

Project Profile

RTC Derby (Railway Technical Centre)

Client: London Continental Railways

Value: £500,000

Landscape

Architect: LUC

Duration: 18 Weeks

Introduction

This site was once the largest railway research complex in the world, used as British Rail's technical headquarters in the 60s.

The aim of the project was to refresh the tired and out-dated landscape. The site now boasts a relaxing and enticing environment for the 1,100-strong workforce, whilst promoting biodiversity.

The main works for this project included: site clearance, hard and soft landscaping including creation of new car parking and associated drainage, lifting and relaying of granite setts, new flag paving, raised lawn area including Corten steel edging, pond improvement works, site furniture and the planting of semi mature trees and shrubs.

Description of work

This included the re-ordering and refurbishment of the landscaping to the following areas:

- Entrance Forecourt and Rear Roadway
- Main Square and Birch Glades
- North Entrance

The works comprised the following:

- Removal of existing trees, shrubs, planters, features etc.
- Taking up existing hardstanding's and remove from site.
- Taking up existing granite sett pavings, set aside, remove surplus or damaged pavings.
- Excavating to form new levels, removing spoil and preparing for new constructions.
- Mixture of new concrete flag pavings, gravel pavings, tarmac paving, relay existing granite sett pavings, new granite sett pavings, edging details.
- New topsoil and subsoil for planting beds, raised lawns etc.
- Mixture of new plants, trees, shrubs, grasses, ferns etc.
- Site furniture, hardwood and concrete seats and benches, litter bins, Bollards etc.
- Refurbishing existing pond edge/plinth copings.
- New raised lawn area.

