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BIG Biodiversity Challenge Awards: Shortlist Announcement

Following a record breaking number of entries and an intensive day of judging, CIRIA's Biodiversity Interest Group (BIG) is delighted to announce the [shortlisted entries for the 2016 BIG Biodiversity Challenge](#).

With more than 150 entries to choose from across eight categories, the cross-industry judging panel have selected a shortlist from a range of biodiversity project.

Michael Small, Project Manager, CIRIA: *"The 2016 BIG Biodiversity Challenge has once again continued to raise the bar for delivering biodiversity within construction and the built environment. Across the eight award categories the standard and variety of submissions has been outstanding. The 2016 judging panel once again faced the difficult task of picking the shortlisted and winning entries and we look forward to announcing these at the awards on 15 September. On behalf of CIRIA's Biodiversity Interest Group I want to thank all those individuals and organisations who took part in the challenge and look forward to meeting you all at the awards ceremony which promises to be a fantastic evening."*

The shortlisted projects are listed below by category and can also be viewed at www.bigchallenge.info

Client Award sponsored by Kier

- East West Rail Alliance & Butterfly Conservation - Duke of Burgundy New Railway Home
- Gatwick Airport Ltd - Gatwick Airport Biodiversity Action Plan
- Northumbria Water - Guisborough Treatment Works Meadow Creation

Community Engagement Award sponsored by Land Securities

- Carillion and EcoNorth - Morpeth Northern Bypass Education Hub and Programme
- Environment Agency - Salford Flood Alleviation Improvements Project
- RSPB, Environment Agency, Sussex Wildlife Trust, South Downs National Park Authority, Natural England, West Sussex County Council and the Arun and Rother Rivers Trust - Arun and Rother Connections – Linking Landscape and Community (ARC project)

Maintenance and Management Award sponsored by Willmott Dixon

- AOne+ - Potteric Carr Habitat Connectivity
- Breakthrough Community Enterprise/ Nationwide Forestry Solutions - "Symbiosis"
- Environment Agency & London Underground - Upminster Bridge Swale

Pollinator Award sponsored by British Land

- Berkeley Homes (South East London) Ltd - One Tower Bridge Bee Hives
- National Grid - The Bee Project
- Shaftesbury plc - Shaftesbury Pollinator project

Temporary Award sponsored by Sir Robert McAlpine

- BAM Nuttall - Wirral Term Highways Services Contract
- Kings Cross Central Limited Partnership (KCCLP) in partnership with Ooze (Eva Pfannes and Sylvain Hartenberg) and Martjetica Potrc - Of Soil and Water: The Kings Cross Pond Club
- VolkerFitzpatrick - Cambridge North Station

Large Scale Permanent Award

- BDW Trading Ltd and Ashfield Land Ltd – Kingsbrook
- Grainger plc & The Land Trust - Wellesley Woodlands
- Kier - A590 Morecambe Bay Nature Improvement Area (NIA) Green Transport Corridors Project (GTCP) Pilot

Medium Scale Permanent Award

- Environment Agency & Leicester City Council - Leicester Conveyance Improvements Project
- Hull City Council (Flood Risk Section) - Willerby Carr Culvert Daylighting Maintenance work
- Kier Minerals Ltd - Greenburn Surface Mining Complex
- Fulscot Access Road - J Murphy & Sons

Small Scale Permanent Award

- Artecology - Maxted Close Playspace
- Roadbridge Ltd - Clan Community Centre sensory garden
- Tarmac Building Products - Bringing Biodiversity to Blocks

The 2016 BIG Challenge Awards Ceremony will take place on [15 September at Coin Street Community Neighbourhood Centre](#) in London. For further information on the challenge, this year's shortlisted entries and to be inspired, please visit www.bigchallenge.info

Notes to Editors

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About CIRIA Biodiversity Interest Group

CIRIA's Biodiversity Interest Group acts as a working group to focus on delivering tangible outputs. We see biodiversity as a key emerging issue that needs a clearer understanding within the industry, otherwise it can become a second thought or add on rather than an integrated part of a project. Currently, unless it is a protected species or habitat, biodiversity enhancements are voluntary but we want to see it going further than this.

The biodiversity interest group will discuss developments in the area, achievements in the industry, government initiatives and more. The group will also share knowledge on the topic from different sectors in the industry, learn about what is being achieved and focus on what tangible outputs can be delivered such as guidance, knowledge sharing, training and capacity building. We also want to identify areas where you could benefit from collaboration with the industry. For further details email [Michael Small](#) at CIRIA.

About CIRIA

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Since 1960 CIRIA has delivered support and guidance to the construction, built environment and infrastructure sectors. CIRIA works with members from all parts of the supply chain to co-ordinate collaborative projects, industry networks and events. Its high quality guidance is delivered to industry through publications, training and other performance improvement activities.

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