

## Coal Drops Yard King's Cross, London

BAM Construction

BIG Biodiversity Challenge Award category: Temporary Award

### Project overview

BAM is refurbishing the existing Grade 2 listed buildings into a new retail space in King's Cross. BAM will renovate the Victorian brick arches, which will eventually house quirky boutiques, restaurants, galleries, music venues and more, while the cobbled streets will play host to markets and street festivals.

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

The site previously lacked any biodiversity measures, as no ecological issues were of concern prior to construction.

This enhancement is not only seen by the site team and workforce, but can also be seen by the public outside the site entrance.

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

At BAM, we are aware of the impact that the industry can have on biodiversity and wildlife. Therefore, the site team were looking for a way to highlight ecological issues and make this visible to the public.

This shows that BAM is acknowledging the issues, and trying to enhance biodiversity in the local area.



Site view and enhancements

### What were the biodiversity measures taken?

Located at the pedestrian entrance to the site, BAM created a bee friendly garden to provide a beneficial habitat for bees and other pollinators. The plants were specially selected for their suitability in attracting pollinators, such as bees, to the site. An insect hotel was created from plywood offcuts, slate and bamboo tubes. A smaller insect hotel was made from plywood offcuts and has been placed inside the planter.

### How would you best describe the project?

The project is a biodiversity enhancement and it improves the of the site entrance.

### Further information

We believe this could be replicated on many other construction sites, as it does not require a vast amount of space or resources.



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