

Bedding Lane Offices

Norwich

Morgan Sindall plc

BIG Challenge 2015 submission category: Temporary

Project overview

There will be an estimated 400 people involved in the project. It is adjacent to Cathedral grounds in the heart of riverside residential area and businesses. The work involves the construction of a 3 storey office block being built on behalf of Busseys Ford who have been in the city since well before the Second World War.

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

The ground onsite was long grass with a few buddleia trees around.

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

The only consideration on this project is belonging to CCS scheme.

There is also a drive to improve the image of construction to the wider public and those who work on our sites. In the absence of the area we have taken up it is an enhancement for public, workforce and a consideration to the birds, bees and any other wildlife we can help in anyway however small.



Photo: Front entrance with planting in a recycled pallet and hard hat, talking point to passers by and people entering

What were the biodiversity measures taken?

Whilst not necessarily innovative, the enhancements are easily replicated and it is important that as many areas as possible are encouraged to help with the bees pollinating. Through the creation of a biodiversity net gain (if not only temporary) encourages others to get involved.

Staff are encouraged to recycle and use discarded material as suitable planting containers. Unused areas are also being maximised to grow vegetables and raise money for charity.

The bird feeding station has encouraged the daily visit of a jay which, was pleasing due to the built up surroundings.

The workforce have learnt that harvesting the water saved from the site accommodation is enough to look after the planting.

Further information

The main benefit is creating a suitable habitat for bees to pollinate. We have feed and attracted birds to the site.

More importantly some 400 plus people have been shown what can be done with little time and effort.

What was your personal motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

The initial motivation arose from wanting to create a smile on people's faces while helping the bees with their pollination.



Photo: Flowers planted in old tyre, relevant to the client as they are Bussey's Car Dealers.

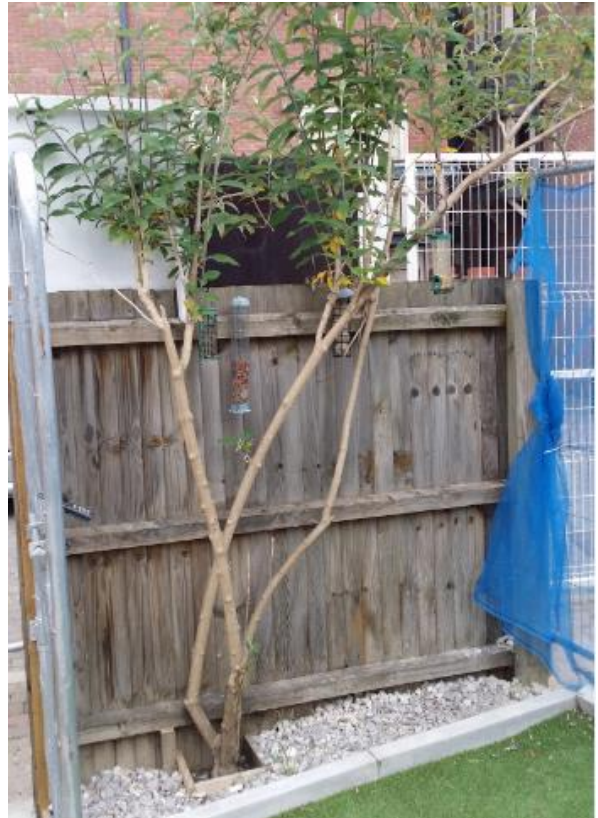


Photo: Bird feeding Station



Photo: Rainwater Harvesting