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BONINGALE LAUNCH NEW 'PLANTS FOR WILDLIFE' CATALOGUE WITH BREEAM ECOLOGICAL CREDITS IN MIND

Boningale Nursery, one of the UK's leading horticultural specialists to the landscaping and amenity industry has teamed up with environmental experts to produce a unique catalogue for architects and contractors keen to maximise their ecological credentials when working on BREEAM and ecologically sensitive projects.

The Shropshire-based company, which specialises in producing and sourcing hardy nursery stock for the landscape market from its 39-acre headquarters in Albrighton, says its "Plants for Wildlife" catalogue will assist contractors working on ecological landscape projects to accommodate changes more efficiently.

Working with global experts WYG Environment, Boningale horticulturalists devised the 20-page catalogue, which sets out hundreds of approved plant species and varieties that encourage ecological diversity and attract myriad wildlife to new-build sites and green urban spaces, including green roofs

It not only draws on evidence gathered in Sheffield University's Biodiversity in Gardens (BUGS) study and the Database of Insects and their Food Plans (DBIF) research by the Biological Records Centre, but also highlights if the plants are recommended by authoritative sources Natural England and the RSPB.

The company's comprehensive catalogue lists the native and common name of each plant and which birds, animals or insects are likely to benefit from the planting of each species, as well as Boningale GreenSky range of unique SkyPlugs – Boningale nurseries sister department that specialises in plants and substrates for green roofs.

Frank Sandford, Sales Director at Boningale Nursery, said the brochure was produced because of the increasing number of requests from Landscape contractors who were part way through a

project or close to completion and were faced with last-minute changes to the design and needed immediate help.

“This happens frequently on construction projects and they often need to offer suitable stock that’s available for immediate supply our sales staffs are now better placed to assist with ecologist backed solutions.

The comprehensive document offers contractors and landscape architects helps with information they need to produce an ecologically informed planting design.

“Because sensitive planting schemes are an integral part of modern development work and in some cases contribute towards BREEAM ecological credits, it is important for landscaping professionals to choose the varieties that can help them achieve maximum scores,” he said.

“This catalogue, put together by accredited ecologists, helps them do that and recommends plants that ecologists are more likely to reward BREEAM credits against.”

“This could be especially important if other areas of the physical building have not fully achieved the expected credit rating; an ecologically planted landscape could give the extra credits required to meet the shortfall,” confirmed Frank. The Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) also offers credits for effective planting.

“Our catalogue offers at a glance what plants will work where, taking out a lot of the research for busy contractors,” said Frank.

For further information or to order a copy of the “Plants for Wildlife” catalogue visit www.boningale.co.uk

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