



RHS SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW 2026

VITAL STATS

The RHS Sandringham Flower Show makes its debut in the breathtaking Norfolk countryside. The show will be held at the country home of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla, featuring the work of highly skilled floral artists and an exciting line-up of show gardens. The brand-new show provides the RHS with the opportunity to spread the shared joy of gardening to new audiences and communities.

RHS Sandringham Flower Show is run by the Royal Horticultural Society, a 222-year-old charity. The RHS is the UK's gardening charity. Founded in 1804, today the charity helps millions of people across the country garden and grow for health, happiness and the environment. With a mission to promote science, art and the practice of horticulture, the charity runs national grassroots school gardening and community gardening movements and conducts vital science research to help mitigate some of the biggest environmental challenges facing us today.

RHS Sandringham Flower Show 2026 in numbers:

- Over **290** horticultural exhibits will fill the **34-acre** site including gardens, community cubes, upcycled containers, floral displays, and tradestands.
- **38** garden exhibits including *RHS Royal Legacy Garden*, designed by Catherine MacDonald in collaboration with His Majesty The King.
- Gardens:
 - **4** Show Gardens
 - **4** RHS Feature Gardens
 - **3** Feature Gardens
 - **4** Grow Forward Gardens
 - **17** Long Borders
 - **6** Community Cubes

There are **50** designers creating garden exhibits at RHS Sandringham Flower Show:

- **24** Male designers
- **26** Female designers

Floral Marquee

- There are **51** nurseries and growers exhibiting at the RHS Sandringham Flower Show.
- This year's RHS Master Grower is **Peter Beales Roses**.
- The Floral Marquee is 5,875m².

- There are **6** exhibitors new to RHS Shows: Jelly Cottage Plants, Perfect Planting Nursery, SJHOSTAS, Pellies n Smellies, Torri Nursery, ZC Succulents

Building the Show

- It takes over 18+ months to plan the show.
- It takes three weeks to build the show and 10 days to take it down afterwards.
- Larger gardens have around two weeks to bring their designs to life before the show opens.

Interesting Facts

- *100 Sweet Summers* seeks to demonstrate how innovation and nature-based solutions can be utilised in gardens in the future. The garden will showcase how technology can be used to generate electricity from natural biological processes in soil.
- *100 Sweet Summers* will feature *Dahlia* 'Sissinghurst', which was named dahlia of the year in 2026.
- *Mindful Chef's Gathering* aims to raise awareness of the loss of Britain's traditional orchards, which have declined by 90% since the 1950s.
- *RNIB Taking Books Garden* is celebrating 90 years of the RNIB's talking book service.
- *The Thomas Gainsborough Garden* will feature a specimen mulberry tree to reflect the 400-year-old tree found in the garden at Gainsborough House.
- *Mindful Meadowlands* seeks to raise awareness of wildflower meadows, which have declined by 97% since the 1930s.
- *The Chestnut Group's Garden for the Gurkha Welfare Trust* will incorporate planting inspired by the Himalayan region into their design. The garden is helping to promote The Gurkha Welfare Trust - who undertake important work for veterans and their families in Nepal. For example, the trust has, to date, installed over 63,660 water tap stands.
- The Environment Agency has warned that England could face a daily water shortfall of up to 5 billion litres by 2055. *The Rhythm of Rainwater* explores how using rainwater can help mitigate this challenge.
- The dipping tanks used in *The Rhythm of Rainwater* hold around 2,000 litres of harvested rainwater collected at a local school, which is roughly equivalent to 450 standard watering cans.
- *The RHS Pollywoggle Garden* celebrates the successful reintroduction of the pool frog into North Norfolk, and restorative work with the local pingo pools.
- *The RHS Royal Legacy Garden* will be relocated to be part of the ornamental gardens at Sandringham Estate. These gardens are being designed by Catherine MacDonald and Sandringham Estate's head gardener, Jack Lindfield.
- *Between Chaos & Order* explores repetition and symmetry, which is inspired by eastern garden philosophy and the practice of Fuukiran.
- *CODE + CURE* aims to showcase the AI studies taking place to determine what plants could contain medicinal compounds. In addition, these studies have the potential to help support climate change conservation and find solutions to food security issues.

- *Natural Resilient: Inspired by the Norfolk Coast* features *Ammophila arenaria*, *Festuca rubra* and *Deschampsia flexuosa* which have been chosen to mimic grasses found on sand dunes in the east coast of Norfolk.
- The Norfolk Coast Protect Landscape will soon be launching a new 5-year management plan. It will focus on nature recovery, climate adaptation and mitigation, sustainable development, and local communities and wellbeing. *Norfolk Coast: A Long Border for Climate Resilience's* design aligns with these priorities.
- *Vision Norfolk: The Vision in Bloom Garden* will feature *Dianthus* varieties which have been grown in Europe since the 16th Century. Traditional pink varieties of *Dianthus* were a popular choice in gardens in the 20th Century.
- The Community Cube *Do One Thing for Wildlife* is celebrating 100 years of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.
- *Colchester Hospital Wellbeing Garden* will feature *Rosa* 'Catherine's Rose' which was named for The Princess of Wales.

About Sandringham Estate

- Sandringham Estate is set among 60 acres of gardens, and the entire estate is made up of 20,000 acres.
- The British Royal Family acquired the estate in 1862. It was purchased as a country home for Edward VII and his soon-to-be wife, Alexandra of Denmark. Sandringham Estate has now been owned by five generations of British Monarchs and has changed significantly over the years.
- The gardens at Sandringham were first opened to the public by King Edward VII in 1908.
- Queen Elizabeth II opened the House to the public in 1977, her Silver Jubilee year.
- The main part of the house was completed in 1870, and a ballroom was added in 1883. The layout of the garden remains very similar to how it was in 1963.
- Sandringham Estate is traditionally where the British Royal Family celebrate Christmas. In 1957 Queen Elizabeth II gave her first televised Christmas message from Sandringham.
- The North End Garden was created by Geoffrey Jellicoe for King George VI in 1947. It is planted informally in a cottage-garden style.
- In 2023, the geometric Topiary Garden was added to provide a place of peace and contemplation for visitors. The garden is designed to increase biodiversity, featuring species of plants and flowers that able to withstand the impact of emerging weather patterns.