



Landscape Design

Project

Homeworld Store, Hedge End, Southampton

Client

Co-operative Retail Services

Background

CRS Homeworld planned to develop a site which supported mature oak trees, extensive stands of alder and birch, and which was bisected by a mature river and stream. Development constraints necessitated realignment of the main watercourse, with retention of as many existing trees as possible. The client also expected a high quality landscape with special emphasis on habitat recreation.

Description

Landmark's scheme diverted the main river around the buildings, creating valuable wetland and marginal habitats using coir fibre rolls planted with native riverside plants. Mounding, planted with native woodland trees and shrubs, provides a buffer between car parking and adjacent housing. Elsewhere, container grown semi-mature trees were planted in bold avenues and in strategic groups.

Extensive planting of native woodland perennials set off by sweeps of mown lawn edged with wildflowers completed a rich and varied design linked by the common theme of wildlife habitat creation.

Client benefits

The combined skills of landscape architects and ecologists created a visually attractive scheme, full of wildlife interest, low in maintenance, and enjoyed by shoppers.