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A Botanical celebration will bloom at Sandringham from 3-11 June



Working with local communities and charities, 'Sandringham in Bloom' a new nine-day event celebrating all things flora and fauna will pop up on the Estate from Saturday 3 - Sunday 11 June.

The interior of Sandringham House will be decorated using British seasonal flowers sourced from a UK flower farming movement 'Flowers from the Farm', a not-for-profit membership association championing over 960 independent, artisan growers of local, seasonal British cut flower across the UK.

Using the flowers Fakenham Flower Club will create a series of displays using a mixture of species including wildflower mixes, dahlias, zinnias, sunflowers, snapdragons, phlox and cosmos. In addition, a special floral replica of the Coronation robe worn by Queen Elizabeth II will feature in the House, made by 24 floral arrangers from Salisbury Cathedral. The delicate robe is a combination of Pampas grass, Ruscus Leaves, Ferns and Helichrysum.



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In Sandringham Gardens, three show gardens will be planted by local charities - The Norfolk Hospice, Bee Happy Gardens (supporting Dementia) and Family Action raising awareness for their respective charities. Based around a common theme, these gardens will provide a space for visitors to reflect and reconnect with nature using herbs, shrubs and plants to evoke emotions through the senses such as Rosemary, thyme and fennel.

Installations to support the flora will be set amongst the Gardens, including a magnificent display of floral artistry around The Norwich Gates, a 10ft metal cow parsley made by a local blacksmith, willow weaved crowns and a galvanised steel wire Iberian horse all sculptured by local artists. Visitors are invited to join free live talks and tours during the day offering tips on how to grow your own, as well as celebrating the diverse and rich planting of Sandringham Garden itself which has been developed in turn by each Monarch since 1863.

Additional Twilight Tours and a celebratory Dinner with Royal Gardeners will also feature as part of the nine-day event. Plant producers and garden accessory stands will be available at Sandringham Courtyard in the Royal Parkland along with flowers and plants grown from the Estate's own nursery.

Highlights of Sandringham in Bloom include:

- A nine-day spectacle of floral arrangements inside Sandringham House, Gardens and St Mary Magdalene Church.
- Queen Elizabeth II Floral Coronation Robe from Salisbury Cathedral
- Three Show Gardens
- The Potting Shed will offer a series of activities for younger visitors
- A relaxing Gin Bar in the Gardens where visitors can sample Sandringham Estate Botanical Gin Cocktails accompanied by a live harpist at the weekends
- Horticulture specialists and growers selling unique plants and garden accessories at the Courtyard
- Themed floral Sandringham in Bloom Afternoon Tea and Picnic Afternoon Tea
- Free daily talks and tours with expert advice from Sandringham Gardeners
- Exclusive Twilight Garden Tours taking in the exhibition "Watercolours" by His Majesty The King in the House concluding with a glass of Windsor Sparking wine or Sandringham Apple Juice



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- A very special Royal Gardeners' Dinner with the Head Gardeners from Sandringham Estate, Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Dumfries House on Wednesday 7 June, with a menu featuring produce from the Royal Residencies.

For more information and the full programme of events please visit
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Sandringham Estate

Sandringham Estate is the much-loved country retreat of the British Royal Family and has been the private home to generations of British Monarchs since 1862.

Sandringham in Bloom

Sandringham in Bloom is a new nine-day event for 2023 and differs from the Sandringham Flower Show.

Flowers From the Farm

Flowers from the farm is a not-for-profit membership association championing over 960 independent, artisan growers of local, seasonal British cut flowers across the UK. The principal aims of Flowers from the Farm are to encourage more people to grow cut flowers for market in Britain, to promote British cut flowers, and to foster friendship and sharing through meetings, activities and communication.

Flowers from the Farm growers provided flowers in Westminster Abbey for the Coronation of Their Majesties The King and The Queen, on 6 May 2023.

Charity Information

The Norfolk Hospice

The Norfolk Hospice is a registered charity in Hillington which provides free care, comfort and compassion to people in North and West Norfolk who are living with a life limiting illness, whilst also providing support for their families and friends.

Queen Elizabeth II officially opened the site at Hillington in 2016 and was a great supporter of the hospice. The Hospice now has an ongoing relationship with the Royal Sandringham Estate, planting commemorative trees in its arboretum and in 2022 hosted 'The Butterfly Meadow' installation, raising funds to provide wellbeing day therapy workshops, family support groups and bereavement support.



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Family Action

Family Action transforms lives by providing practical, emotional, and financial support to those who are experiencing poverty, disadvantage and social isolation across the country. Working with over 60,000 families a year in 200 community-based services, as well as supporting thousands more through our national programmes and a grants programme. HRH The Princess of Wales is patron of the Family Action Charity.

Bee Happy Garden

Hilary Faye Mellor left an acting career to pursue a love of Gardening, following a placement on the Women Returning to Amenity Gardens programme she then dedicated her life to the great outdoors concentrating on bee friendly gardens and Garden Design. Awarded the Silver Gilt from the Sandringham Horticultural Society at Sandringham Flower Show a few years ago Hilary's Show Garden is dedicated to the Dementia Society following the diagnosis of her late mother.