

Crewe Lifestyle

Customer: Cheshire East Council

Value: £12,500

Location: Crewe

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Crewe's new lifestyle centre was designed as a modern leisure amenity and community hub, intended to bring adult social and leisure facilities together in one place. The purpose of the Centre was to enhance the health and well-being of the people in the local area and create a healthy future for Crewe.

The brief for the project was to deliver a building suitable for a 21st century Crewe, which meant using some of the latest building techniques.

It was essential that the highly visible street furniture elements to be used outside were carefully chosen, as they contribute significantly to the overall first impression for visitors.

Bailey Streetscene were approached by Kier Construction to provide their experience in supplying a suite of outdoor products that reflected the modern aspirations of the project and could fit within the current landscaping on site. The client needed to value engineer the original specification due to budget constraints. After some negotiation on the designs required, the Versio Corpus Litter Bin and the Versio Levis 50 Bench from Bailey Streetscene's Westeifel range were chosen for the scheme, along with some precast concrete cubes.

There was also a significant challenge in terms of manufacturing lead time as the site handover at this stage was only 8 weeks away.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Initial design consultation
- Outlining costing proposals
- Project management
- O&M and RAMs documents produced
- Value Engineering Options

Outcome:

Due to the short 8 week lead time required for the products supplied by Bailey Streetscene, the site was going to be complete by the time the delivery had taken place. To ensure this would not hold up any ongoing works on site, the Bailey Streetscene design team produced working drawings which included foundation layouts and details so that Kier could complete on site, mark up the foundations below the paving then fix through to secure the products down.

This forward thinking, clear communication and sharing of technical information resulted in the overall project finishing on time, with Bailey Streetscene able to then deliver the street furniture elements which could be seamlessly installed without disturbing or damaging the completed hard landscaping.

As for the benefit to the wider community, the project is a resounding success with the centre becoming a popular hub for a vast array of community activities for young and old.

Cllr Sam Gardner, cabinet member for leisure and open spaces, said: "The council has delivered on its promise to the people of Crewe, providing an outstanding facility that brings so many sports, leisure and community facilities under one roof."

