

THE MANCHESTER FLOWER FESTIVAL



26-29
MAY
2023

WELCOME TO THE MANCHESTER
FLOWER FESTIVAL.

From floral installations to outdoor dining,
live music and entertainment, you're in for
a bloomin' amazing long weekend in the city
centre. Free and open to all, follow the floral
trails and enjoy Manchester in flowers.

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OPENING TIMES

FRIDAY 26 – SUNDAY 28
10AM – 7PM

MONDAY 29
10AM – 5PM

FREE

Manchester City Centre
Festival Zone; Manchester
Arndale, Exchange Square,
New Cathedral Street,
St Ann's Square and
King Street



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the website and social media
channels for event updates.

THE MANCHESTER FLOWER FESTIVAL FLORAL TRAIL

Wind your way around the city's shopping streets to find the most beautiful (and Instagrammable) gardens and flowers. There are 10 professionally designed displays to be discovered, all themed around 'Manchester in Flowers'.

Commissioned by Manchester City Centre BID, they include the Town Hall garden, a blossoming beehive and a floral computer, plus a colourful phone box celebrating Manchester's LGBTQ+ history, a tribute to Manchester's Suffragettes and the Grassiendi.

For full event listings visit mcrflowerfest.com



1 **TURING'S SUNFLOWERS**
By Manchester Arndale and Filthy Luker
Manchester Arndale, New Cannon Street,
Lower Ground Floor, M4 3AQ

2 **BABY BLOOM**
By La Beau Fleurs Ltd
The Floral Marquee, New Cathedral Street, M1 1AD

3 **SUFFRAGETTE CITY**
By The Manchester Flower Festival
and Sarah Hayes, Twig Twisters
St Ann's Square, M2 7HQ

4 **THE COTTON BUD & ITS MEADOW**
By Frog Flowers
St Ann's Square, M2 7HQ

5 **THE HIVE**
By Citiblooms Ltd
St Ann's Square, M2 7HQ

6 **HILDA OGDEN**
By The Royal Exchange Manchester
The Royal Exchange, M2 7HQ

7 **THE TOWN HALL CLOCK**
By Decordia
Corner of King Street and Cross Street, M2 4NJ

8 **THE RAIN GARDEN**
By Caroline Dowsett and Ardwick Climate Action
King Street, M2 4LQ

9 **THE GRASSIENDI**
By Blossom MCR,
King Street, M2 6BA

10 **LGBTQ+ PHONE BOX**
By Frog Flowers
Corner of King Street and Deansgate, M2 6AW

A **THE FLORAL MARQUEE**
New Cathedral Street

B **FAMILY ZONE**
St Ann's Square

C **FLOWER, ARTS AND CRAFT MARKET**
St Ann's Square

D **FLOWER FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE**
Exchange Square

E **GREY GOOSE & HARVEY NICHOLS:**
VIVE LE SPRITZ TERRACE
New Cathedral Street

F **EL GATO NEGRO, HABAS & CANTO**
St Ann's Square

i **INFORMATION POINT**
Exchange Street

FESTIVAL ZONE DISPLAYS

Keep your eyes open as you walk around the city's shopping streets, and you will find all manner of surprising displays in windows, planters, doorways, fountains and more, including:

- RHS, New Cathedral Street
- National Trust, St Ann's Square
- In Our Nature, King Street
- Vimto, New Cathedral Street
- Wheelbarrow Gardens, St Ann's Passage

THE FLORAL MARQUEE

New Cathedral Street

Visit The Floral Marquee where you will discover an array of stunning floral displays from local florists as well as daily workshops.

FRINGE FESTIVAL

Step out of the festival zone to find floral displays across the city centre. Keep an eye out for:

- The Passage of the Pollinators, Sadler's Yard, NOMA, M60 0AB
- Great Mancunians of First Street, First Street, M15 4GU
- Creatures of Cottonopolis, The Great Northern, M3 4EN
- Floating Ecosystems Garden & Flower Clouds, The Bridgewater Hall, M2 3WS

FLOWER FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE

In Partnership With Selfridges Exchange Square, Exchange Square

Selfridges Exchange Square and The Manchester Flower Festival bring botanical beauty to life with a fabulous takeover of Exchange Square. Featuring the event's main stage, with live music, DJs and garden talks, alongside delicious street food offerings, with a percentage of sales supporting local charities.

GREY GOOSE & HARVEY NICHOLS: VIVE LE SPRITZ TERRACE

New Cathedral Street

Discover the finest vodka Spritz cocktails at the Vive Le Spritz Grey Goose terrace, with floral installations, social seating, French garden games and exclusive Grey Goose summer spritz cocktails.

EL GATO NEGRO, HABAS, & CANTO

St Ann's Square

Multi-award-winning chef and restaurateur Simon Shaw brings a taste of the Mediterranean and modern Middle East to this year's Manchester Flower Festival, with pop-up restaurants, providing visitors with a taste of three award-winning restaurants, El Gato Negro, Habas and Canto.

FLOWER, ARTS AND CRAFT MARKET

St Ann's Square

Pick up a floral keepsake from The Manchester Flower Festival market.

THE MANCHESTER FLOWER FESTIVAL COCKTAIL TRAIL

Enjoy Flower Festival inspired cocktails at bars and restaurants across the city, including; Grand Pacific, Rosso, Urban Playground, Mr Thomas's Chop House and more. Plus festival pop up bars El Gato Negro, Habas, Canto, Selfridges' Flower Festival on The Square and Grey Goose and Harvey Nichols' Vive Le Spritz terrace.

FAMILY PLAY ZONE & SENSORY GARDEN

St Ann's Square, 10am-4pm

Get your hands dirty at The Conker Crew's mud kitchen and sensory garden in St Ann's Square.

BEE HUNT

St Ann's Square

Can you find our trail of bees buzzing around the city centre, spot the letters being carried by nine bees and fill in the secret word below. Head to the Information Point on Exchange Street to claim your special prize.

THE MANCHESTER BEE PARADE

St Ann's Square, Sunday 28th May, 1pm

Head to the meeting point inside The Royal Exchange Manchester to follow our queen bee around the city centre doing the special Wagglédance in an unforgettable family parade.
