



## 2025 RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDEN FESTIVAL FEATURE GARDEN EXHIBITORS

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### 1) *RHS Healer's Hollow*

Sponsor: RHS  
Designer: Jude Yeo and Emily Grayshaw  
Contractor: Cobham Court Landscaping Ltd

RHS Healer's Hollow is an enchanting exploration of human connection to plants and the deeper need for them beyond beauty and food. It celebrates our long history and tradition of plants for purpose and the benefits they bring to our health and wellbeing.

Set in a British woodland, a shepherd's hut is nestled amongst native trees and verdant planting. Herbaceous plants are not only beautiful but have multiple benefits to our health, with plants aiding skin, digestion, wellbeing, and women's health.



As well as celebrating plants for purpose, the garden also encourages visitors to reconnect with the British countryside and its native woodland species.

#### Planting/Colour Scheme

The plants in the garden have been traditionally used in herbal medicine throughout history and have been selected for their health benefits. Fennel features for its benefits to digestion, *Artemisia* for skin care, and lavender for wellbeing.

Trees will be native British varieties, showcasing the importance of ancient British woodlands.

#### Relocation

The garden will be relocated to Farncombe Community Garden.

## 2) *RHS Vertigro*

Sponsor: RHS

Designer: Adolfo Harrison

Contractor: Armando Raish

Vertigro endeavours to re-imagine the possibilities of the urban vertical planting habitat and its place in our ever-warming, polluted towns and cities. The garden will feature towering vertical planting - an undulating corridor of living wall and climbers in a heliotropic race to the light.

The plant palette will be peppered with species that accentuate a vertical arching growth, bending towards the sunshine and emphasising the extreme conditions of vertical planting. RHS Vertigro will celebrate the interface between people, nature, and the urban environment - connecting nature with architecture by adding drama and texture to the urban palette, while highlighting the benefits of urban greening and carbon sequestration that living walls provide.

Light, form and movement are all at play within the garden, which will appear to wax and wane with the sun's path - plants straining with the arc of the sun and the shadows created by the totemic line of climbers morphing the garden's appearance.

### Planting/Colour Scheme

The garden will feature plants that are uncommon for vertical walls such as large shrubs and trees as well as plants for wildlife, carbon sequestration and air particulate reduction.



### 3) **RSPB and RHS Swift Garden**

Sponsor: The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

Designer: Lilly Gomm and Coralie Thomas

Contractor: Collinson's Landscaping

The *RSPB and RHS Swift Garden* draws attention to the incredible lives of swifts, whose long migratory journey brings them to the UK each year. Designed to increase awareness and inspire action, the garden champions wildlife-friendly gardening practices that support swifts as well as a wide range of garden birds and insects. Championing a collective environmental responsibility, the garden demonstrates that even the smallest gardens can provide essential refuge for vulnerable species.



The design creatively showcases how vibrant, beautiful planting can coexist with ecological consciousness. Sculptures of swifts in motion express the grace and speed of these aerial creatures, while nesting box flight models offer practical insight into how people can support swifts at home.

#### Planting & Colour Scheme

A deliberately diverse planting scheme mixes native and non-native species that offer habitat, food sources, and visual appeal. Plants have been selected to attract insects that form the diet of swifts, such as hoverflies, mosquitoes, and aphids.

Grasses like *Stipa ichu*, with its silver plumes and kinetic movement, add a dynamic softness to the dry planting area. Structural plants such as teasel serve multiple functions: midsummer form, water collection, and insect attraction.

Trees are predominantly native and selected for their ecological roles. Field maple offers aphid-friendly leaves that in turn attract ladybirds and hoverflies, both part of the food web that supports swift populations. *Tilia europaea* (*common lime*) contributes nectar-rich flowers and caterpillar-friendly foliage. Among the perennials, catmint (*Nepeta*) stands out for its vivid colour and versatility, while Devil's-bit scabious (*Succisa pratensis*) adds a light, delicate touch and is well-loved by bees and butterflies.