

ENGLISH LANDSCAPES HITS THE ROOF AND WINS ITS 24TH NATIONAL AWARD

English Landscapes has added a further BALI Award to its portfolio of national awards, with the submission of this predominantly hard landscaping scheme at West One in Sheffield. West One is a prestigious residential and retail development sited in the heart of Sheffield.



Landscaping works carried out on this contract, valued at £900,000, consisted of the formation of two high level formal roof gardens, two courtyard gardens and a piazza. Donaldson Edwards Partnership Ltd, the landscape architects, designed the spaces to create strong visual linkages with the adjacent areas, whilst maintaining a bold character within the development itself.



The courtyard works focused on the laying of timber decking, La Linia setts and ornamental gravel; shrub and accent planting; the planting of trees; and the installation of lighting and furniture. These works were echoed within the roof gardens, but had the additional inclusion of specially constructed laminated timber pergolas which formed ellipses around the decked areas.



A formal stepped entrance and a ramped access were constructed between the courtyards, together with external planter and radius walls.

The piazza consisted of the laying of 1500 square metres of Chinese Granite of varying sizes.

A special feature was the installation of a proprietary green roof system used to drain and irrigate both the roof gardens and the courtyards.

Rod Edwards, Partner at Donaldson Edwards Partnership Ltd, said 'The Scheme has worked out well, and provides a landscape and visual counterbalance to this high-density apartment development.



English Landscapes has worked hard and successfully in interpreting the design concept and producing a well-constructed scheme. The designed constructive team have been very effective in achieving a delightful enhancement to the environment of city living at West One.'

Message



from Peter
Howell,
Chairman

It's been a lively year and I am now busy looking to the future as Chairman of English Landscapes Limited and English Landscapes Maintenance Limited, fully conscious of the fact that our Group Chairman and our shareholders are looking to us all for a strong performance.

It is pleasing to note that our maintenance company has a full order book for the year ahead and our contracting company's order book is probably in the strongest position ever.

You will see in this publication that we have recently won several notable awards and that we have a number of significant contracts underway nationally.

I am the new boy in my capacity as Chairman to English Landscapes Maintenance, but with the good order book and able management I am confident that we can look forward to a progressively improving performance with the same increasing confidence that English Landscapes Limited has experienced in the last couple of years.

ENGLISH LANDSCAPES 'CLEANS AND GREENS' EAST HAMPSHIRE

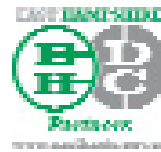
Since April this year, English Landscapes Maintenance, in partnership with East Hampshire District Council, has been keeping the streets clean and the open spaces well maintained in the East Hampshire area.

Although English Landscapes operates other 'cleaning and greening' contracts, this is the first combined contract where HGV road sweepers and 12-tonne dust carts have been resourced and where traffic management is brought into play to access 'fast-lane' dual carriageways for sweeping and verge litter clearance.

This high profile, prestigious contract is set to run until 2008. The core works include verge and hedge cutting, and shrub bed maintenance on the grounds side; coupled with litter picking, road sweeping, market clearance and fly tipping clearance on the cleansing side.



HGV Road Sweeper



Innovative initiatives include taking all green waste to an organic cycling plant for recycling.

Brian Turner, Streetcare Manager for East Hampshire District Council, said 'I am very pleased that this council is yet again doing business with English Landscapes Maintenance, with whom we have previously had a very good working relationship. I look forward to this innovative new contract delivering real service improvements to the residents of East Hampshire.'

ENGLISH LANDSCAPES TAKES ON TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Tunbridge Wells
BOROUGH COUNCIL

English Landscapes has been working with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council since January 2004 providing them with traditional local authority amenity grounds maintenance at parks, recreation grounds, open spaces, sports pitches and public spaces across the area. This high profile, seven year performance-based contract includes grass cutting, shrub maintenance, playground

maintenance, bedding plant displays and maintenance of sports areas etc.

Already this year the partnership has been working towards the South East Britain In Bloom Regional Awards, where the town centre scooped a silver-gilt award, and Calverley Grounds and The Grove scooped a silver in the Best Park Category.

Jeff Kempster, Park Manager, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, said 'English Landscapes mobilised with a well planned and smooth transition at the start of the year. New livery and ample quality machinery gave a much needed lift to the service image and this was followed up with focused management and an effective human resource strategy. I believe we are developing a true partnership with a company that understands this specialist area of work and our needs.'



Above: The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

Below: The Nevill Ground – County Standard Cricket Wicket

GARDENS IN WESTMINSTER TRANSFORMED INTO A CONTEMPORARY PUBLIC PLACE



English Landscapes, working in conjunction with client Westminster City Council and Landscape Architects Plincke Landscape, has carried out a programme of landscape improvement works at Riverside Walk Gardens in Westminster transforming it into a contemporary public space.



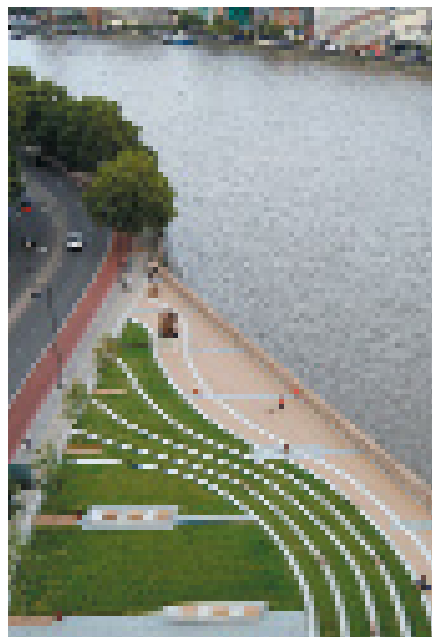
The main feature of the works has centered upon the creation of a number of stepped terraces, constructed in natural granite, which form a series of fluid lines across the site.

Wharf wall units weighing 4.5 tonnes each and imprinted with horizontal timber slats and uprights, to reflect the historical wharf structure, were lowered into place using a Hiab lorry.



A key lighting element of the scheme was created by the use of fibre optic tails fed into stainless steel handrails which light the footpath along the Thames embankment wall.

Soft landscaping included the planting of London Planes and Lime Trees.



A focal point of the development is Henry Moore's Locking Piece. The bronze sculpture was treated to a 'wash and brush up' whilst the works were taking place, subsequently being lowered by crane onto a specially commissioned plinth complete with fibre optic uplighting.

Cllr Alan Bradley, Westminster's Cabinet Member for Street Environment, said 'I am delighted that this popular public space has been redesigned to such a high standard and will continue to be enjoyed by both residents and visitors to our city.'

In brief...

CV ONE – once again English Landscapes Maintenance and CV One Ltd have 'swept the board' at both Heart of



England in Bloom 2004 and National Britain in Bloom 2004. The partnership has picked up the coveted gold award and overall category winner (Urban Communities) for the second year running at the Regional Finals, and a silver-gilt award and overall category winner (Urban Regeneration) with their first ever entry into the Nationals.

VODAFONE – this year has seen English Landscapes finish a £5 million external works package at Vodafone's World Headquarters in Newbury. Working with architect Fletcher Priest, landscape architect Barton Willmore and main contractor Bovis Lend Lease, English Landscapes has completed the construction of lakes and timber areas, footpaths and edging, soft landscaping and other related hard landscaping works.

MULBERRY SCHOOL PFI – English Landscapes has completed

a substantial design and build package for main contractor Miller Construction and their Client the London Borough of Tower Hamlets at the 1350-place Mulberry School for Girls. The construction of the four new themed courtyards was undertaken whilst the school was 'live' and whilst the existing buildings were being demolished.



Top: Stepped terraces in natural granite

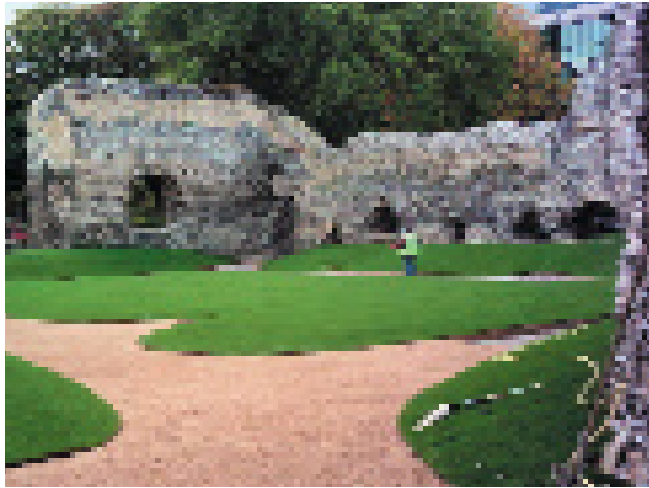
*Above left: Riverside Gardens transformed
Below: Henry Moore's Locking Piece*



£2 MILLION CONTRACT WON AT FORBURY GARDENS

Working as Principal Contractor, English Landscapes started work in April of this year on a £2.35 million restoration package at Forbury Gardens on behalf of client, Reading Borough Council.

Reading has been awarded over £2 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the historic features of the gardens and to improve safety and access for visitors.



The Abbey Ruins works nearing completion

laying of large turfed areas which will allow local theatre and event groups to use the Ruins as a 'backdrop'.

The contract, which runs until May 2005, also includes the restoration of brickwork and railings, the bandstand, the famous Maiwan Lion and the ornamental fountain together with the construction of a new Keeper's Lodge. Soft landscaping works will include all planting to restore the gardens to their original Victorian design.



Completed are the works to the Abbey Ruins (a scheduled ancient monument) which were handed over to the Council at the beginning of November. English Landscapes undertook specialist conservation works to the stonework, together with the planting of beech hedging to screen Reading Prison and the

CREATION OF NEW PARKLAND AT BIRMINGHAM'S PARK CENTRAL

English Landscapes was delighted to be awarded a £2 million contract by Crest Nicholson to create two four acre parks within Park Central - Phase 1 of the Birmingham Attwood Green Regeneration Scheme. The parks will form the largest parkland area within the Birmingham Ring Road and will be at the heart of the development.



A small section of the proposed eight acres of Parkland at Park Central

Park Central is a ten-year, joint partnership project between Birmingham City Council, Optima Community Housing and Crest Nicholson and will include commercial space, new homes and leisure facilities in addition to the new park areas.

English Landscapes has already started work at East Park which includes play areas, a ball court, a pergola with

artwork pillars, perimeter fencing and soft landscaping. Construction of West Park will commence in the Summer of 2005 and incorporates an outdoor events area with cast stone terraced seating, raised planters, footpaths, perimeter fencing and soft landscaping.

In brief...

WE'RE ON THE MOVE – English Landscapes has opened a new office in York. This in conjunction with our Warrington and Warwick Regional Offices gives us 'whole' region coverage in the North and offers us an excellent location for securing further contracts in the North East and Yorkshire Area.

In the South, English Landscapes has moved a 'stone's throw' from Herne Bay to Whitstable in Kent. Other Southern Regional Offices include Newbury and Chichester.

EAST SUSSEX FARMHOUSE – Following on from our success in winning a £350,000 domestic garden renovation at a prestigious residential farmhouse in East Sussex, English Landscapes has gone on to secure a £900,000 private garden contract in West Sussex. Works will include the terracing of the garden, the construction of a four-metre high Ha-Ha Wall, and the planting of mainly evergreens.

ANCOATS URBAN VILLAGE – English Landscapes has just commenced works on a prestigious £1.2 million environmental improvement contract at Ancoats Urban Village, the world's first industrial suburb. Works are to include the construction of pavements and footpaths, the re-surfacing of existing roads, soft landscaping and the installation of lighting and signage. The contract is due to finish in the Summer of 2005.



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