



INTRODUCING OUR NEW SUDS SOILS

Boughton's already extensive product portfolio is about to expand further with the introduction of three new SuDs soils.

BLRG Rain Garden Soil, BLHP High-Permeability Soil and BLMP Multi-Purpose SuDs Soil all draw their inspiration from Boughton's market-leading green roof substrates; together offering even more soil solutions for a wide range of landscaping projects.

BLRG Rain Garden Soil is based on an extensive green roof substrate and is designed to support rain garden construction and planting via a free draining mixture with a large amount of porosity. A small amount of topsoil has been blended into the mixture to slow down infiltration, or saturated hydraulic conductivity, whilst also providing more body to the mixture to ensure water retention for a much longer period. In doing so, BLRG offers increased water storage performance, and improved water quality benefits. Boughton's new BLRG is the perfect choice for those planting schemes that prefer a freer draining substance, but one that is sometimes saturated.

BLHP High-Permeability Soil is a high-permeability soil, designed to be used in shallow swales, such as those that border pavements and paths. Sand dominant with additional green waste compost and coir fibre inclusion, BLHP is ideal for creating stable conditions with strong water retention capabilities. Additionally, BLHP is suitable for supporting the use of drought tolerant grass species.

Finally, BLMP Multi-Purpose SuDs Soil is – as the name suggests – a multi-purpose blend of sand, PAS 100 green waste compost, crushed brick and coir, designed as a layer for swales and rain gardens, to support a range of intensive vegetation.

Our SuDs blend is designed to be free draining with good porosity, whilst maintaining a sufficient moisture level to support diverse plant life.

Boughton SuDs can be installed up to the surface (within 100 mm of the cover depth) of rain gardens. Soil should not be allowed to become saturated during transport or storage. Boughton Loam can provide additional advice, if needed, on how best to specify and install this SuDs soil.

MAKE BETTER CHOICES ON WORLD SOIL DAY, SAYS BOUGHTON

This [World Soil Day](#) (December 5th), leading topsoil and growing media supplier, Boughton is calling on landscapers, specifiers and garden designers to take time to consider the benefits of natural soils.

Boughton – a firm advocate for single-source natural 'as dug' topsoil – is keen to use this significant day to highlight the impact using natural topsoil and sourcing products sustainably can have on both your landscaping projects and the environment.

Improving soil health

As World Soil Day focuses on soil health and awareness in order to maintain diverse ecosystems, Boughton wants to remind the industry about the significant benefits of using a natural soil.

Not only do these soils have good body and great moisture retention qualities – ideal for modern landscaping projects, given predictions of water shortages in the future – but Boughton soils also have a low pH, high organic content and boast both existing and developing organism biomass. The latter is a huge plus for planting schemes, considering the vital role microbial activity plays in the development and growth of flora within a soil.

In fact, some natural topsoils have been establishing themselves for thousands of years, allowing their nutrient balance time to level out and cycle on a natural rhythm. This means they can provide host plants with accessible nutrients quickly, once installed.





BOUGHTON RETURNS TO FUTUREScape 2023

Later this month, the team at Boughton will be attending the ever-popular FutureScape exhibition (21st – 22nd November, ExCel London), where the landscape community comes together to build the exciting future of landscaping.

Showcased on stand J71 will be Boughton's full product portfolio, including its leading 'as dug' topsoil solutions, subsoils, green roof substrates, sands, Rootzone, turf dressing and tree soils. As one of the UK's most comprehensive soil experts, and one that advocates for the benefits of natural solutions, Boughton having a presence at Futurescape positions it perfectly to connect with those landscape architects, planners and specifiers that are looking for a leading supplier that goes above and beyond without compromising on the products it brings to market.

It is this dedication to quality and environmental protection that has led Boughton soils to be at the heart of a wide range of notable landscaping projects, including the historic Battersea Power Station, within the 'Garden of Elements', the redevelopment of Sheldon Square, Paddington, plus The Pavilion at Landmark Pinnacle, Canary Wharf, as well as multiple RHS Chelsea show gardens, to name but a few.

Jason Lock, Business Development Manager at Boughton, said: "Designed to facilitate connection, collaboration and accelerate growth within the landscape industry, Futurescape is an essential part of Boughton's annual plans, and a vital event to attend. Having the platform to showcase our products and create an open dialogue with the wider industry regarding our future plans and commitment to sustainable solutions is incredibly important to us, and we can't wait to get onsite to begin!"

CASE STUDY: SAVILLS GARDEN AT RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW 2023

An ambitious project for designer Mark Gregory and the team at Landform Consultants, who were responsible for bringing the vision to life, The Savills Garden also heralded a first for the famous flower show. At its very heart, the garden featured a full working kitchen and potager and walled garden. Built completely from scratch, from the ground up, the garden was a true plot-to-plate experience, feeding Chelsea pensioners daily.

It was within the potager garden that Boughton's soil came into play. In need of a soil that could support healthy vegetable growth, Mark turned to Boughton to request several tonnes of its BLS 40 natural soil.

This repurposed, single source, screened, natural topsoil, usually of sandy/clay loam classification, enjoys added PAS 100 compost, 40% by volume. Boosted with organic matter content and offering excellent moisture and nutrient retention capabilities, BLS 40 was the perfect blend. In fact, it performed so well that Mark and his team witnessed significant vegetable growth, despite them only being in the soil for one week!

Discussing his relationship with Boughton and the soil provided, Mark Gregory said: "The Savills Garden was, without doubt, our most adventurous Chelsea garden – and, with 108 gardens behind us, we have tried a lot before! As with any of these designs, it is largely reliant on the goods supplied and, with Boughton, I knew I was in safe hands. Providing a consistently seamless offering, and first-class communication, Boughton was the perfect fit. They ticked all the boxes for us – from the ordering to delivery process, to the quality of product available was flawless throughout. We're grateful to have a supply partner with Boughton for sure. I wouldn't hesitate in recommending them to others. I hope to call upon them again!"

Rounding off the 2023 RHS Chelsea experience, The Savills Garden was awarded a Silver Gilt medal.



2023 - THE YEAR THAT WAS.....

2023 has been a busy year for team Boughton. We've sponsored, we've donated, we've expanded and, above all, we've continued to advocate for the importance of natural, organic 'as dug' soils. The latter underpins everything we do and is the driving force for our engagement with the garden design and landscaping sector. As this year draws to a close, we look back at some of our key highlights.

February: SISIS Cricket Seminar Sponsorship – February 14th saw the return of the SISIS Cricket Seminar, with Boughton confirmed as a key sponsor. Having previously sponsored the event, Boughton was quick to return, recognising the value the seminar offers cricket groundsmen including those representing grass roots, schools, local clubs, and international test venues.

May: RHS Chelsea Flower Show – In addition to The Savills Garden, designed by Mark Gregory and the team at Landform Consultants, Boughton also supplied two other RHS Chelsea gardens.

The Fauna & Flora Garden, designed by Chelsea Gold Medal-winner, Jilayne Rickards, and landscaped by award-winning landscaper, Tecwyn Evans, Living Landscapes, maps the journey of an ecotourist on a gorilla trek, tracing a rough track through a succession of lush and changing landscapes on either side of the Protected Forest Area boundary wall.

Featuring a medicinal garden, shaded by eucalyptus and banana trees, a tourist kiosk selling local crafts, a true-to-life gorilla nest, waterfall, and viewing rock, the garden aimed to demonstrate the critical importance of protecting nature and how this can be best achieved by putting people and collaboration at the heart of conservation efforts.

Sustainability was a key theme throughout the garden, which is why designer, Jilayne Rickards reached out to Boughton. To support the African-inspired planting scheme, Boughton worked closely with the team to create a 'dark' soil that replicates what is found naturally in Rwanda. Created from only natural, UK-based soil, responsibly sourced from construction sites (where it may otherwise be misused or sent to landfill) located near Boughton's Northamptonshire headquarters, the soil fit perfectly with Jilayne's determination to reduce the carbon footprint of her builds. Thanks to Jilayne's collaborative efforts with landscaper, Tecwyn Evans of Living Landscapes, which also prides itself on its sustainable and environmental construction practices, The Fauna & Flora Garden was also entirely cement and concrete free.

Since the close of the show, the garden has been carefully broken down, with much of its contents already on the road to the UK hub of the educational charity and tourist destination, the Eden Project.

Over at the Great Pavilion, Boughton's BLS 40 made a reappearance, this time within the Food for Thought Garden, designed by RHS Chelsea stalwart, John Wheatley. This garden saw seed company Marshalls sponsor a space that demonstrated how beautiful an ordered vegetable garden can be, whilst showcasing a number of recycling and upcycling techniques. The incredible vegetable display, lovingly grown by Terry Porter, saw Boughton's soil take centre stage, supporting the crops as they were on display at the show.



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June: The Lemon Pip Garden – At Boughton we firmly believe in the power of green spaces to inspire, encourage and curate positive experiences for people. In conjunction with this, we care greatly about soil health and its structure, understanding that resilient and healthy plant growth starts from the ground up; much like the foundations of a person's positive mental health.

Working closely with award-winning landscape Architects Bowles & Wyer, particularly John Wyer, CEO and Jeff Stephenson, Head of Maintenance, we are thrilled to have teamed up to donate over 7.5k litres of our bagged single sourced BLS 40 screened natural topsoil mixed with organic compost, alongside our Subsoil, to the Lemon Pip Garden, a community-run urban garden at The Abbey Centre, in the heart of Westminster, Central London.

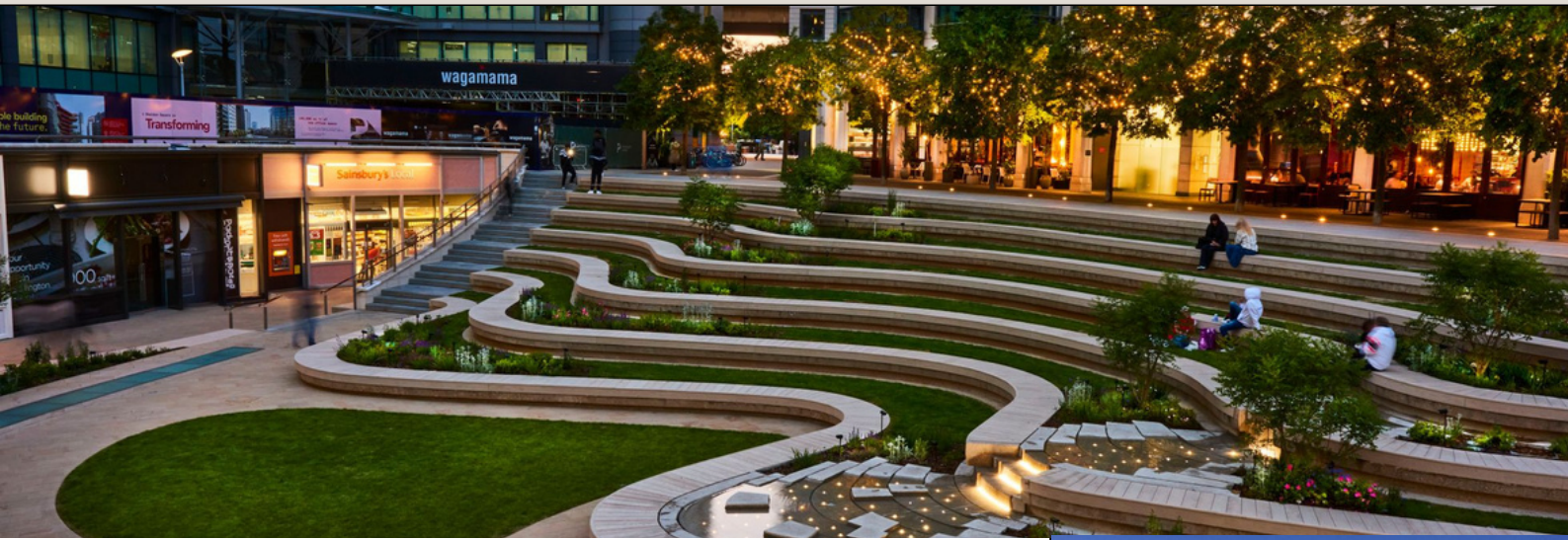
June: Peterborough site opens! – Part of our five-year expansion plans, the Peterborough site represents the ongoing extension of Boughton's geographical offering to better cater for rapidly growing customer demand for natural and sustainable landscaping products.

August: Boughton sponsor the Pro Landscaper Sustainability & Biodiversity Awards – August saw the confirmation of Boughton as sponsors of the Landscape Architecture Company awards category in the inaugural Pro Landscaper Sustainability & Biodiversity Awards, taking place on 22nd November. The awards are designed to showcase the UK landscape sector's green credentials, recognising and rewarding the environmental benefits that companies and projects in the sector provides.

September: Boughton shortlisted at 2024 Society of Garden Designer Awards – The team at Boughton celebrated the shortlisting of its BLS Plus Topsoil for the inaugural Sustainable Product of the Year at the 2024 Society of Garden Designers (SGD) Awards. Open to affiliated business partners only, the award looks to celebrate "known or innovative products manufactured with renewable or largely recycled or reused materials, which minimise or reverse detrimental environmental impact during production and consider the product's entire life cycle including how it is recycled/ repurposed at the end of its life."

In addition, having previously sponsored the 'Fresh Designer Landscapes & Gardens' category at the 2022 edition of the SGD awards, the Boughton team returns once again to show its support with the sponsorship of the UK Commercial or Community Landscapes & Gardens award.

Open to FSGD, MSGD, Registered Practice and Pre-Registered, this award will celebrate communally used public, semi-public, or commercial projects of any size with an emphasis on sustainability.



BOUGHTON INCREASES NBS PRESENCE – ACCESS 20 PRODUCTS

As the year draws to a close Boughton, has further expanded its NBS product portfolio, which will see it grow to 20 products.

Demonstrative of its commitment to supporting the landscape architecture and garden design sectors, Boughton’s presence on both NBS’s Chorus and Source programmes makes it easier than ever to nurture new relationships, educate on the importance of ‘organic, as-dug’ soils and to learn more about Boughton’s ever expanding portfolio which includes ‘as dug’ topsoil solutions alongside subsoils, green roof substrates, sands, Rootzone, turf dressing and tree soils, as well as the newly introduced SuDs Soils.

Jason Lock, Business Development Manager at Boughton said: “NBS is a vital resource that connects us with key decision makers, including contractors and specifiers. The system has worked extremely well for us and has enabled us to build lasting relationships. The expansion of our NBS product profile we further enhance these relationships.”



NEW BOUGHTON DEPOT TO OPEN AT BEDFORD


We are excited to announce the launch of a new depot in Bedford, as we continue to expand our geographical offering to better cater for rapidly growing customer demand for natural and sustainable landscaping products.

This expansion continues to build on our five-year growth plans, which included the recent launch of our Peterborough depot, Hinckley depot and site in Burton Latimer.

Site Address: Sunderland Hill, Kimbolton Rd, B660 MK44 2SJ

Our Bedford depot will be offering competitive rates on loose loads and bulk bags of our most popular topsoils:

- BLS2 Screened Natural Topsoil
- BLS20 Natural Topsoil – Natural topsoil blended with 20% compost
- BLS40 Natural Topsoil – Natural topsoil blended with 40% compost

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