



Royal Quays

## Celebrating 25 years of Southern Green

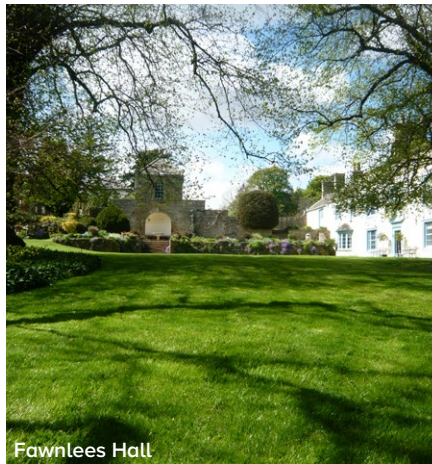
### Happy birthday SG!

Southern Green was first established in 1998 by Directors Simon Green and Ros Southern, within the first year they appointed a Landscape Architect, increasing the team to three. This five page newsletter will walk you through the key milestones that Southern Green has achieved throughout the years.

We hope you will enjoy the read. Click on the links within the text to see our [special Instagram posts](#) and projects mentioned!



Civic Trust Award - 1998



Fawnlees Hall

The first office occupied by Southern Green was a very small room (fondly named the cupboard) at Greensfield Business Centre. The business grew quickly and moved to an office at Team Valley within the first five years of operation.

Bedes World was one of SG's first prestigious projects, alongside the multi award winning [Royal Quays](#), which scooped a Civic Trust Award and National Britain in Bloom. The



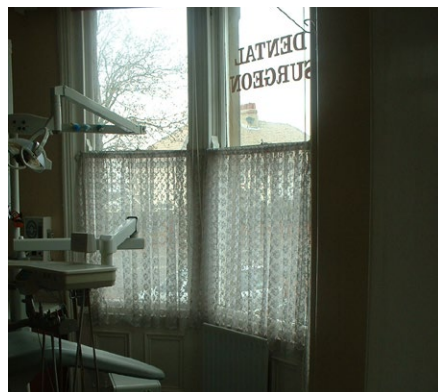
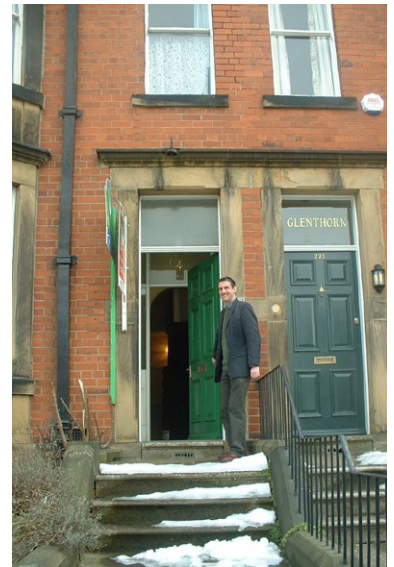
blossoming business went on to win a number of other awards for their projects including [Fawnlees Hall](#) and Parklife, Lanchester.

To celebrate an astoundingly successful first 3 years of business, SG published their very first newsletter.

## 5-10 years (April 2003 - 2007)

Within the second 5 years of operation between 2003 and 2007, SG had increased significantly to 7 staff! To accommodate the growing SG family, in 2003, the business acquired 221 Durham Road, which is still where we operate our studio to this day (all be it on a slightly larger scale!).

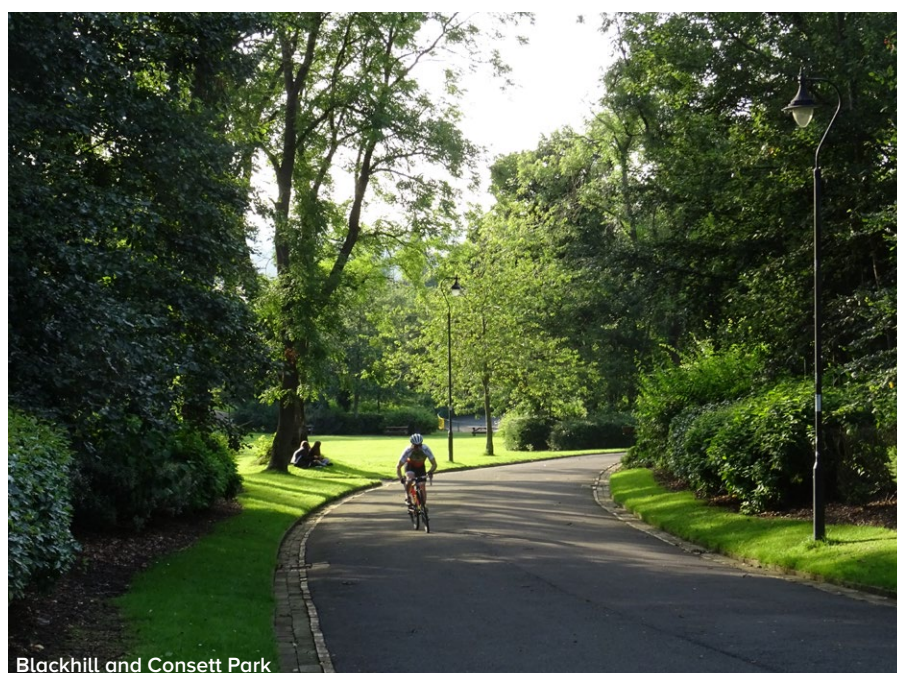
The building was previously a dental surgery, and Simon, Ros and the team (along with some trusty builders) spent several years painstakingly restoring and transforming the amazing Victorian



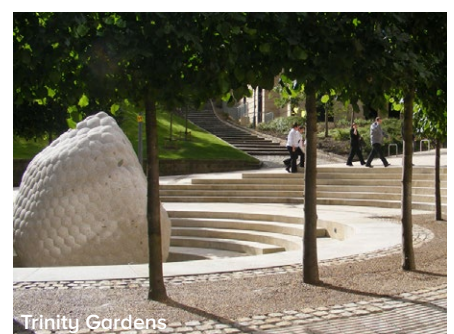
terrace into the office we know and love now. Interesting fact, we still to this day, some 20 years later, get post addressed to Southern Green, Lindum Road Dentist Surgery, 221 Durham Road!

Key projects in this period included the RVI and Freeman Hospital which won the Best Hospital Design at the Building Better Healthcare Awards, Leazes Park, and Trinity Gardens which won a total of 5 awards including a Lord Mayor's

Design Award and a Civic Trust Award. South Road Crematorium in Durham was another award-winning scheme, and Blackhill and Consett Park was awarded Green Flag and Green Heritage Site Status as well as winning a County Durham Environment Award. The awards cabinet really did grow significantly over that 5 year period!



Blackhill and Consett Park



Trinity Gardens



RVI Hospital



### 10-15 years (April 2008 - 2012)

In the period of 2008-2012 when SG was 10 - 15 years old, the business continued to grow and now boasted 15 staff. To celebrate the company's 10-year anniversary, an event was held in October 2008 at Piccolino's in Newcastle, a venue which overlooked the award-winning Trinity Gardens scheme. For every guest that attended, SG planted a tree in Jesmond Dene (even back then, we were paving the way in reducing our carbon footprint!).



Cardinal Hulme



St. Benedict's Hospice

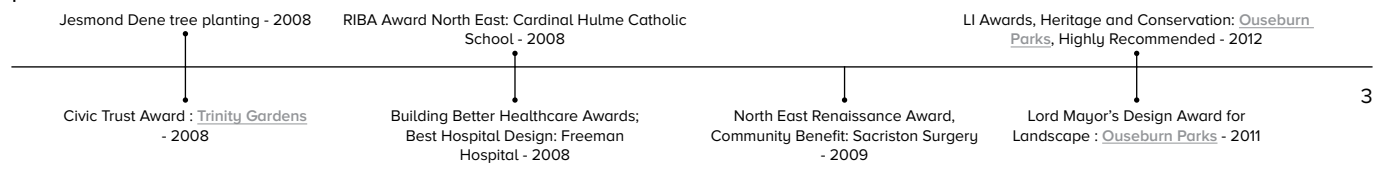


Silloth Green Woodland & Water Play

Key projects during this period were Cardinal Hulme, Ouseburn Parks which won 6 awards including a Lord Mayors Award, RICS North East Award, a RIBA Award and was highly commended in the Landscape Institute Awards, Stephenson Quarter (a scheme which continued over many years), The Green Silloth, St Benedict's Hospice which won 4 awards including 2 Constructing Excellence in the North East awards, an LABC Award, and a Sunderland City Council Award as well as being highly commended for a Building Better Healthcare Award, Houghton Primary Care Trust, Sacriston Surgery which won 2 awards including a RIBA and RICS Award, and Berwick Tweed and Silk, a public realm strategy which was published in hard back.



Ouseburn Parks



## 15-20 years (April 2013 - 2017)

By the time the business was aged 15-20, the team had grown to 18 and the studio was thriving. Key projects during this time were Exhibition Park, Stewart Park, Wharton Park, the Student Forum, Watford Parks and Witton Gilbert, as well as continued work on Stephenson Quarter. The awards cabinet continued to grow, with Stewart Park winning a total of 4 awards including a highly coveted Landscape Institute Award, RTPI Award and RICS North East award.



The Student Forum won a Lord Mayors Award and was highly commended at the Landscape Institute Awards, RTPI Awards and Newcastle University Consultant of the Year awards. Wharton Park won 3 awards in the County Durham Environment Awards, and was highly commended in both the Landscape Institute Awards and Consulting Excellence Awards for Project of the Year. Watford Parks won Best Park Restoration at the 2016 Horticulture Week Custodian Awards and Stephenson Quarter won 3 awards at the Newcastle Environment Awards.



Lord Mayor's Award: Student Forum - 2016

Horticulture Week Custodian Awards, Best Park Restoration: Watford Parks - 2016

CENE, Project of the Year: Wharton Park, Highly Commended - 2017

LI Awards, Heritage & Conservation: Stewart Park - 2013

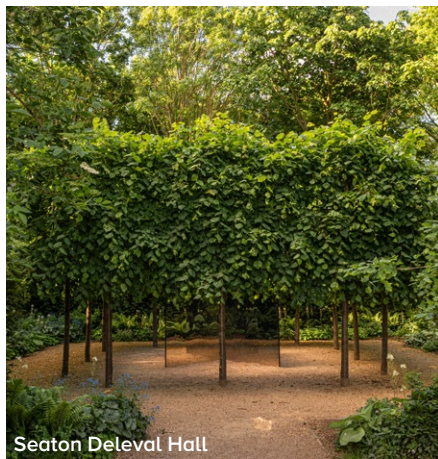
RICS North East, Regeneration: Exhibition Park, Shortlisted - 2015

County Durham Environment Awards: Wharton Park, Winner for: Built Environment, Places & Spaces, and Outstanding Award - 2016

LI Awards, Heritage & Conservation: Wharton Park, Highly Commended - 2017

## 20-25 years (April 2018 - to today)

Despite the challenges that Covid presented to many businesses across the country and indeed the world, **SG has continued to grow**, develop, and thrive over the past 5 years. Boasting an impressive and resilient team now 19 strong, the Board of Directors grew from 2 to 3 in 2021, with the appointment of Liam Haggarty. SG never stops delivering outstanding and award-winning schemes.



Seaton Deleval Hall

Key projects during this period include the **Armstrong Courtyard**, **Bigg Market**, Havelock Place, **Leavesden**, **Meat Stack Parklets**, **Oxhey Activity Park**, **Seaton Deleval Hall**, **Elizabeth Landmark**, **South Cliff Gardens** and **Pearson Park**. The team continued to add more awards to their already impressive award winning portfolio. **Armstrong Courtyard** won Newcastle's Excellent Supplier Award and the Lord Mayors Design Award, which the **Bigg Market** and **Meat Stack**

also won during this period. Havelock Place won a regional and national award at the LABC Building Excellence Awards. **Seaton Deleval Hall** won 3 awards including a Constructing Excellence in the North East and a RICS regional and national award and **Oxhey Activity Park** also won the highly prestigious award at the Landscape Institute Awards and also won Project of the Year at the Building Futures Award to top it off!



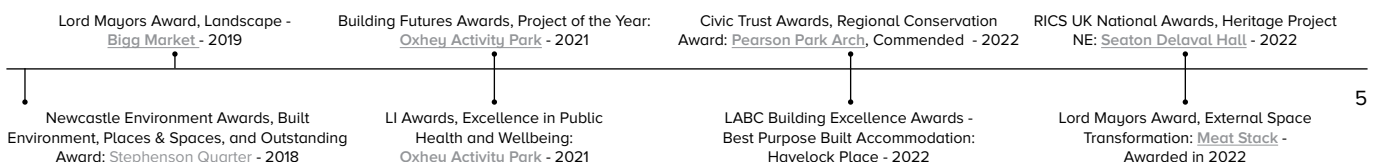
Oxhey Activity Park

## CPD Trip

To celebrate 25 years of SG, a fantastic CPD Trip to Manchester to visit RHS Bridgewater and other city centre schemes has been organised by the Directors for the team. A token of appreciation, and an opportunity to celebrate and mark such a momentous occasion – SG is a quarter of a century old!



Pearson Park Arch





We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our clients, colleagues, and all those that have supported us over the past quarter of a decade to become the successful studio we are today. Our biggest thank you goes to our talented and dedicated staff, past and present - it has been a privilege to work alongside you all and we are very much excited about and looking forward to the next 25 years of Southern Green.

If you would like to know more about our stories - please [visit our website](#) or [give us a call](#).