

Celebrate the start of summer at The Manchester Flower Festival. With fabulous floral displays, outdoor dining, talks, workshops and family fun, you're in for a bloomin' amazing long weekend in Manchester city centre.

## OPENING TIMES

Saturday 23  
& Sunday 24 May,  
10am–7pm

Monday 25 May,  
10am–5pm

FREE



# THE MANCHESTER FLOWER FESTIVAL

23–25 May  
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## GINNEL GARDENS

Exchange Street

Wind your way through a series of small, quirky gardens inspired by Manchester's urban gardening, featuring displays from Ardwick Climate Action, MUD CIC and The Whitworth. Discover ideas to take away and be inspired to create your own or connect with the community groups bringing these spaces to life.

## TALKS & WORKSHOPS

King Street

10am–5pm

Enjoy a packed programme of talks and workshops across the Flower Festival, including family planting sessions, pressed flower crafts, dried flower arranging and the Japanese art of Kokedama. Plus, talks spotlighting National Trust projects, British grown flowers, ways to support urban pollinators with PLANT CIC and CyanLines – a project connecting 100 miles of green and blue spaces across the city.

Visit [mcrflowerfest.com](http://mcrflowerfest.com) to find out more.

## WALKING TOURS

Information Point, Exchange Street

Explore the city through a series of guided tours celebrating Manchester's green spaces. Join a family-friendly nature walk with CyanLines, a poetry walk with the National Trust, or discover hidden green spaces on a guided tour of Manchester's urban landscape with Jonathan Schofield.

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## SELFRIDGES EXCHANGE SQUARE AT THE MANCHESTER FLOWER FESTIVAL

Exchange Square

11am–5pm

Selfridges Exchange Square returns to The Manchester Flower Festival with a vibrant celebration of all things floral.

Discover a stunning floral display, alongside a live DJ in-store, pop-up florist and al fresco food and drink, plus, the much-loved annual family hunt.

## FLOWER STALLS & THE MAKERS MARKET

St Ann's Square, King Street and Market Street

Pick up a floral keepsake to take home as you explore The Manchester Flower Festival. Discover beautiful flower stalls on St Ann's Square and King Street from Clocktower Florist, Temple of Bloom, and Crockett Hall Nurseries, alongside The Makers Market on Market Street (11am–5pm), featuring floral-inspired gifts, homeware, jewellery, crafts, and a selection of food and drink.

## FOOD & DRINK

Enjoy al fresco food and drink on King Street, from freshly baked treats at Gail's Bakery, to Spanish tapas at El Gato Negro and sourdough pizza from Franco Manca.

Plus, on Saturday and Sunday, treat yourself to an ice cream from Ice Cream Creations in St Ann's Square.

## THE CONKER CREW'S URBAN NATURE PLAY STATIONS

St Ann's Square

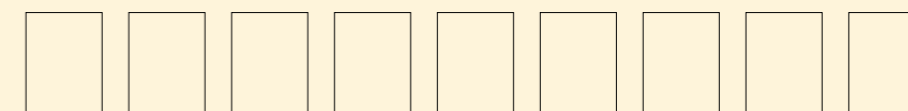
10am–4pm

Little ones can get stuck in at The Conker Crew's sensory mud kitchen, full of hands-on, nature-based play. Open-ended creative stations invite discovery, making and connection, bridging city life with the natural world and letting imaginations run wild.

## KIDS' BEE HUNT

Information Point, Exchange Street

Can you follow the trail of bees buzzing through the city centre? Spot the letters on all nine bees, solve the secret word below, and head to the Information Point on Exchange Street to claim a mini prize.



## THE MANCHESTER FLOWER FESTIVAL FLORAL TRAIL

Make your way around the city's shopping streets to discover the most beautiful and inspirational gardens and floral displays. There are five professionally designed installations to explore, all themed around 'Green Manchester' - celebrating the city as a forward-thinking, sustainable and green destination.

This year's theme spotlights green initiatives across the city, including the Piccadilly Gardens redevelopment and Castlefield Viaduct, as well as Manchester's green spaces and urban wildlife.



### THE FLORAL TRAIL

- 1** **FUTURE GREEN MANCHESTER**  
 Inspired by: Piccadilly Gardens Redevelopment  
 Designer: Groundwork Greater Manchester  
 Location: Exchange Street
- 2** **EXCHANGE IN BLOOM**  
 Inspired by: The Beehives of The Royal Exchange  
 Designer: Adi Thomas, Verdure Floral Design  
 In Partnership with: The Royal Exchange Manchester  
 Location: St Ann's Square
- 3** **THE URBAN POLLINATOR GARDEN**  
 Inspired by: People, Place and Nature  
 Designer: PLANT CIC  
 Location: St Ann's Square

- 4** **THE SKY GARDEN**  
 Inspired by: National Trust's Sky Gardening Challenge  
 Designer: Jason Williams, Cloud Gardener UK  
 Location: King Street
- 5** **NATURE UNLOCKED**  
 Inspired by: Castlefield Viaduct  
 Designer: David Jayet-Laraffe, Frog Flowers  
 Location: King Street

### DISCOVER MORE...

- A** **SELFRIDGES EXCHANGE SQUARE AT THE MANCHESTER FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
 Exchange Square
- B** **GINNEL GARDENS**  
 Exchange Street
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- i** **INFORMATION AND LOST CHILD POINT**  
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