

Basildon Bond Centenary Garden



Thank you for visiting our Basildon Bond Centenary Garden at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. Many of you asked that we add a full plant list to our website, we have also included some further information on other aspects of the garden.

If you have a question that isn't covered by this please feel free to let us know through our Contact Us section of the website.



The Clock was inspired by the clock that is still mounted on the old Mill Manager's cottage in Apsley Mill – Hemel Hempstead. The scaled replica was created by prestigious clock makers Gillett and Johnston Ltd who are based in Croydon.

The designer chose to add the clock to the garden as Apsley Mill is an integral part of Basildon Bond's history. The clock has now been relocated to our new offices in Suffolk.





The Paper Wall, which I can promise you was waterproof and can be attested by anyone who came to Chelsea on the Thursday, was created by an artist called Tracey Kendall. Tracey's sculptural wallpapers are usually used indoors and have graced the walls of prestigious hotels and department stores in both London and New York. The designer challenged her to create an outdoor version and she astounded us with the beautiful end result. The sheets of paper were individually sewn to a backing to prevent them from blowing away.



The Water Feature was used to represent the importance of flowing water in the manufacture of paper. The sound of the moving water was also intended to add to the tranquillity of the overall garden to make it a place where visitors could imagine themselves writing a letter.

All of the bricks and paving stones used were chosen due to the close colour match to the mill building. But don't worry they were not taken from the mill itself they were actually sourced from a company that sells reclaimed brickwork called Lapidia who are based in North Yorkshire.



The post box used was a replica and was painted black to mirror the clock mounted to the opposing wall.

During the show it was used by visitors to write a letter which will be put in a time capsule and will be dug up in another 100 years at our bicentennial celebrations. If you'd like to be part of history send us a letter about the world today and what you hope for the future to:

**FREEPOST RSAY-TEAH-CBTG, Basildon Bond Time Capsule, Hamelin Brands Ltd,
Unit 1 Manor Wood, Kings Warren Business Park, Red Lodge, Suffolk, IP28 8WG**

One envelope will be picked at random and that person will win tickets for next year's Chelsea Flower Show!! Letters must be received by 30th June 2011.

Plant List



The large white flowers with yellow centres shown here are *Paeonia lactiflora* (Peony) 'Jan van Leeuwen', some of you may remember them as the fried egg peonies! If you are planning on planting them yourself they prefer full sun but will tolerate partial shade. The blue flowers also shown in the image on the left are *Geranium* 'Brookside', they typically flower from June but due to the warm spring bloomed early.

The plants that were selected for our water feature were *Cyperus alternifolius* commonly known as Papyrus reed and *Equisetum japonicum* also known as Barred horsetail. The Papyrus is native to Africa and as such we recommend not planting it outside in our climate, it will however thrive indoors. The Barred horsetail does do well outdoors in the UK and will form large colonies in wet ground or ponds.



The small white flowers seen next to the post box are *Geranium sanguineum* 'Album', also shown on the left is the *Iris sibirica* 'Blue King'. The tiny leaved plant used to fill around the edges is *Alchemilla erythropoda* commonly referred to as dwarf Lady's Mantle. The irises were kept in full shade right up until the Show to stop them from going into full bloom, luckily they held off until Show Week and made a beautiful addition to the

garden.

The tall plants show to the right are *Acanthus mollis* 'Rue Ledan' (Bear's breeches), this variant is new for 2011 with all white blooms. The garden also featured *Salvias*, both *Sensation White* and *Blue*. Finally the star of the garden was the *Prunus Serrula* (Paperbark Cherry) which was surrounded by Yew hedges on either side.

