



OAK VIEW LANDSCAPES

DELIVERING AWARD WINNING LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION

Oak View Landscapes are a progressive company who work at the bespoke end of both the commercial and domestic markets, specialising in projects where there is close liaison with the main contractor, client and Landscape Architect. Oak View were double Award Winners at the BALI Landscape Awards in 2006 and another notable success came at the Essex Business Awards 2007 where Oak View won "Best Growing Business".

Oak View set great importance on staff training and Health and Safety and recruit experienced employees who have formal qualifications from land-based colleges. A comprehensive in-house training programme is supplemented by external courses to further develop staff as the company continues to grow and expand. Professional Health and Safety procedures, including Risk Assessments and Method Statements are carried out for every project and are audited by our qualified Health and Safety Consultants. All staff hold current R.O.L.O. and C.S.C.S. cards and in 2007 Oak View achieved CHAS accreditation in recognition of its comprehensive Health and Safety procedures and practices.

In 2008 Oak View entered 'The Galleries', a prestigious project at the site of the former Warley Hospital, Brentwood, Essex in the 32nd BALI National Landscape Awards. Here the achievement of professional excellence is recognised at the "landscape Oscars" and you can read how Oak View excelled at the Awards overleaf.

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Project Profile: The Galleries, former Warley Hospital, Brentwood



Project Details

Client: **City and Country Construction**
Landscape Contractor: **Oak View Landscapes Limited**
Landscape Architects: **Liz Lake Associates**

The project

The site of The Galleries, Brentwood was previously the Essex County Lunatic Asylum and was typical of a Victorian specialist hospital sited in a rural area, with the form of the buildings creating a geometric layout based on a series of enclosed courtyards. However, the intended gardens that were on the original Victorian plans for the building didn't come to fruition at the time. The Development of the site placed emphasis on the original plans for the shared communal spaces whilst the retention of established major trees dictated the detailed landscape layout.

The landscape design solution

The soft landscaping, undertaken by Oak View Landscapes Limited, is extensive and acts as a striking contrast to the built form as well as providing seasonal interest. Clipped hedges, topiary, specimen shrubs and trees are used to form the structure, with groundcover shrubs and herbaceous plants for colour and interest at the lower level. The clipped hedges are evergreen – mainly yew and box. The style of the planting is in keeping with the Victorian ambience of the whole site and is themed by colour with additional shrubs for winter interest. The centrepiece main courtyard design features a high quality circular lawn helping to define the space and providing good access for residents to take a closer look at the feature planting in the communal setting. Twin courtyards overlooked by residential suites are formally planted in a striking geometric layout with contrasting green formal lawn areas.

Challenges faced – and overcome

The client's programme of phased completions of specific courtyards proved challenging since a large proportion of the project was planted throughout the summer of 2007. The restricted access to the site, especially to the inner courtyards, created a logistical headache as well as raising specific health and safety considerations under manual handling regulations.



The landscape architect's view

"The Galleries has been critically acclaimed both locally and nationally with the presentation of the Best Soft Landscaping Scheme Under One Hectare at the 2008 BALI awards. This was due to the continued effort and support from the design team, the client and Oak View Landscapes, whose constant monitoring helped create the stunning courtyards, which more than befits this architectural gem," expressed Sean Vessey of Liz Lake Associates.

The client's view

"As developers specialising in historically important sites and conservation areas we recognise that high quality landscaping is important – not only in keeping faith with the spirit of the places we work but also in adding value to the finished project," says David Sargeant, Development Director of City and Country Group. "We work in a very close partnership with Liz Lake Landscape Architects and Oak View Landscapes to achieve our landscape objectives. All of us have a shared passion for quality and a clear sense of the contribution which excellent landscaping can make to the success of our projects. Oak View's attention to detail is especially impressive."



The outcome

The project won the Principal Award at the 2008 BALI National Landscape Awards in the 'Mainly Soft Landscaping – Under One Hectare' category. The principal award is presented to the outstanding project out of all the award winners in each category. The Awards Adjudicators described The Galleries as a "visually stunning landscape" and stated "representatives from the client group and landscape architects were unanimous in their praise for the professional delivery of this challenging contract by Oak View Management and site staff".

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