
**The Royal Entomological Society Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show
Media Opportunities**

Press Day (Monday 22nd May)

Giant puppets from Fetch Theatre Company will perform their 'insect safari'. Giant dragonfly, ant, hornet and rhino beetle puppets will creep, crawl and buzz their way through the garden. The puppets will be around for most of press day, but official photocall is 10:10am.

Groups of school children visiting the garden as part of the RHS children's picnic (1:00 – 2:00pm). They will take part in mini bug hunt, look through the microscope in the lab and learn more about the fascinating lives of insects.

All day – live painting of the garden taking place by artist Sheree Valentine Daines

Other celebrities appearing on the garden during press day:

Briony May Williams (Great British Bake Off 2018)

Dr Karan Rajan – NHS doctor and one of the biggest health and science creators on [social media](#)

Insect Science (all week)

Real live insect science will take place on the garden during the show including:

- Surveys of pollinators at the show – a first for Chelsea. RES and RHS entomologists will run [PoMS pollinator surveys](#) around the show.
- Soil listening station in partnership with [Baker Consultants](#) – the first public installation of this technology that measures soil health by the level of noise generated.
- Moth traps - automated monitoring of moths with [UKCEH AMI-trap](#)
- Computer and screen to show images and videos of insects
- Study of wild bumblebee colonies with [Lancaster University Beebox](#)

Spokespeople available on Press Day:

Tom Massey, garden designer

Simon Ward, CEO of the Royal Entomological Society

Jane Hill, President of the Royal Entomological Society

Ashleigh Whiffin, Trustee of the Royal Entomological Society

Luke Tilley, Royal Entomological Society Director of Communications & Engagement

Francisca Sconce, Royal Entomological Society Senior Outreach & Learning Officer