



Blackfriars Cloister Garden - Newcastle

Spring Newsletter 2024

We are back with our first newsletter of 2024. Spring has sprung and we are already enjoying the milder temperatures and lighter nights. Don't forget to click on the titles and links for further information - enjoy!

Lord Mayor Awards - Blackfriars

We are thrilled to announce that [Blackfriars Cloister Garden](#) won the Landscape award [at the Lord Mayor Awards](#) on Thursday 21st March.

Blackfriars is a restored Grade I listed 13th-century friary in Newcastle City Centre and we jumped at the opportunity to be involved in this historic piece of our much loved city. Huge thanks to all involved in the scheme. We would also like to congratulate all the other local schemes and projects who were either shortlisted, commended, or won awards on the night. Fantastic to see so many diverse schemes receiving the recognition they truly deserve.



A Visit to South Cliff Gardens

Historic England has recently announced that [South Cliff Gardens](#) has been removed from the Heritage at Risk Register in 2023.

Southern Green were initially commissioned to prepare a Conservation Management Plan and design work to support a round 2

Heritage Lottery Funded Parks for People bid, followed by further design development.

Recently, some of the team attended a [site visit](#) to see how the Gardens were doing after completion. They look fantastic, and we can't wait to see the scheme continue to establish over the spring and summer months. Definitely one for the summer bucket list!



Lights, Crown and Action!

The [North East's trailblazer deal](#) was announced by the Chancellor in early March, and the budget will hopefully contribute to Crown Works film studio and create job opportunities within the North East.

Southern Green has been involved extensively in the landscape strategy, and the Townscape and Visual Impact Assessment of the site. Ecological design queues have informed the landscape strategy and concept of this project, and we look forward to sharing more on this in the months to come.



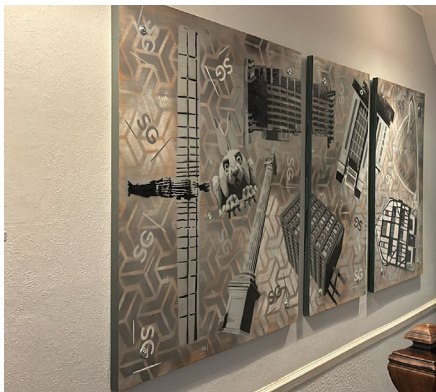
Bespoke Artwork

Back in November 2019 we commissioned a bespoke piece of artwork by Chris Flemming [@IDA4_ncl](#) in the form of a meeting room table top or our then staff meeting room. Not long after the piece was finished covid hit, and due to social distancing requirements, the meeting room was converted into a functioning office, with the artwork then having various homes around the office. Read more about the story of the artwork [here](#)

Hello Spring!

20th March marked the official Spring Equinox in our Northern Hemisphere, when day and night are around the same length and the days become longer. Read our blog to find out some [Fun Spring Facts!](#)

Some of the team and their families took "Spring Clean" to the next level this month, and pledged to collect 10 bags of rubbish as part of the 'Great British Spring Clean'. Read the blog [here](#).



Community Woodland Planting

Continuing with the theme of volunteering and helping the planet, some of our dedicated team along with their young family and friends braved the freezing cold wind and sideways rain and attended a community woodland planting session at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens. This follows on from previous volunteering sessions with Living Woods North East (28th March 2022 and 27th Jan 2023). Read more [here](#).



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