

## East Lancs (A580) Roundabout Golborne, Nr Wigan, Greater Manchester

J Murphy & Sons

BIG Biodiversity Challenge Award category: Small Scale Permanent Award

### Project overview

J Murphy & Sons Sponsor the roundabout on the junction between the A580 East Lancashire Road and the A573 Warrington Road.. The roundabout was poorly kept and was not aesthetically pleasing.

In collaboration with Wigan Council, Murphy have landscaped the roundabout with plants that have a higher biodiversity value and provide something with good amenity value to the local community.

### What were the biodiversity conditions on site, prior to the enhancement?

The roundabout was poorly maintained and the area was covered in horsetail. Therefore, it was considered as having low biodiversity value.

### Were there any specific conditions that led to you carrying out this work?

None – This enhancement was carried out on a voluntary basis and was not part of any permission or consent.



*The Golborne East Lancs Roundabout before:*

### What were the biodiversity measures taken?

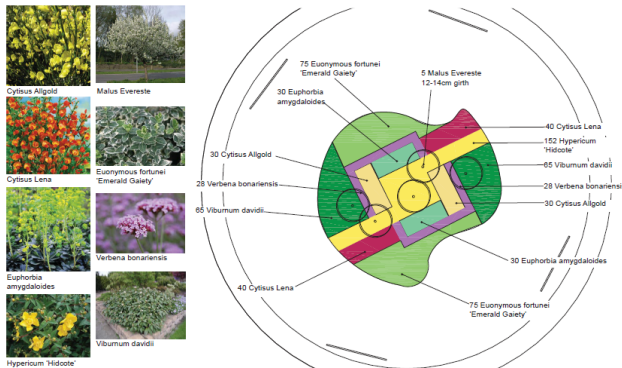
The top section of the roundabout, was removed and recapped with spoil from another site, via U1 Environmental Permit exemption. This capped material was used to reduce the competition between the horsetail and the new plants. Plant species were picked for their aesthetic and their biodiversity value, including the use of plant pollinator. In addition, some plants were selected for their lateral cover which would out compete any horsetail that grew back.

### How would you best describe the project?

An enhancement

### What was your personal motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

By improving the biodiversity across the site we aimed to show our commitment to having a positive impact on the local area and to creating an environmental that our customers enjoy spending time in.



Landscape design:

The Golbrone East Lancs Roundabout after landscaping