



RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Charity Gala Preview





Overview of the event

We're the UK's gardening charity, helping people and plants to grow - nurturing a healthier, happier world, one person and one plant at a time.

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala Preview offers you the exclusive opportunity to experience the show, before it opens to the public.

Enjoy canapés, champagne and music while exploring the show gardens, meet horticulturalists and delight in the exhibits within the Great Pavilion.

Find out more about our some of our key charitable projects and the wonderful cause you will be supporting at rhs.org.uk/about-us

Event details

Date: Monday 18 May 2026

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location:

London Gate
Royal Hospital Road
Royal Hospital Chelsea
London
SW3 4SR

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[///parent.arena.spider](https://parent.arena.spider) (London Gate)

Dress code: Lounge suit (a suit with an optional tie) or a cocktail dress. Please note that this is an outdoor event, so please be prepared in the event of wet weather.

Age limit: This is an adults only event, therefore under 18's (including babes in arms and infants) are currently not permitted to attend and will not be admitted.

Hospitality options / packages:

Gala ticket

Gala tickets are £635 per person, with RHS Members enjoying a saving of £25 per valid membership number. Please note, the maximum number of tickets individuals can purchase is 16.

Package includes:

- Enjoy an exclusive evening preview of the world's most prestigious flower show, from 7pm-9pm.
- Be among the first to explore the show grounds, show gardens, and captivating exhibits.
- Sip on the finest champagne and exquisite canapés throughout the night.
- Experience live music performances throughout the showgrounds.
- Meet with leading experts in garden design and horticulture.

Gala with Dinner ticket

You have the opportunity to enhance your evening by pre-booking dinner with us. Enjoy a three-course set dinner with wine at sunset. Gala Dinner tickets are £905 per person, with RHS Members enjoying a saving of £25 per valid membership number.

Package includes:

- An exclusive preview of the world's most prestigious flower show from 7pm-9pm.
- The finest champagne and canapés served throughout the evening.
- Experience live music performances across the showgrounds.
- The chance to meet experts in garden design and horticulture.
- Indulge in a seasonal three-course set dinner paired with fine wine, served from 9pm-11pm.
- Hosted within the exclusive and beautifully curated Gala Dinner Ranelagh Restaurant.
- Featuring exceptional locally sourced cuisine, prepared and presented by our award-winning caterers.
- Enjoy live music performances to accompany your dining experience.

Please note: Bookings of eight or fewer tickets will be on a shared table

Gala Meeting Point package

The price of a Meeting Point package varies depending on the number of guests you would like to bring. Meeting Point packages must be booked for a minimum of 20 guests and a maximum of 130 guests.

Package includes:

- A designated space with your company logo beside a beautiful floral exhibit in the Great Pavilion.
- Your own waiting staff providing exceptional hospitality to your guests from 7pm-9pm.
- Experience live music performances throughout the showground.
- The chance to meet experts in garden design and horticulture.
- The option to enhance your experience with a three-course set dinner served with wine from 9pm-11pm (£405 per person).
- Option to pre-order Little RHS Chelsea Gala Bags for your guests which include the Show Guide, Gala Souvenir Brochure and a selection of gifts (£40).
- Option to purchase a Host Access Pass (£165).

Spring Garden

Spring Garden allows you to host your guests in one of 16 exclusive Spring Garden rooms nestled in Ranelagh Gardens. Entertain in a stylishly designed space in which guests can enjoy a menu designed in collaboration with Michelin starred chefs. Spring Garden rooms are available to book as singles or doubles; each room accommodates up to 60 guests.

Package includes:

- 60 or 120 Charity Gala Preview tickets.
- Extended hours at the Gala in a Spring Garden room between 6.30pm and 11pm, with guests able to enjoy the wider showground between 7pm and 9pm.
- Little RHS Chelsea Gala Souvenir Bags (one per two tickets) containing the Show Guide, the Souvenir Brochure and a selection of luxury gifts.
- A page of advertising in the Souvenir Brochure and your company name listed on the Corporate Supporters page.
- Your company name included on the Gala showground map.
- Company branding outside your Spring Garden room.
- A tastefully designed, botanically inspired space with dining furniture and lighting.
- Outdoor decking with live music to entertain your guests.
- Private garden retreat within Spring Garden to relax and socialise.
- Dedicated waiting staff serving champagne and delicious canapés.
- Priority booking for a Spring Garden room next year.

Additional options available

- Opportunity to purchase Host Access Passes.
- Further dining options in your Spring Garden room, including an exceptional three-course meal or a selection of delicious bowl food, all paired with wines chosen by world-class sommeliers.
- Option to book bespoke floral packages with our approved suppliers to uplift your chalet for your guests.

Suites: The Promenade, Thames View, QEII, Soane Terrace

Upon entering the Gala your guests will enjoy a champagne and canapé reception at a designated meeting point in the heart of the show between 7pm and 9pm. Located amongst the magnificent floral displays of the Great Pavilion, your own waiting staff will keep the champagne flowing and serve a delicious selection of canapés at a dedicated table featuring your company name. From 8.45pm your party will move to your chosen suite and enjoy exclusive use until 11pm.

Additional options available

- Opportunity to purchase Host Access Passes.
- Bespoke dining options in your exclusive Suite.
- Option to book bespoke music, lighting, theming and florals with our approved suppliers.
- Priority booking for your Suite next year.

How to apply for tickets:

To apply for tickets to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala Preview, you must first be registered on our **Special Events mailing list**. To be added, please email previewtickets@rhs.org.uk with your RHS reference number (if you have one), or provide your full name, email address, and postal address to be associated with your account.

Please note:

- All ticket applications are made exclusively via our **online ticket application portal**.
- Only those on the Special Events mailing list will receive an email invitation enclosing a unique link to apply for tickets.
- Be sure to add previewtickets@rhs.org.uk to your safe senders list to ensure you don't miss your invitation to apply.

Key dates:

- **Applications open:** Monday 18 August 2026
- **Applications close:** Friday 12 September 2026

For further information or assistance, please contact previewtickets@rhs.org.uk.



Will I receive anything in the post?

You will only receive swing tags in the post if you are attending an afterhours event (post 9pm). This is specific to Gala Dinner, Spring Garden and Private suite guests.

How are tickets allocated?

All applications submitted by the ticket application portal deadline will be considered against the available ticket capacity. An application does not guarantee an offer to purchase a ticket.

How do I pay?

You can pay for your tickets via the ticket application portal. You will only need to enter payment details once you have been informed that your application has been successful. If you do not make payment by the payment deadline your tickets will be re-allocated. All tickets will be subject to the terms and conditions applicable at the time of purchase at [Terms and conditions | RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala / RHS](#)

Can I apply more than once?

We will only accept one application to the ticket application portal per organisation or household. Duplicate applications will be disqualified. Clients or agencies booking on behalf of companies or others should state this at the time of booking.

Who do I contact if I need help changing something in my application?

To update your details or change something in your application, please contact RHS Special Events at previewtickets@rhs.org.uk or on **0203 176 5850**.

When and how will I receive my tickets?

Tickets to enter site will all be in the form of e-tickets. These will be sent to the lead booker or specified email address approximately one month before the event.

What is a Host Access Pass?

A Host Access Pass grants access for up to two members of your team, enabling them to welcome guests on arrival, and act as dedicated liaisons between the RHS and your guests – both in the lead-up to and throughout the event. Their presence ensures a seamless flow of communication between the RHS and guests on the evening. Host Access Passes are available to purchase for Meeting Points, Spring Garden Chalets and Suites.

What food and drink is available?

From the moment you enter site the finest champagne and canapés will be available to you. Waiters will be circulating with canapés and refilling champagne throughout the evening until 9pm. Additionally, we have a range of food points available to you - from hot food, fresh fish, charcuterie to cheese and delicious desserts.

Can my tickets be refunded?

Please see our refund policy within our terms and conditions at [Terms and conditions | RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala / RHS](#)

Will there be a photographer/ published photos?

There will be a photographer capturing the events on the evening, mainly the gardens and the general atmosphere. However, should you ask for a photo or a photo be taken of you, we will ask you to sign a photo release form should we want to use it for publicity purposes in the future.

How does the waitlist work?

Once the RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala Preview is sold out or if you enquire at a later stage, once the ticket application window is closed, we can add you to the waitlist. Places on the waitlist are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Are there parking/ drop off zones?

Yes, complimentary parking is available at Battersea Park, with a shuttle service transporting guests directly to the showgrounds. Accessible parking is located at Burton Court Car Park. Designated drop-off points are located at Bull Ring and London Gate for your convenience. Please contact previewtickets@rhs.org.uk to arrange access.

Accessibility measures

We are committed to making the RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala Preview as enjoyable and accessible as possible for everyone. To help you prepare, please refer to our comprehensive guide covering what to expect before, during, and after your visit.

- Toilets: A unisex Changing Places facility is available.
- All RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala Preview is wheelchair accessible.
- Restaurants: There is a lift in the Upper Ranelagh restaurant.
- Wheelchair Collection: Available at Bull Ring and London Gate entrances.
- Mobility Scooters: Collection is only available from London Gate.

Please contact previewtickets@rhs.org.uk to pre-book.

Can I bring my dog?

With the exception of assistance dogs, dogs are not allowed at RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Can I bring a bag, is there a cloakroom?

Yes, bags are permitted; however, we recommend bringing a small one to help speed up security checks and ensure your comfort throughout the event. There is a cloakroom located by London gate, please note it closes at 9pm.

Do I need to be an RHS Member?

RHS Membership is not required to attend the RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala Preview; however, members benefit from a £25 discount on their ticket, plus many other benefits.

To become a member please visit: rhs.org.uk/join

How do I find any lost property?

Lost property is located at Visitor Information near the London Gate entrance. Unclaimed items are kept for one month, and plants for 24 hours, before being donated to local charities.

What happens if it rains? Is this an outdoor event?

Guests are welcome to take shelter in the Great Pavilion.

What do I need to bring with me?

- Tickets – e-tickets (app/pdf).
- Comfortable footwear – there's lots to explore, so supportive shoes are key.
- Weather-appropriate clothing – light raincoat or umbrella – just in case those clouds roll in.
- Reusable water bottle – stay hydrated while wandering the gardens.
- Sunglasses and sunscreen.

Are there bag searches/ security?

The security and safety of visitors to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is paramount and we have an extremely robust security presence at the Show. We work closely with the police and emergency services throughout the year to ensure an appropriate policing plan is in place.

Please note that all guests will be subject to a bag search upon entry to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show Charity Gala Preview. We recommend bringing small bags and avoiding large suitcases to help reduce queue times. Security personnel will be stationed at each entrance and patrolling the event perimeter. Should you have any security concerns or questions during the evening, please speak to one of the stewards located throughout the showgrounds.



