

## **Southbank Centre Southbank, Lambeth, London**

BAM Construction

BIG Biodiversity Challenge Award category: Temporary Award

### **Project overview**

The project is located in the east section of the Southbank Centre and includes the refurbishment of the existing gallery and performance spaces, such as the Hayward Gallery, Queen Elizabeth Hall, and the Purcell Room.

The scheme will refurbish and upgrade the existing buildings and their surroundings, bringing them up to industry standard and making them fit for contemporary artistic practice.

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

The site has built temporary office accommodation in the basement car park for the Southbank Centre. Previously this area was a dark and colourless space.

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

This is something that the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) recognises as way to enhance the welfare facilities and improve the image of the site.

Therefore, we took the opportunity to reuse timber and items from the strip out of the building to create planters.



*Site planters*

### What were the biodiversity measures taken?

This initiative allowed us to reuse some of the materials from the strip out of the building. This ultimately prevented unnecessary waste being disposed of in a skip, and provided a unique way of boosting biodiversity on site.

The planters have attracted a lot of attention on site, and has created a greater awareness of how biodiversity initiatives can be introduced on site to boost wildlife. It has also generated a sense of pride from the site team as they manage and maintain the flowers and herbs.

### How would you best describe the project?

An enhancement of our site and temporary offices.

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

To improve the appearance of the welfare area as well as enhancing biodiversity.



*Site planting*