

**Mount Pleasant Primary School  
Huddersfield Town Centre – Lockwood  
Kier Construction Northern**

**BIG Biodiversity Challenge Award category: Small Scale Permanent**

**Project overview**

Mount pleasant primary school is located in the centre of Huddersfield and is an 8.6million pound primary school project. It is part of and the final project of a batch of schools Kier construction northern have completed. It will house close to 700 children and 100 staff when it is complete

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

On site prior to start there were few areas of wildlife, the only place being a disused swap type area that was to be removed.

**Were there any specific reasons that led to this project?**

With the removal of swap area it was possible some non endangered species on the smaller variety were disturbed, also to help meet CCS criteria



*Mount Pleasant – Bug Hotel – using otherwise waste materials on site:*

## What were the biodiversity measures taken?

Environmental protection and management is key to a successful job at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Limiting any potential damage to wildlife and the ecology in the immediate area is key to this. Water way protection has been introduced to prevent sill run off occurring, in the form of witches hats. A bug hotel and bird box have been placed in a area of site away from the disturbing main build to help house any smaller creatures disturbed by the build.

Waste segregation and recycling are visible on site with plaster board skips for that separate material, the re use of pallets and the collection of those viable to keep and be used elsewhere. Also with paper recycling and the use of a hazardous waste bin on site, prevention of unneeded skip waste and materials that can affect the waste is prevented.

Ensuring that the whole site are aware of environmental impact is also key and with our environmental board we can track everything from waste materials, water systems and fuel use and the containing areas as a site team.

*Mount Pleasant Environmental Board – Helping to track site Activity and prevent environmental problems*



### How would you best describe the project?

Enhancement

### Further information

All the materials used for this activity were “waste” from previous work and used to generate these new areas for the wildlife. Other materials and gadgets such as the witches hat were suggested in our environmental plan from our SHEA team who have been great help in ensuring we are on top of the issues that could arise. Ensuring they complete monthly visits to best assist the site team.

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

Ensuring that not only the school improves the way young people grow up, but the surrounding wildlife is treated how we would like to be treated by us, and this passed down to the school pupils when they see what we try to achieve.



*Mount Pleasant Local Bird Box*