

Nomination form for BIG Biodiversity Champion 2023

Nominee Name	Emily Grimes
Award category	Early career professional (up to 5 years working on biodiversity-related projects/effort)
How many years working on biodiversity-related projects/effort?	Two
Project(s) person is nominated for	Friars Walk Planter Project
Nominee Organisation	JLL
Nominator name (can be same as above), organisation & email for contact	Anna Rippin, anna.rippin@eu.jll.com
Describe how the nominee best meets the following criteria (no more than 50 words each):	
Engaging	Emily has engaged with a variety of local stakeholders to deliver the planter project, including Newport City Council, & Mitie; she has also engaged with Bristol University to help drive forward additional environmental initiatives, including the installation of beehives on the roof.
Inspiring	Emily's enthusiasm for the project has helped inspire a bee & butterfly themed summer garden installation within Friars Walk for 2023, which includes educational elements about bee-friendly planting & local wildlife.
Enthusiastic	Emily's enthusiasm for helping to improve local biodiversity will be showcased through an exclusive webinar organised in partnership with Newport City Council which will be shared with local primary schools this year.
Creative	Emily has worked with The Voice magazine to raise awareness of the project within the local community, as well as managing the development of attractive dual-language signage to help educate shoppers about the biodiversity

	benefits of the new planters & bug boxes.
Knowledgeable	Emily has worked closely with Newport Council Biodiversity Officer, Lucy Arnold-Matthews, to enhance her knowledge about the local environment, its challenges, and how Friars Walk can help make a material difference to local wildlife.
Outcomes driven	Emily’s work has helped Friars Walk achieve Bee-Friendly accreditation for Friars Walk - the first business in Newport to received bee friendly accreditation through the Welsh government. The centre was also awarded an International Silver Apple for its work on the planters.

In 100 words provide a summary of how this nominee has gone the extra mile to enrich and enhance biodiversity on this project

Emily has proactively managed the Friars Walk Planter project to create both beautiful and inspiring planters that will encourage biodiversity within a city centre environment. She has engaged with local experts, reducing environmental impact through reduced travel, and has used the project to secure an International Silver Green Apple Award as well as Bee Friendly Accreditation for Friars Walk. Looking forwards, the project has inspired the installation of beehives on the roof, as well as a bee & butterfly themed summer garden which will include educational elements.

Please attach a photo

