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Trussell's Together Garden

**Designed by Rob Hardy & Co, RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2026
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Photos of Strabane Foodbank Community Garden
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Storytellers - Cheryl

Website: trussell.org.uk/chelsea-flower-show

Film: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rgxii_MFrew&t=12s

Garden leaflet [Digital version of garden leaflet](#)

Anti-poverty charity Trussell partners with acclaimed garden designer Rob Hardy for RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2026 to create the Together Garden



A garden created by anti-poverty charity Trussell for RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2026 will highlight the power of community working together - from food banks supporting people today, to all of us ending hunger forever.

Trussell's 'Together Garden' is designed by award-winning garden design studio [Rob Hardy & Co.](#) The Together Garden reflects the power of community working together - from food banks supporting people today, to all of us ending hunger forever. This will be Trussell's debut at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, taking place over 5 days, 19-23 May 2026 attracting 160,000 visitors and with millions more watching on tv and online.

The garden is fully funded by [Project Giving Back](#), a grant-making charity that funds gardens for good causes at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. This unique opportunity gives Trussell a platform at the world's biggest horticultural event, allowing the charity to share its story with a global audience and raise awareness and support for its work to end hunger and hardship in the UK.

After launching at RHS Chelsea in May 2026, the Together Garden is going to travel 385 miles west to [Strabane Foodbank](#) in Northern Ireland where the garden is being relocated. This will be the first ever RHS Chelsea Flower Garden to be relocated in Northern Ireland and we really look forward to seeing how the local community will enjoy this beautiful showpiece for years to come.

Emma Revie, co-Chief Executive at Trussell:

“We are so grateful for this opportunity to celebrate the incredible work food banks do to support people experiencing hardship. More than 14 million people currently face hunger across the UK, according to our latest research. Last year, food banks in the Trussell community provided more than 2.9 million emergency food parcels - the majority of these going to families with children.”

“We know the vast majority of the public agrees food banks shouldn’t need to exist in a modern society. Our Together Garden celebrates the power of communities working together and we hope it inspires visitors to support Trussell in building a future without the need for food banks. We can’t wait to share it.”

Rob Hardy, Garden Designer:

“The Together Garden features elements designed to symbolise solidarity and community. Multi-stem trees, and interlocking seating and paving patterns represent the strength that comes from people standing together. Created in partnership with Trussell, it’s a space for both community gatherings and quiet, intimate conversations. It unites people in their shared belief that change is possible - a place where beauty meets purpose.”

Ursula Doherty, Manager at Strabane Foodbank, Northern Ireland:

“We are so excited that our beautiful garden design will feature at RHS Chelsea and can’t overstate what it means for our community. We support a wide range of people at our food bank and last year we provided emergency food to more than 1,200 families.”

“Our community holds each of us in its arms when we need help – whether that’s putting food on the table or providing a listening ear. But that’s only made possible by hundreds of people coming together with a shared vision across a community – like local services, schools, volunteers and supporters. The garden reflects that spirit, with diverse and unexpected planting combinations coming together to create something beautiful and hopeful.”

The garden

The garden is a welcoming space for connection and a cup of tea, echoing those first moments in a food bank when someone feels listened to. Rob designed it to reflect his experience of visiting several food banks in the Trussell community where he was struck by the range of people who play their part to ensure a food bank can support people. From people donating in supermarkets or volunteering, to the referral agencies and experts who provide advice and support, it is the community of people working together that will help us end hunger and hardship.

The garden provides a seating area, offering a space for people to relax and connect. The seating area shifts from a quiet reflective space to a larger communal one when a water feature is drained at the pull of a lever – unlocking more seating and showing how simple actions can create change.

The planting brings a rich mix of textures and colours, vibrancy, and breathing space, with each plant playing its part in creating the harmonious whole.

The theme of togetherness is woven throughout the garden's design – through intersecting paths, and a frame of timbers (reciprocal frame) that each support one another, showing the power and strength of what is possible when we come together.

These elements represent how all of us can hold each other up and come together to create a stronger society.

Planting highlights

The garden's planting scheme explores engaging combinations of colour and texture, guided by colour theory to create both contrast and harmony. Vivid red oranges are paired with calming blue-greens, and soft pastels contrast with deeper tones, reflecting Trussell's message of diverse elements coming together to create a stronger whole. Each plant is carefully chosen to complement others, forming a dynamic, harmonious garden that celebrates the power of collaboration.

Full planting list available here: www.trussell.org.uk/chelsea-flower-show/planting-list

About Rob Hardy & Co

Based in Yorkshire, Rob Hardy & Co is a collaborative studio of garden designers, horticulturalists, surveyors and project managers, shaping landscapes of enduring character. With over 20 years' experience in design, horticulture and project leadership, Rob creates gardens that feel confident, thoughtful and quietly distinctive. The studio's work is guided by clarity and careful judgement – designing spaces where every line, material and plant has purpose, and where colour, form and structure exist in natural balance.

Compelling gardens begin with listening – to clients, and to the architecture and landscape itself. From there, the team shapes immersive spaces with a strong sense of identity. Materials are chosen for authenticity and longevity, while planting combines structure and movement, unfolding gradually to reward exploration. The result is a landscape that feels both intentional and welcoming – atmospheric, enduring, and deeply connected to its setting. www.robhardy.co.uk

Stories from lived experience partners at Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank

We are grateful to lived-experience storytellers such as Cheryl for sharing their stories in the course of this project. They represent the many Trussell storytellers who have lived experience of having to use a food bank. Cheryl joined during the last day of the build at RHS Chelsea Flower Show, meeting garden designer Rob Hardy and helping to add the last plants before the Together Garden launches to the public.

Photo available [here](#) (will be available 16.05.2026)

(Cheryl, Trussell storyteller from Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank with designer Rob Hardy, adding the final plants to Trussell's Together Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2026)

About Cheryl

After giving up her career to care for her mother full-time for ten years, Cheryl was left feeling lost and financially vulnerable when her mother passed away. Support from Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank and Hub 75 helped her regain stability, rebuild her confidence, and begin finding her voice again through community work and public speaking.

“For me, the food bank wasn’t just about food. It helped me rebuild my life and find my voice again.”

Thank you

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