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SHOW PROGRAMME

Your guide to a blooming great day!

President's Welcome



Matthew Wilson by Tessa Newmark Hudson

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the **North of England Horticultural Society**, and as its newly appointed President, to welcome you to the Harrogate Spring Flower Show 2026 here at the Great Yorkshire Events Centre.

Spring is a season of renewal - a time when gardens awaken, fresh ideas take root, and the new growing year begins. It is therefore a particular joy to gather once again to celebrate the very best in horticulture and the skill, creativity, and dedication of growers, designers, and exhibitors from across the country. From the breathtaking displays in our Grand Floral Hall to the remarkable artistry of the Floral Art Pavilion, and the imaginative Show Gardens that bring fresh ideas to life. This show reflects the passion and talent that make our gardening community so special.

The Harrogate Flower Shows are proudly staged by the

NEHS, a charity established in 1911 to promote and encourage horticulture across the North. All profits from both our Spring and Autumn Shows are returned to the community - supporting local groups, societies, and gardening projects so that the love of growing continues to flourish for generations to come.

We are honoured to have **His Majesty King Charles III** as the patron of the NEHS - a relationship that has been cultivated since his patronage began in 2010.

Thank you for joining us and for supporting this wonderful tradition. I hope you enjoy exploring all that the show has to offer and leave inspired with a renewed enthusiasm for gardening.

Matthew Wilson
President, North of England Horticultural Society



Don't forget - your show entry ticket also enters you into the **GREAT GARDEN GIVEAWAY** prize-draw!

The draw takes place daily at 2pm on the Grow! live stage, with fantastic prizes up for grabs.

Check if you're a lucky winner at the **Information Point** or **online** by scanning the QR code before you leave the show!



Good luck!

Grand Floral Hall

PLANT NURSERIES & SPECIALIST PLANT SOCIETIES

Step into the Grand Floral Hall - a breathtaking showcase of horticultural excellence, with over 4000m² of plant nurseries and societies from across the gardening spectrum.

Here, you'll be surrounded by first-class floral displays and captivating plant exhibits from some of the country's most talented specialist nurseries and plant societies. From rare and unusual specimens to timeless garden favourites, this is a celebration of beauty, skill, and passion from across the gardening world.

Amongst the beautiful blooms, you can also discover the following highlights:

- **Specialist Plant Societies** - sharing expertise and inspiration
- **Plant Nurseries** - offering exceptional plants to take home
- **Garden Advice Bureau** - expert tips for gardens of every size
- **Grow! Live Stage** - expert garden advice from leading horticulturists (timetable on page 13)



Join us **Around the Potting Bench** with the **Yorkshire Pelargonium & Geranium Society**. They will be sharing their expertise with a series of talks throughout the day on how to keep your geraniums and pelargoniums flourishing throughout the year.

Floral Art Pavilion

ONCE AGAIN, THE FLORAL ART PAVILION IS SET TO DELIVER A TRULY BREATHTAKING EXPERIENCE!



With a bustling schedule of themed classes, the stage is primed for a stunning array of unique floral art exhibits.

There's something for everyone to enjoy, from spectacular large-scale installations by floristry students in *All the Fun of the Fair* to the elegance of *Inspired by Versailles*, the rustic charm of *The Potager*, and the vibrant *Rio Calling!*, where carnival-inspired floral headdresses burst with fresh flowers and lush foliage.

If all this leaves you feeling inspired take a seat for a masterclass in floristry on the Create! Stage or have a go at creating yourself in one of our free workshops.

- **Floristry & Floral Art Displays**
- **National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS)** including the new - *You be the Judge* competition
- **Create! Floral Stage** (timetable on page 12)
- **Blooming Kind**

NEW!

Floristry Workshops

CREATE YOUR OWN BOUQUET

Back by popular demand, free Floristry Workshops return for another year!

Hosted by local florists **Leafy Couture**, these hands-on sessions offer an opportunity to create your very own floral masterpiece to take home.

The workshops will take place each day of the Show within the entrance to the **Grand Floral Hall** at **10.30am**, **12.30pm** and **2.30pm**.

Be sure to reserve your spot around the bench when you arrive, as places are limited!



Blooming Kind

SUSTAINABLE FLORAL ART CREATIONS

NEW!



More creative opportunities await in the Floral Art Pavilion with award-winning florist **Yolanda Campbell**. Passionate about sustainability and British-grown flowers, she will share expert tips and guide you through crafting beautiful floral accessories, with plenty of chances to have a go throughout the day.

Try your hand at creating kokedama spheres or shaping natural jute containers – there's a wide mix of other eco-friendly gardening and floral art crafts, with practical floristry tips to discover too!

Show Gardens

DISCOVER GARDEN INSPIRATION IN SPADES!



This year's Show Gardens explore how gardens can inspire, connect, and evolve.

Discover serene retreats by water, playful spaces celebrating friendship and individuality, gardens that grow and change with life, and landscapes reflecting the charm of the countryside.

Through thoughtful planting, materials, and design, each garden transforms its space, offering beauty, seasonal interest, and ideas that can be brought to life in real outdoor spaces.

Association of Professional Landscapers

GARDENS INSPIRED BY URBAN AND SMALL SPACES

NEW!



This year we are delighted to launch the **Association of Professional Landscapers** (APL) *Over the Garden Fence* garden design category.

Four unique gardens for smaller and urban spaces will be created by APL accredited garden designers. Thoughtfully designed for real homes and everyday living, these gardens demonstrate how the perfect garden oasis can be achieved even the most compact of spaces.

Creative Borders

BIG IMPACT IDEAS FOR SMALLER SPACES

A fresh crop of innovative ideas, created by budding garden designers, proving that even the smallest spaces can be transformed with imagination and flair.



NEW!



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Dig It!

GARDEN DESIGN KNOW-HOW

Budding gardeners can nurture their skills with garden designer **Nick Fryer** by joining one of his hands-on gardening sessions, focusing on tips and guidance for plant arrangements and design.

The workshops will take place each day of the Show at **11.00am, 12.30pm** and **2.30pm**.

Steph's Campervan Adventure

STORIES AND FLAVOURS FROM LIFE ON THE ROAD!

NEW!



We're thrilled to welcome local chef **Stephanie Moon** back from her North American adventure - travelling in her beloved campervan, Cher!

Join her as she brings the journey to life, sharing stories from the road while recreating the bold, mouthwatering flavours she discovered along the way - all cooked up campervan style!

11:30 AM - BRUNCH ON THE ROAD

Hearty, fuel-up favourites inspired by life on the move.

- Pancakes with Canadian Maple Syrup & Blueberries
- Fried Green Tomatoes with Smoky Bacon Jam
- Cowboy Beans with Freshly Baked Cornbread

12:30 PM - NORTH AMERICAN CLASSICS

Iconic dishes from across the continent.

- Toronto-Style Reuben Sandwich
- Classic Poutine
- Pecan, Maple & Raisin Butter Tarts

1:30 PM - COMFORTS FROM COAST TO PLAINS

Soul-warming dishes from across the USA.

- Cape Cod Clam Chowder
- Wyoming Smash Burgers with Onions & Relish
- South Dakota Toffee Apple Dump Cake

2:30 PM - WILD COOKING & CAMPFIRE FLAVOURS

Rustic BBQ, open-fire cooking, and treats to enjoy in the wild.

- North Carolina Buttermilk Biscuits
- Ottawa BBQ Pork Ribs with Crisp Salad & Thousand Island Dressing
- Canadian 'Beaver Tails' Sweet Pastry

THE Human GARDENER

LIVE TALKS AND INSIGHTS FROM GARDENING'S MOST PASSIONATE EXPERTS.

Head Gardener at Ridding Park Hotel & Spa, **Sarah Owen-Hughes** and Thorp Perrow Landscape Curator, **Faith Douglas** welcome a myriad of experts and ambassadors from across the horticultural spectrum, exploring their passions for gardens, nature and wellbeing through a series of fun and engaging interviews



TIME	THU 23 APRIL	FRI 24 APRIL	SAT 25 APRIL	SUN 26 APRIL
11AM	Alchemy Ferns Mark Taylor	Creation Sculpture Steve Blaylock	Edible Leeds Craig Worrell	York in Bloom
11.30PM	Brunswick Organic Nursey Emily Johnson	Calderdale Festival - Seeds of Hope	Permaculture Pippa Chapman	Paleobiologist Dr Tim Astrop
12.30PM	Gardens by Max Maxine Nelson	Euphorbia Gardens Helena & Sam Glassup	The Cloud Gardener Jason Williams	BBC Gardener's World Magazine Award Winner Kamal Hussain
1PM	Hollywood Trees Holly & Atlas	Farm Shed Lisa Leech		Botanical Diary & Daffodil Society Lauren Moore
1.30PM		High Dalby House Rev Ian	Edible York Ever Bridie McGarrigle	
2PM	National Coal Mining Museum Dr John Tanner	Wildflower Turf Experts Stuart Ball	The Deep Ben Jones	Work & Retrain as a Gardener Scheme Rebecca Moore-Yelland
2.30PM		Hooton's Walled Nursery Dean Charlton	Ethical Dairy Farm David Finlay	
3PM		Yorkshire Wildlife Trust - Peat Bog Restoration David Craven	Taylor Bird Botanicals Paula Taylor	

TIMETABLE

Show Map

YOUR GUIDE TO FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE SHOW.

Eating and drinking at the Show

There's plenty to whet your appetite and keep you refreshed!

Relax with a coffee and a light bite in one of the **two large Cafes within the Main Hall**.

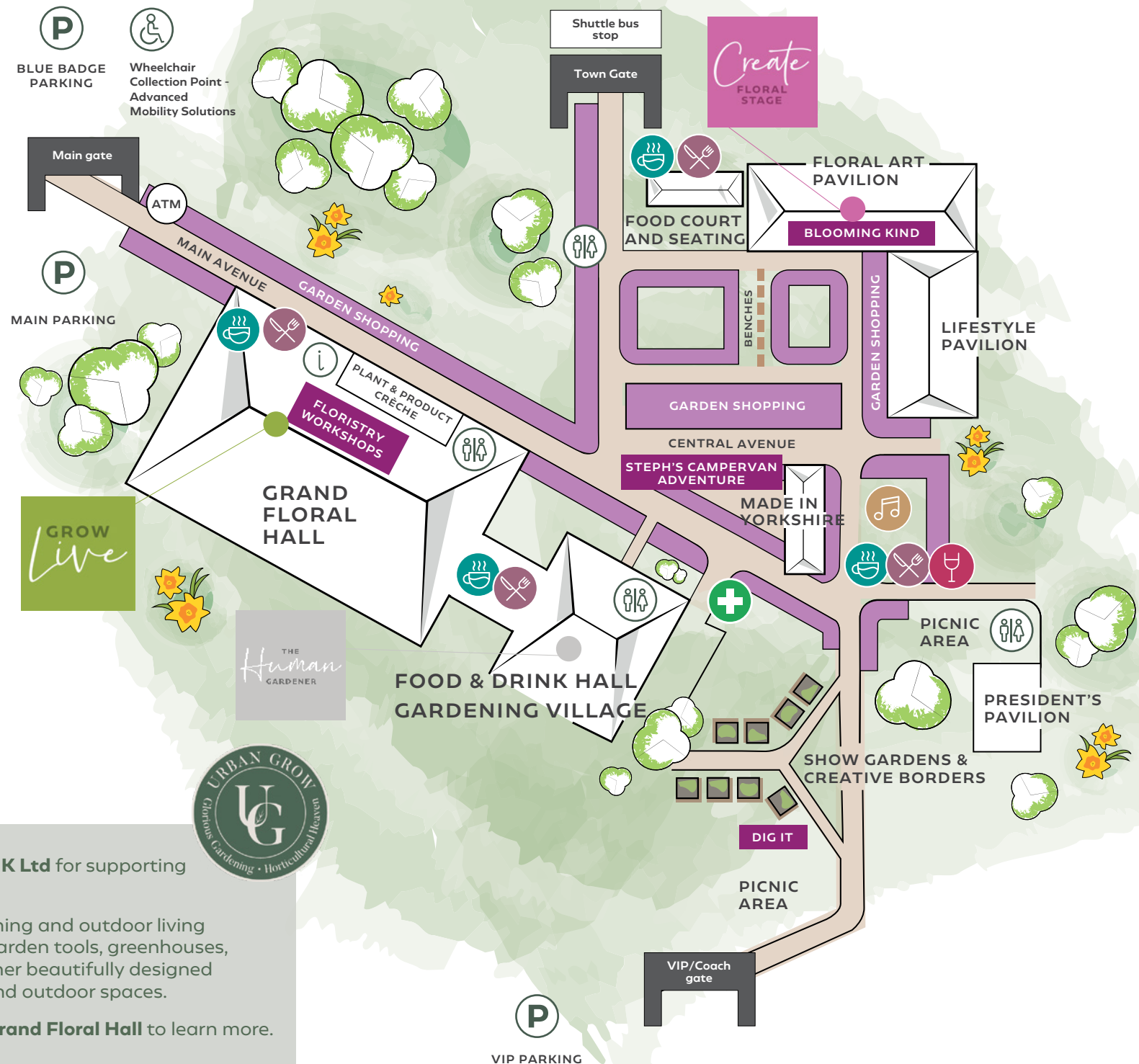
From fish & chips and pizza to burgers and burritos, take your pick from the wide selection on offer at the **Outdoor Food Court**.

Fancy something a little stronger? **Head to the Music Stand Bar** and soak up the live music while enjoying your favourite tipple.

We are delighted to thank **Urban Grow UK Ltd** for supporting this year's show programme.

Specialising in stylish, sustainable gardening and outdoor living products, their range includes planters, garden tools, greenhouses, water features, outdoor furniture and other beautifully designed pieces to help create inspiring gardens and outdoor spaces.

To find out more visit their stand in the **Grand Floral Hall** to learn more.



Create

FLORAL STAGE

DISCOVER HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF SEASON'S HARVEST WITH PRACTICAL TIPS AND INSPIRATION.

Floral wizard **Jonathan Moseley** and his talented team share expert tips and trade secrets for creating blooming brilliant arrangements at home. Along the way, they'll craft an abundance of beautiful seasonal bouquets and floral displays.



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10.30AM	Tina Reddel Florist & Floristry Lecturer	Tracey Campbell Wedding & Event Florist	Judy Watker Floral Designer & Demonstrator	Rachel Kirkwood Floral Designer & Demonstrator
11.30AM	Jonathan Moseley Celebrity Florist	Jonathan Moseley Celebrity Florist	Jonathan Moseley Celebrity Florist	Jonathan Moseley Celebrity Florist
12.30PM	Allan Raby Florist & Floristry Lecturer	Sue Lee Floral Designer & Floristry Lecturer	Sarah Everatt Floral Designer & Demonstrator	Nicola Davies Freelance Florist & Demonstrator
1.30PM	Tina Reddel Florist & Floristry Lecturer	Tracey Campbell Wedding & Event Florist	Judy Watker Floral Designer & Demonstrator	Rachel Kirkwood Floral Designer & Demonstrator
2.30PM	Jonathan Moseley Celebrity Florist	Jonathan Moseley Celebrity Florist	Jonathan Moseley Celebrity Florist	Jonathan Moseley Celebrity Florist

TIMETABLE

GROW

Live

NURTURE YOUR GREEN THUMB WITH TIPS, TRICKS, AND INSPIRATION FOR EVERY GARDENER.

The GROW! Team features gardening supremo **Martin Fish**, plant expert **Helen Bainbridge**, and North Yorkshire plantswoman **Sarah Hopps**. A host of **guest plant experts** will also be on hand to provide growing advice and invaluable tips to help you maximize your garden's potential.

Meanwhile celebrity florist, **Jonathan Moseley**, will inspire as he shares how to create sensational spring floral displays for the home.



STAGE SPONSOR

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10.30AM	Gardening Q&A Grow Team & guests	Gardening Q&A Grow Team & guests	Gardening Q&A Grow Team & guests	Gardening Q&A Grow Team & guests
11.00AM	Martin Fish Spring into summer gardening tips!	Frank P. Matthews Tips on tree planting and pruning	Hoyland Plant Centre Agapanthus, Nerines & Tulbaghia	Roger Burnett & Shelia Johnson 'Grow' technology
12NOON	Wacks Wicked Plants Carnivorous plants	Helen Bainbridge Adding colour to your garden	Martin Fish Spring into summer gardening tips!	Sarah Hopps The Sensory Garden
1.00PM	BBC Radio - The Grow Show Gardening Q&A	Jonathan Moseley Petal perfection	Jonathan Moseley Petal perfection	Jonathan Moseley Petal perfection
2.00PM	Helen Bainbridge Adding colour to your garden	Martin Fish Spring into summer gardening tips!	Sarah Hopps The Sensory Garden	Martin Fish Spring into summer gardening tips!
3.00PM	Eco Green Compost Let's talk compost	Eco Green Compost Let's talk compost	Eco Green Compost Let's talk compost	Eco Green Compost Let's talk compost
3.15PM	Gardening Q&A Grow Team & guests	Gardening Q&A Grow Team & guests	Gardening Q&A Grow Team & guests	Gardening Q&A Grow Team & guests

Shopping at the Show



Enjoy the delights of retail therapy at the Show as you explore a fantastic selection of stands brought to you by a range of passionate exhibitors.

From unique gifts and artisan foods to plants, tools, and garden accessories, there's something to delight every visitor - and garden!

- **Plant Nurseries**
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Live Music



THE SOUNDTRACK TO YOUR DAY AT THE SHOW.

Soak up the magical melodies at the **Music Stand**, where everything from uplifting brass bands that get your toes tapping, to the relaxed sounds of an acoustic guitar creates an uplifting atmosphere.

Choirs add to the charm, filling the air with timeless classics - it's the perfect spot to take a break from the sights of the show.



TIME	THUR 23 APRIL	FRI 24 APRIL	SAT 25 APRIL	SUN 26 APRIL
9.15AM - 11AM	Andrew Clegg classical guitar	Yorkshire Imperial Band	Yorkshire Military Band	Fire & Rescue Pipe Band
11.15AM - 1PM	Harrogate Spa Town Ukes	Ripon City Band	Biz Denton folk & blues	Biz Denton folk & blues
1.15PM - 3PM	Harrogate Brass Band	Yorkshire Voices	Hot Aire! Concert Band	White Rose Concert Band
3.15PM - 5PM	Biz Denton folk & blues	Biz Denton folk & blues	Yorkshire Imperial Band	Bradford Concert Band



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