

## Cardiff - Capital for Shopping, Chelsea Flower Show 2009

Having helped Cardiff City Council achieve a Silver Gilt medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2007 for the Doctor Who themed garden 'A Garden in Time' we were again very proud to be invited to help in the construction of their 2009 garden. With the opening of the new St David's 2 Shopping Centre imminent which includes a new four storey John Lewis store, which will be their largest store outside of London's Oxford Street, Cardiff - Capital for Shopping was a celebration of the city's retail credentials, contrasting the contemporary design of the St David's Centre with the city's proud past. The scheme focused on the connection between the new Grand Arcade and modern Queens Arcade where steel arches and towers, modern paving and planted furniture were used and the heritage of the city's traditional and intimate Edwardian and Victorian arcades where timber arches, pennant paving and traditional hanging baskets were used.

A three dimensional planted floral shopping bag was positioned onto a stainless steel clad plinth to form the central feature and several smaller planted 'shopping bags' were positioned around the garden.

Raised, pre-formed planters were installed, filled with topsoil, clad with stainless steel and planted to reflect shop windows for the retailers. Two of the planters were planted colourfully to represent fashion retail in the new development with the others set out to reflect the diverse retail offerings of the traditional arcades using herbs, olive trees and wine bottles containing grasses and floral jewellery.

The garden narrowly missed Gold and was awarded a Silver Gilt medal.

Having built all the hard landscape elements of the garden over a four day period we returned to site at the end of the show to break it down and pack materials in such a way that will allow the garden to be re-created at the Royal Welsh Show 2009 and possibly other shows in the future.



| Client  | Contract Summary  | Consultant  |
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