to the evolving environmental challenges gardeners are facing in the area.

Visitors to the garden will see a climate-resilient garden which incorporates three areas: woodland planting, a rain garden and a dry, gravel garden. The rain garden captures water from the pergola's roof, which then travels down a rain chain, through a subterranean pipe and into the concave rain garden. The gravel garden is slightly convex and features drought tolerant plants which are protected by a gravel mulch.



#### Planting/Colour Scheme

The planting palette is predominantly purple, blue, white and pink. Plants used in the garden are derived from genera found in the Himalayan region.

#### **4) *The Rhythm of Rainwater***

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Contractor: Conway Landscapes

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*The Rhythm of Rainwater* is inspired by the musicality of rainfall and the principles of sustainable water harvesting. Visitors will experience an immersive garden that transforms rain into both a visual and musical experience. The garden explores how using our own rainwater can help mitigate water shortages and how rainwater harvesting can become a beautiful, central design feature.

The garden features seven aluminium dipping tanks which store harvested rainwater - two are interlinked by a narrow rill, allowing water to move softly between them, while droplets fall onto steel tongue drums, creating organic music. In addition, hydrophones within the tanks reveal the subtle sounds created beneath the surface.

Beneath a corten pergola, a sunken seating area sits within lush green planting, punctuated with accents of colour. A characterful pine and gnarled pear tree stand beside. Toward the rear of the garden a bespoke artist's studio can be found, providing a creative hub where the songwriter works.

#### Planting/Colour Scheme

The gardens colour scheme uses lush and vivid greens, with white and accents of colours such as purple, brown, pink and orange. Plants such as the *Alchemilla mollis* and *Fatsia*

*japonica* have been chosen for their leaf properties which make them amazing to see and hear in the rain.