

THE GRANDE, SIR ROBERT McALPINE



BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW

The development comprises 115,000 sq. ft. of premium office space, together with 13 luxury apartments arranged over 7 upper floors, 15,000 sq. ft. of refurbished grade II* office accommodation and an art gallery.

During the month of June, the Scottish Region projects were challenged to do what they could to make space for nature. Lateral thinking helped our project team excel at this challenge. Having installed a bug hotel on site, they then developed an outreach project to two neighbouring schools to encourage them to develop their own bug hotels. This resulted in three new habitats being created when the site team only had space for one.

The bug hotels were made entirely from materials which would have otherwise been skipped, including pallets, broken bricks, pipe offcuts and rubble. Even the packaging which the plants came in was used in the bug hotel! Flowers were placed on the top of the bug hotels to encourage bees.

As part of the schools' outreach programme two of our team also provided education sessions on what a bug hotel was and why insects are so important in the food chain.



Fact box

Company name:
Sir Robert McAlpine

Project name:
The Grande

Location:
Aberdeen

Biodiversity enhancement:
Bug hotels

Size:
N/A

Cost:
£100 for soil and plants

Tips:
More materials are needed than you would think to fill the bug hotels!

Year completed:
2014

Categories:

- Small scale temporary
- Pollinator
- Community engagement