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More than 120 exhibitors, a mini Flower Festival, live entertainment, expert talks and demonstrations are among the highlights of this year's Home & Garden Show taking place this week at Ely Cathedral.

The Home & Garden Show returns for its second year this week, bringing together an inspiring mix of exhibitors, expert advice and unique shopping opportunities for visitors.

Attendees can explore an extensive range of garden plants, tools, outdoor furniture and outdoor living products, alongside stylish homeware, soft furnishings and decorative accessories designed to enhance every living space.

Reflecting the event's growing popularity, 40% of exhibitors are taking part for the first time, including several who have previously showcased their work at the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Visitors can also enjoy a selection of artisan food and drink producers, offering a variety of delicious refreshments throughout the event, making it a perfect day out for home and garden enthusiasts alike.

New for 2026 is a mini flower festival in the Cathedral's stunning 14th-century Lady Chapel. Several regional flower clubs and guilds have come together to create a floral extravaganza entitled ***The World in Bloom***. The exhibition will feature seven magnificent displays, each inspired by one of the world's seven continents. Judy Wynn, who alongside Roger Woolnough and Mary Foister, created the design concept for the show said "It has been several years since Ely Cathedral last hosted a flower festival, making this a particularly exciting addition to the Home & Garden Show. The theme was chosen as a nod to the World Cup, and visitors can expect to see some amazingly creative displays using an array of unusual plants and flowers which are native to each area".

A full programme of scintillating talks and demonstrations by leading experts including Jon Wheatly, Vice President of the RHS, and Nick Grounds from NAFAS, will be held in a seated marquee in the 12th century Bishop's Garden.

The event runs over two days, Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June, and will be spread throughout the Cathedral's magnificent interior, its extensive grounds, and the rarely accessible Bishop's Walled Garden.

Advanced tickets are only £10 and can be purchase online. On the day tickets are £12 and can be purchased at the event but are subject to availability.

For further information, a list of exhibitors, talks & demonstrations timetable, please visit <https://www.elycathedral.org/events/home-and-garden-show>

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About Ely Cathedral

Highly regarded by historians and architects from all over the world for its beauty and size, Ely Cathedral is widely acknowledged as 'one of the wonders of the Medieval world'. Visible for miles around, the

Cathedral is often referred to as 'The Ship of the Fens'.

The present building dates from 1081 and is a remarkable example of both Romanesque and Norman architecture. In addition to its unique Octagon Tower and magnificent Lady Chapel, Ely has the third longest nave of any UK Cathedral. The Cathedral's role today is not so far removed from its days as a Benedictine monastery and offers regular daily worship with a special emphasis on choral music.

As well as being a major visitor attraction, the Cathedral serves as a cultural focal point for East Anglia by providing a unique venue for the arts & music, for exhibitions, concerts and theatre. Most recently Ely has gained global recognition a prominent film location including *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, *Macbeth*, *The King's Speech*, *The Crown* and, more recently, *Maestro*.