

Burlington Gate Mayfair, London, England

Brookfield Multiplex Construction Europe (BMCE)

BIG Biodiversity Challenge Award category: Temporary Award

Project overview

This project is a new build combination for gallery space on the ground floor and residential on the upper floors. The project is located in Mayfair around the corner from the famous Saville Road and the Burlington Arcade. Burlington Gate will contain 42 one, two and three bedroom luxury apartments spread over eight floors. The top two floors will include duplex penthouse apartments.

The lower ground, ground and part first floors will accommodate art gallery spaces. The building will also feature a three level basement, housing two levels of car-parking spaces for residents.

Burlington Gate will be centered around the first new arcade in Mayfair since 1930, connecting Old Burlington Street with Cork Street

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

The site was of low ecological value prior to the enhancement as the project is an infill building

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

There are no external conditions requiring BMCE to carry out this work.



Sensory garden information board with plant information

What were the biodiversity measures taken?

We have created a temporary garden for workers and visitors on site. The garden includes a mixture of fragrant herbs giving a sensory experience. The project was a collaboration with our subcontractors. The plants were selected for their hardiness and their ability to produce fragrance. There is also information on site regarding the properties of each plant. In response to the sensory garden, ornamental plants with full plant details have been placed across the site.

The species include are

- Spearmint - *Mentha spicata*
- Baby Sage - *Salvia microphylla*
- Greek Oregano - *Origanum vulgare var. hirtum*
- Orange Thyme - *Thymus 'Fragrantissimus'*
- Lemon Thyme - *Thymus citriodorus*



Graduate Construction Manager with one of the ornamental plants

How would you best describe the project?

An enhancement

Further information

The scheme was created to enhance biodiversity to the site during construction and to give site operatives an area of calm, on site. Help from the sub-contractors on site was given to make the garden a reality, with many operatives offering to tend to the garden in their spare time. It has been a revelation to all involved that a site with a relatively small area to work on can provide such a space.

What was your personal motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

To create a relaxing area for site operatives.



BMCE staff enjoying the garden