

UTC South Wiltshire
Salisbury, Wiltshire
 BAM Construction Ltd

BIG Challenge 2015 submission category: Temporary

Project overview

UTC South Wiltshire is a £7.2 million construction project converting existing police station into a modern learning facility with floor area of 5,000m² with refurbishment and small new build section linking existing buildings.

The building site is located along a main road in Salsbury suburban. existing green areas (grassed, small shrubs and trees) at the front of the former police station were designed to be retained and protected during construction works.

The bird table was located on small grassed area that would be retained, that could be seen by all persons visiting the site and passers by along the road.

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

At the front of the site/building (former police station) the existing landscaped areas of grass, small trees and shrubs was retained and fenced off to protect the area during construction activities.

Also large retained trees at the edge of the site nearby,



Photo: Bird Table 1

we positioned the bird table on grassed area to allow maximum opportunity for foraging birds.

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

The aim was to enhance the site biodiversity as best practice during the bird nesting season providing a bird table on a retained

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Adjacent to retained large trees, we reused redundant cable reels from the site activities creatively stacking them to create a bird table.

What were the biodiversity measures taken?

The bird table was constructed from reusing materials on site by stacking together no longer wanted cable reels, this was the creative idea of the site team during a visit by company sustainability advisor discussing how BAM can enhance green areas within the site boundary.

It was a team effort volunteering involving operatives and management, this is short term enhancement.

How would you best describe the project?

Mitigation.

Further information.

Installation was simply, moving cable reels to the front of the site, nailing them together so they were stable and reusing some timber material to create a flat platform for the birds to land and feed. this initiative can be recreated easily.

What was your personal motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

Doing what we can to enhance the environment, every little counts and it was a great motivator and team effort, it was very original.



Photo: Bird Table 2