

Case study



Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas

Project: Soft landscaping

Client: Geoffrey Osborne Ltd

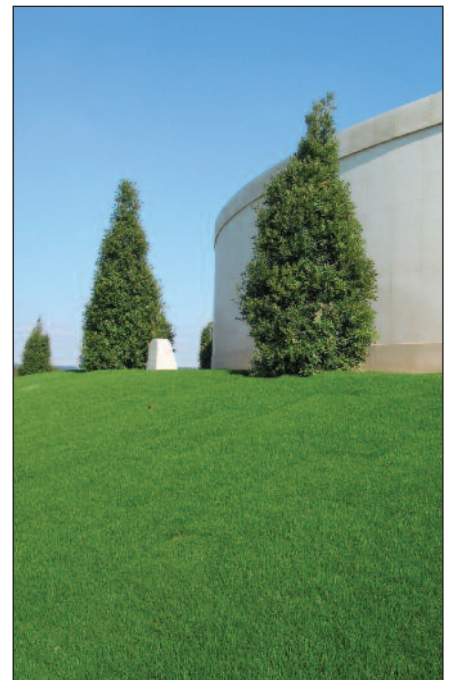
Value: £210,000

Description of work

Tilhill Forestry's BALI award winning work on the Armed Forces Memorial was a £210,000 contract for landscaping at the National Arboretum, Alrewas, awarded by Geoffrey Osborne. Work began with the top-soiling of the six metre high mound, followed by the precise planting of 57 four-metre tall, shaped evergreen oaks in 500 litre containers – each tree valued at £2,500. Landscaping was completed by the laying of 9,000 square metres of turf.

Tree planting proffered the greatest challenge to the Tilhill Forestry team. Standard pneumatic breakers were unable to drive the three anchors per tree into the sub-soil medium of crushed brick. An adapted power drive bar fixed onto a pneumatic breaker which was fitted onto a 360 degree excavator succeeded. Final planting was limited by a restricted use of the paths. As the project drew towards completion the trees were lifted into place (see below).

The Armed Forces Memorial, situated at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, was designed by Liam O'Connor, Architects. Visitors walk along an ascending spiral path, lined with evergreen oak trees as they make their way towards the Portland stone structure which lies at the heart of the composition.



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Project Summaries



Danson Park – Restoration of features and provision of improved facilities

Management and installation of a project to restore Danson Park's early nineteenth century landscape and to provide improved facilities for today's park users. Work to be completed in 20 weeks with parkland remaining open to the public.



Village Leisure Hotel, Maidstone – Landscaping grounds

Landscaping the grounds of this new leisure hotel in Maidstone, Kent. Works included landscaping and planting the surrounding access areas, and supply of hanging baskets and barrels adjacent to the main hotel entrance.



City Airport – Landscaping of four new DLR stations

Ornamental landscaping project at four new stations on the recently opened London City Airport extension to the Docklands Light Railway. Tilhill Forestry completed work at London City Airport, King George V, West Silvertown and Pontoon Dock stations.



Slieve Croob House, Bristol – Planting and water feature

Visitors to a new office building in north Bristol are welcomed by a water feature and planting scheme.

