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BOUGHTON SUPPLIES ITS BLS 2 SCREENED NATURAL TOPSOIL TO SHELDON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT, PADDINGTON, LONDON

Located at the heart of Paddington Central sits the Amphitheatre at Sheldon Square. This central hub provides a backdrop to a range of activities – from lunch with colleagues and friends to a special location for live music and culture – and is much loved by those who live or work at Paddington Central.

Now, this space is undergoing a makeover to provide improved facilities, including better accessibility, a more dynamic performance space and a greener space for all, which during the consultation period, was a key desire for the communities that live and work around Sheldon Square. It is here where Boughton has been proud to support.

Under the new design, Sheldon Square will become a greener space for all. New trees and sun-loving resilient plants will be planted, including over 40 colourful perennial plant species to reduce pollution, improve air quality and to increase biodiversity and climate change resilience. It is here that Boughton's single-sourced, 'as-dug', natural and screened BLS 2 topsoil has been specified by Gillespies, the first of which follows a CPD in July 2021.

Working with Gillespies, alongside main contractors, 8Build, and soft landscape contractor, Kingston Landscape Group, Boughton will be supplying over 80m³ of its ever-popular BLS 2 topsoil to site in bulk bags in January 2023, with the grand unveiling of the new space set for March 2023.

Talking about this project, Boughton's Business Development Manager, Jason Lock said: "Sheldon Square is a superb project that is breathing new life into this incredible amphitheatre area at the heart of this unique London community. Providing a year-round destination for people to relax and enjoy culture, music, entertainment and wellbeing pop-ups, the multi-use of the area means the space has to withstand a lot, so it's heartening to see that sustainability and 'greener living' was a key part of the redevelopment plans. The planting scheme created by Gillespies is truly phenomenal and we are so glad to support with our phenomenal BLS 2 topsoil which is screened and entirely natural, peat-free, organic and presented 'as-dug' from a single source. Packed full of natural microorganisms our soil can support plant growth and overall health, all safe in the knowledge that we're supporting the important sustainability agenda that underpins Sheldon Square long-term vision.

"Our thanks must also go to Gillespies for specifying Boughton for this project following our CPD."

SPECIFI 2022

November 9th saw the team join the SPECIFI exhibition for the very first time. This professional 'speed dating' event saw the team join the SPECIFI roadshow in Birmingham, where they presented the 'Boughton difference' to a host of visiting architects and garden designers.

Talking post-event, Boughton Managing Director, Simon Hedley said: "SPECIFI is a unique event that combines networking with an exhibition format to showcase your unique benefits in a time efficient manner. Whilst a smaller event than most, we were able to meet with a wide range of engaged architects and garden designers that we did not previously have a relationship with. It was a very useful few hours!"



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SOCIETY OF GARDEN DESIGNERS AWARD 2022

Autumn 2022 was a busy time for the Boughton team, with a roster of awards, sponsorship and conferences. One such event was the 2022 Society of Garden Designers, where Boughton was proud to sponsor the 'Fresh Designer Landscapes & Gardens' award for the first time.

These awards, dedicated to celebrating excellence in garden and landscape design, culminate in a superb night of celebration at The Landmarks Hotel in London. This year, it was Harry Holding who scooped the Boughton sponsored award with 'The Lodge' project impressing the judges, who said: "An accomplished garden for a designer at the beginning of their professional journey who has turned a difficult space into a unique and richly diverse garden, demonstrating an excellent sensitivity to the surrounding landscape and successfully enhancing the architecture of the building."

Following his award win, Harry Holding said: "To be recognised by your peers and a panel of greatly-respected judges is a wonderful boost. For me and my small design studio, this award has allowed us to take our work to the next level. Elevating self-confidence in our designs, attracting new clients and reinforcing relationships with existing clients and professionals are some of the benefits we have already seen after a short time. Beyond the impact on our studio, the annual awards celebrate the very best in what we do as an industry – a chance to revel in the quality of design work and enjoy networking opportunities. They are undoubtedly an important event in the calendar."

Jason Lock, who attended on behalf of Boughton said: "What a night! The SGD Awards are truly an event full of integrity and overwhelming expertise. To be surrounded by so much talent and to celebrate the incredible work that our industry undertakes was a great experience. I am so pleased that Boughton has been able to support the event and we hope that our message of 'natural soil' advocates will resonate with others."



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Alisia Brightwell - Sales Associate

What's your favourite garden project to complete in your own garden space? Redesigning the front garden

Where do you gather inspiration for your own garden design? Social media, TV or magazines

Which is your go-to to learn more about latest garden trends? Your Garden Made Perfect and RHS Chelsea Flower Show

One person you'd love to meet? James Martin

Which three famous people would you invite to your dream dinner party? Jeremy Clarkson, Michael Macintyre and Emilia Fox

If you could design your dream garden, what would it look like? Currently being designed by Boughton's Business Development Manager, Jason Lock!

Favourite holiday location? Amalfi Coast

RHS Chelsea Flower Show



RHS CHELSEA 2023

In a very exciting move, Boughton is pleased to be supporting the international wildlife conservation charity, Fauna & Flora International (FFI), as it makes its RHS debut at the at the 2023 Chelsea Flower Show.

The FFI garden, designed by Chelsea Gold Medal-winner, Jilayne Rickards, and landscaped by award-winning landscaper, Tecwyn Evans, Living Landscapes, will offer Chelsea show visitors a window into the spectacular Afromontane landscape of Central Africa and will celebrate the International Gorilla Conservation Programme, originally established by FFI in 1978 as the Mountain Gorilla Project, with support from Sir David Attenborough, the charity's Vice-President.

The garden will map the journey of an ecotourist on a gorilla trek, tracing a rough track through a succession of lush and changing landscapes on either side of the Protected Forest Area boundary wall; each side showcasing the familiar, unusual and spectacular plants found in the area – from the African tulip tree to *Lobelia stuhlmannii*, and a range of medicinal plants including *Brillantaisia*, *Moringa*, *Leucas*, *Tagetes* and *Tithonia*. Along the way will be a medicinal garden shaded by *Eucalyptus* and banana trees; a typical gift kiosk selling local artisanal crafts; a true-to-life gorilla nest set amongst bamboo; and an entrancing waterfall and viewing rock, surrounded by unusual plants found only at high altitude.

Boughton has been brought onboard thanks to its long-term relationship with Jilayne Rickards, who shared more details about the project at the recent Society of Garden Designers Awards. To support the African inspired planting scheme, Boughton will be working closely with the FFI team to create a 'dark' soil that replicates that found in Rwanda. Created from only natural, UK-based soil, responsibly sourced from construction sites (which otherwise may be misused or sent to landfill) located near Boughton's Northamptonshire headquarters, the soil will fit perfectly with

The FFI garden will be constructed using methods that reflect Jilayne's determination to reduce the carbon footprint of her builds. Thanks to Jilayne's collaborative efforts with landscaper, Tecwyn Evans of Living Landscapes, which prides itself on its sustainable and environmental construction practices, The Fauna & Flora International Garden will also be entirely cement and concrete free. After the close of the show, the garden will be relocated to the Eden Project.

Further details about this garden and the journey to RHS Chelsea 2023 will be made available shortly.



LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE AWARDS

On November 24th 'Team Boughton' travelled to London, once again, to join the Landscape Institute Awards. This time, Boughton was proud to sponsor the 'Excellence in Horticulture & Planting Design' award, which was deservedly won by BJD Landscapes for the Heart Zone Project at the Fidelity International campus in Tadworth.

Joining the team to celebrate even more garden design excellence were John Wyer and Jonathan Woolfenden from Bowles & Wyer, Kym Jones from Applied Landscape Design, Elizabeth Connelly from the Peabody Trust, Delagah Dadbeh from Exterior Architecture, and Bursa Yilmaz from Gillespies.

