



GARDEN

MASTER PLAN



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The garden will be a place for the Pensioners to share or to enjoy quiet reflection. It is designed as a private yet accessible space to be enjoyed by different generations, fostering a spirit of participation and keeping active in later years.

01.

OAK ARCHES

Made from layers of British-grown oak, the arches have been made in the UK using locally sourced timber.



02.

INSECT HOTEL

Designed by The Snowdon School of Furniture, part of the King's Foundation, the insect hotel, encourages solitary bees to find a home within the garden.

03.

INTERNAL PLANTING

Inside the garden planting is muted, textural and green with subtle flowering in shades of blue and white. This reflects the private lives of the pensioners who wear a blue uniform when not on duty.



04.

FEATURE WALL

Made from aged, reclaimed bricks to reflect existing garden walls at the Royal Hospital, the top half of the wall is perforated to allow views from within the garden to the Royal Hospital in the background.



05.

WATER TANK

Drinking water at the Royal Hospital was originally pumped from the River Thames and stored in lead tanks - now used as planters. Inspired by the tanks the water feature, recreates the design - with flowing water to add sound and movement in the garden.

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GARDEN ENTRANCE

An accessible entrance to the side of the garden provides level access onto the main path, made from reclaimed York stone setts.



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DAVE GREEN



07.

EDGE PLANTING

To the edges of the garden the planting palette is vibrant and bright with purples, pinks and reds. This reflects the ceremonial lives of the Chelsea Pensioners in their famous scarlet uniforms.

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SOCIAL BENCH

The social bench is the main focal point at the heart of the garden. Made from British Oak, the curved shape of the bench provides an inviting and welcoming place for the Chelsea Pensioners and their guests to socialise. The bench design reflects the colonnade seating in Figure Court at the Royal Hospital, with hand-turned legs and fluting to match the panelling.



09.

HANDMADE MAP TABLE

A key part of military life is being posted worldwide on duty and to reflect this The Snowdon School of Furniture, part of the King's Foundation, were commissioned to design and make the table as a centrepiece. Its tabletop features an etched metal map inset to provide a talking point among Pensioners and their visitors.



10.

SCARLET UNIFORM CUSHIONS

Working with prisoners' rehabilitation charity Fine Cell Work, striking cushions were made for the social bench by recycling old scarlet uniforms worn by the Pensioners, with brass buttons and insignia incorporated in the design.

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SERVING COUNTER

A worktop made from low-carbon cement and salvaged rubble from the garden's relocation site in the Royal Hospital, sits on top of bespoke British oak storage cupboards.

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SPACE FOR WHEELCHAIRS

The Chelsea Pensioners have a wide variety of accessibility needs. To allow as broad use as possible, the main social space has a large open area in the centre. This allows wheelchair users to socialise around the table and also move in and out of the space without interrupting others.

13.

AGED RECLAIMED PAVING

To match with paving in the Royal Hospital grounds, aged British York Stone paving slabs feature within the main social space.

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CLIMATE RESILIENT WOODLAND TREES

Feature trees surround our tranquil woodland garden, bringing nature and biodiversity into the heart of the Royal Hospital grounds - a mix of British natives along with climate resilient and adapted species that futureproof the woodland garden against the effects of climate change.

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WILD HEDGE

The garden boundary is made up of British native hedging plants, the species used provide a habitat for wildlife and are a valuable food and nectar source which encourages a rich biodiversity within the garden space.

REBATED PLANTS

Colourful edge plant



Valeriana officinalis



Digitalis purpurea



Thalictrum
Black Stockings



Ranunculus
acris citrinus



Nectaroscordum
(Allium) siculum



Geranium phaeum
Wendy's Blush

Tranquil inner shade plants



Actaea
'Brunette'



Myosotis sylvatica



Tellima grandiflora



Paeonia
emodii



Gillenia
trifoliata



Brunnera
macrophylla
Jack Frost

Trees



Acer campestre



Carpinus betulus
'Purpurea'



Parrotia persica
'Vanessa'



Malus toringo

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