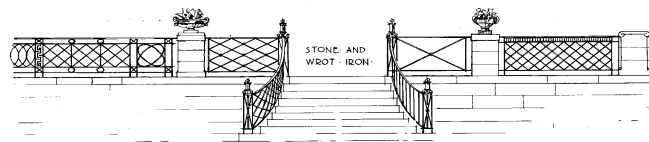


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Lancashire Gardens Trust

RHS First Large-Scale Indoor Show

**NEW RHS Urban Show being held at Depot Mayfield in Central Manchester,
18th April 2024**



For our April Event, we are proposing a visit to an exciting new-style RHS Flower Show, which will be very different to the RHS's regular Flower Shows.

Members may remember that LGT held a visit to the neighbouring Mayfield Park in March 2023, which is Manchester's first new park in over 100 years.

Now, the RHS plans to transform the Park's neighbouring historic former railway station, Depot Mayfield, from an industrial, indoor location to create an urban grower's paradise full of small space gardening ideas to provide inspiration and encouragement for those who live in towns and cities with limited or no outdoor growing space.

Whilst urban growing will be at the heart of the show, the influence horticulture has on interior design, art, wellness and sustainability will also be explored. There will be innovative gardening features with design inspiration for small city spaces, such as vertical gardening and urban farming along with immersive plant installations, a host of

talks, advice and practical workshops and a carefully curated selection of plant nurseries selling a huge variety of houseplants and small space friendly plants.

Helena Pettit, Director of Gardens & Shows said the RHS is excited to be bringing a new RHS Show dedicated to urban gardening to the centre of Manchester. The RHS Urban Show aims to bring gardening to a new audience and demonstrate that if you have plants; you are a gardener!

“There is so much great work already happening across Manchester to make it greener and we are excited to help support this growing movement. We want to get even more people living in the UK’s second largest city inspired to grow plants and connect to the natural world.”

“With over 80% of the UK population living in towns and cities, the new show will enable more urban dwellers to garden, especially where access to green spaces can be limited.”

As part of the RHS strategy to 2030* launched in 2023, one priority is to open up gardening for anyone, anywhere and the new RHS Urban Show is one of the ways in which the RHS hopes to do this.

DIRECTIONS

The Mayfield Depot address is

Depot Mayfield

Baring Street

Manchester

M1 2PY

TRAVELLING BY RAIL

Mayfield Depot is a 2-minute walk from Manchester Piccadilly Rail Station.

When arriving at Platform 13, go up to the holding area for departing passengers. On the left is Costa coffee, ahead are the toilets. Along a passage between them to the left is a lift which will bring you down to Fairfield Street. Look over to your left and you will see the goods depot on the corner of Baring Street.

BY CAR

The nearest car parks are at the bottom end of Baring Street and on Buxton Street. GPS address: **Baring Street, M1 2PY**

FOOD AND DRINK

There is a range of hot and cold food and drink outlets at the show that cater to all dietary needs.

Please note that it is not permitted to bring your own food or drink to this show.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM THE RHS WEBSITE

This is a temporary, indoor event. The majority of the show takes place on hard surfaces, however, some surfaces may be uneven.

The temperature inside Depot Mayfield can be quite low, visitors should wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

TIMED ENTRY

The Urban show runs from 18th April to 24th April but we have chosen Thursday 18th April as this date has the cheaper tickets.

There are morning and afternoon sessions and we are proposing the morning session from 10a.m. – 2.30p.m. (The afternoon session runs between 2.30p.m. and 7p.m.)

- Please be aware that morning visitors are expected to leave by 2.30p.m.

TICKETS

This is an RHS Event and the ticket prices are £17.85 for members of the public or £14.85 for RHS members.

As always, it is advisable to book tickets in well in advance as RHS expects it to be a popular event.

Tickets can be ordered online at: -

<https://www2.theticketfactory.com/rhs/online/seatSelect.asp?BOset::WSmap::seatmap::performance ids=A2F045DB-717C-4020-8EF4-7F76DC1B6748>

We can meet up inside the entrance soon after 10.00a.m. but as this isn't a guided tour, members will be free to walk around to follow individual interests.

PAYMENT

There is no payment to LGT for this event.