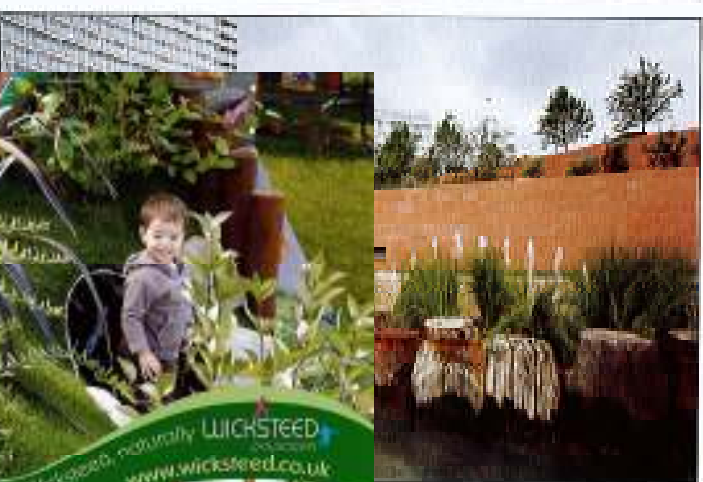
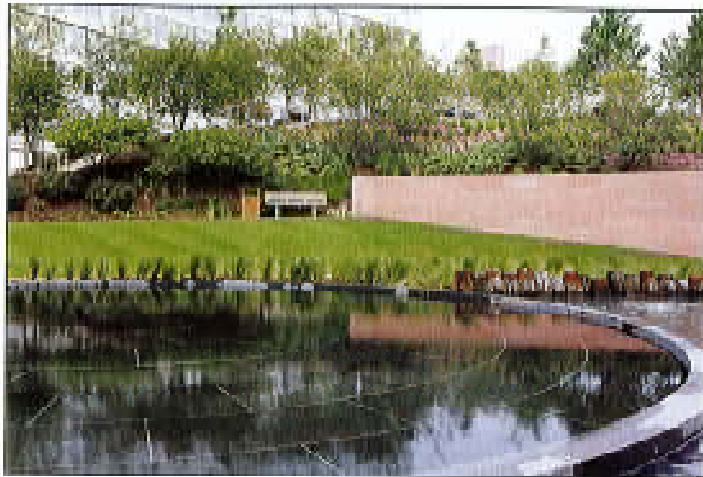


BALI National Landscape Awards 2008

British Association of
Landscape Industries



Arguably the grandest BALI awards in history and certainly the biggest and most well attended took place on Friday 14th November at the lovely 5-star Grosvenor House Hotel, London. The Great Hall floor was full with BALI members, industry professionals, and the press to celebrate and pay tribute to landscapers and garden designers who have demonstrated exceptionally high standards of professionalism and skill.

TV personality and award-winning garden designer David Donohue had a knockout return on form. The guest speaker this year was the witty and intelligent ex-horserider turned comedian, Chris Anderson. Also in attendance at the awards, as guests at BALI, were some of the stars of the gardening and horticulture world including Prince Yasuhiko Akihito, then Peter Gattaman's Chris Collins, GrandForce presenter Tawny Webb, Gardens World presenter Joe Devill, G4TV Garden's Steve Worrest, and TV Gardenist Andy Stappes.

The full list of winners of the 2008 BALI National Landscape Awards, together with descriptions and photos of their winning schemes, is in the BALI Awards brochure, a copy of which is now with every BALI member and is also available online.

A much anticipated special award was the Employer of the Year award. With his JOHN O'CONNOR CONSULTANTS, Manchester were invited to win this award which recognises outstanding practice in all aspects of employment. The next generation of award winning Landscapers were also recognised at the awards, two teams of students from Chesham and Ulster College were honoured as joint winners of the 2008 West Midlands UK Landscape Gardening competition.

The most exciting and anticipated moment of the BALI awards is the announcement of the Grand Award winner. Every landscape scheme announced on a screen for the viewer to become Grand Award winner and with the standard of schemes at an all time high, the competition was tough. Wilbury Landscapes of Isle de Lige, Kent who have been BALI members for over 20 years won this most sought after Award for the excellently landscaped grounds of Chevening Park part of The Pinakote Street project in Liverpool City Centre (pictured).

Speaking about this win, Managing Director of Wilbury, John Molloy, said "Every industry needs a means of recognising a quality product. In the landscape world this mechanism has become the BALI Awards. Recognition of a high level of achievement, from across the industry, from a neutral individual is of great benefit. The increased profile of the Awards provides Wilbury's staff with an exciting opportunity and the benefits that help support the company."

The judging panel were enthralled by the level of our knowledge on the ground project and the attention to detail, a perfect example of the amazing work Wilbury Landscapes undertakes.

"The quality of planting materials and workmanship are second to none. Ground breaking developments for the company, it is a pleasure engineering all undertaken by the company has produced a superb scheme."

The concept architect team, Building Design Partnership and the Technical Architects, Applied Landscape Design were also present. Wilbury Landscapes also installed the site, which is now a great addition to Liverpool City Centre and winning 4 stars in 2008's European Capital of Culture.

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