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BURLINGTON STONE FEATURES IN BALI AWARD WINNING WATERFRONT PROJECT

The landscaping division of Cumbria-based stone engineers, Burlington, has played its part in helping landscape specialists, UPM Tilhill receive the highest accolade possible at the annual BALI (British Association of Landscape Industries) awards.

Presented with the Principal Award within BALI's Land Renewal and Regeneration Scheme category for the regeneration of The Waterfront in Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria, experts from UPM Tilhill's Kirkby Lonsdale office used a number of Burlington's natural stone landscaping products across both phases 1 & 2.

Involving an unused former industrial area spread across 80 hectares, The Waterfront project saw the UPM Tilhill team - working for principal contractor Carillion - commissioned to landscape much of the open space while making sure the habitat of protected wildlife species was preserved.

In delivering the overall scheme, Burlington's Westmorland Green random rubble walling stone - specified by Carillion - was used to not only provide sheltered outdoor seating areas but to be attractive features in their own right. Additionally, Burlington supplied paving and honed copings in the same stone, together with a significant quantity of decorative aggregate 15-30mm slate mulch.

Commenting on behalf of Burlington Stone, Landscapes Manager, John Atkinson said: “Having only recently been accepted as members of BALI, we are understandably delighted that our landscaping materials have gone some way in helping UPM Tilhill secure such a revered industry accolade. The Waterfront is a stunning landscape achievement in its own right and it is rewarding to have worked with both UPM Tilhill at Kirkby Lonsdale and the project team from Carillion.”

Whilst a major achievement of the project was the relocation of the formerly scattered allotments into a modern, purpose-built area with better facilities and security, the project team also had to landscape a business park area and provide a high-quality working environment with attractive public areas and distinctive gateway fencing linking green areas.

Special consideration also had to be given to establishing new vegetation on the exposed coastal location. Sand and wind-tolerant tree and shrub species were carefully chosen and a temporary shelter was provided by putting up fences and windbreak netting screens.

The regeneration project involves Cumbria County Council, West Lakes Renaissance, Carillion and Capita Symonds who are working together to redevelop a portion of the Barrow Waterfront regeneration area. Funding for the project was provided by the North West Development Agency and the European Union ERDF.

The BALI (British Association of Landscape Industries Awards) are held annually to recognise members who have demonstrated exceptionally high standards of professionalism and skill in landscaping.

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