



the **BIG**  
Biodiversity  
Challenge  
*do one thing*

**KEYWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SOUTH LONDON**  
**GALLIFORD TRY**

## BIG Biodiversity Challenge Award Category: Community Engagement

### Project overview

The project involved building a new two storey timber framed school building as an addition to the existing Keyworth Primary School in South London with hard and soft landscaping. As part of the community engagement on this project, Galliford Try teamed up with the local charity called Walworth Garden.

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

Prior to Galliford Try commencing construction works, the site was being demolished. At the school site there was very little greenspace and most of it was taken up by amenity grassland. As part of biodiversity enhancement during construction we thought we would engage with the local community.

### What were the reasons behind this project ?

The main reasons for engaging with the local community was in response to our internal policy, which is to enhance biodiversity onsite, where possible. The project being registered with Considerate Constructors Scheme was also a driver in terms of getting the site team involved with helping the local community, enhancing biodiversity and overall site image. This project did not have any biodiversity or ecology specific planning conditions attached and neither was it part of BREEAM.



*Keyworth Primary School on handover day*



*Galliford Try's invite to the annual celebration awards in 2016*

### What were the biodiversity measures taken?

The site teamed up with Walworth Garden, a local charity dedicated to changing lives through horticulture. By doing this, patrons of Walworth Garden were able to develop their horticultural skills by establishing and maintaining planters outside and within the site. This in turn improved the site environment, assisted the students in obtaining their NVQs and had a positive effect within the local community.

Other achievements were two scores of 40 from the Considerate Contractors Scheme as well as attracting positive responses from the Client, site workforce and visitors.

The cost of establishing this was circa. £2,000 which covered the costs of the plants and their maintenance the duration of the project (18months).



*Plant delivery and constructing the timber boarder*



*Planters being constructed on Keyworth Site*



*The gardening team planting next to the site cabins*

### Further information

Walworth Garden is a unique charity dedicated to changing lives through horticulture. Open to everyone, their award-winning gardens provide an oasis in the heart of Southwark. It's a place people come to relax, learn and grow. Teaming up with Galliford Try to help improve the image of this area in London, and to encourage others in horticulture matters. Walworth Garden offers local gardening services, training, nature therapy and gardening workshops. This is an excellent example in teaming up with a local environmental charity that can benefit the community, as well as local biodiversity and giving new skills to people involved.

### Project Team

- Walworth Garden project
- Galliford try
- Volunteer organisations

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

The key motivation for Galliford Try's Keyworth Primary School construction team to get involved was to give something back to the community and Walworth Garden, a local charity dedicated to changing lives through horticulture. Additionally this helped students obtain NVQ's through practical site work.



*This helped with the site image of the site entrance also the CCS on improving the image of construction*



*Gardening team on Keyworth Primary School site*