

BEYOND THE HIVE 2010 Insect Hotel Crawl A City walk to see the five finalists



You can fly round the five City gardens to visit the fantastic insect hotels built by the finalists of the Beyond the Hive competition.

2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity. The competition has brought together the skills of the property sector, ecologists and landscape architects to design and build luxury accommodation for key insect and invertebrate species in the City.

You can start your walk at any point (see the map on the reverse). A leisurely crawl will take about 90 minutes with plenty of opportunities to enjoy a picnic en route, or you could bring your bike -

City streets are quiet at weekends. All the gardens are open 7 days a week from 7.30 am on weekdays and 9.30 am at weekends and close at dusk or 7 pm whichever is the earlier.

Bunhill Fields



Bunhill Fields is a tranquil four-hectare garden on the site of a former Dissenters' burial ground. It contains many elaborate graves from the 18th and 19th centuries, including those William Blake, John

Bunyan and Daniel Defoe. It has many mature trees and wildlife friendly planting. Many species of bird have their home here including a white blackbird. There is also a beehive.

Invertebrate, designed by ORTLOS Space Engineering and Metalanguage Design, is a stylish multi-cavity structure that will accommodate a wide variety of insects.

West Smithfield

This circular garden next to the colourful Victorian arcades of the meat market was once the site of gruesome executions. William Wallace met his end here as did Wat Tyler, stabbed by the Lord Mayor of London in 1381.

The Bumble Bee City Nesters team led by Fisher Tomalin, (Garden Designers & Landscapers) has built a stunning set of five towers entirely of recycled materials, each containing different insect habitats.



Postman's Park

Postman's Park lies on the site of an ancient burying ground and the filled in moat of the Roman wall. It was called Postman's Park because it is adjacent to the General Post Office where Anthony Trollope worked - in between novel writing. It is the location of George Frederic Watts's Memorial to Heroic Self Sacrifice, a memorial to ordinary people who died saving the lives of others - each person recorded on a separate ceramic tile.



Brookfield Bug Buddies, designed by Brookfield Europe in collaboration with consultants Arup, DP9, Hilson Moran Partnership and Sir John Cass's Foundation school team has built the Pinnacle - an amazing sinuous construction of pipes containing insect habitats.

St Dunstan's in the East

The garden is tucked away between Idol lane and St. Dunstan's Hill in the maze of tiny lanes leading steeply down to Lower Thames Street. St. Dunstan's Church was built about 1100; it was severely damaged in the Great Fire of London in 1666 and again in 1941. The steeple built by Wren still survives. The garden is a magical place built within the ruins of the church.

Arup Associates have built a structure based on the Voronoi pattern found in the natural world - for example in the rib structure of a dragonfly's wing.

The cavities are filled with different materials and there is a green roof



Cleary Garden

The garden is built on several terraces. The lower lawn covers the site of the largest Roman bathhouse in the UK. In the Middle Ages the area was used for growing vines and in 2007 the garden became the



Loire Valley Wines Legacy Garden, with vines and aromatic plants to evoke the flavours and bouquet of wines from the Loire region.

The German Women in property team has built the Antsel and Gretel Beevarian chalet modelled on a traditional mountain inn with space for many different insect guests.



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Insect Hotel Locations

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