



Fit for a Queen!

PAREX Streetscape mortars were a key element in a high profile scheme to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and provide a major facelift for an area of the Capital on the Olympic Torch route.



Jubilee Gardens on London's South Bank lies in the shadow of the famous London Eye and required the highest quality natural paving materials for a scheme that was five years in the planning. The new green landmark for London has revitalised an area originally developed to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

The new scheme encompassed hard and soft landscaping, tree planting and provision of an elevated pathway and subterranean plant store, together with a children's play area and an area for outdoor events.

Parex Granatech, a BS7533 compliant slurried jointing mortar was used for jointing some 3,700 m² of both flamed and cropped granite setts measuring 100x100x70 and 125x125x70 which forms the main pathways. The material was selected by main contractor Frost Landscapes based on previous experience of using it.

Granatech in Natural was specified for the 10mm joints with subcontractor Masterlay using more than 2,500 25kg bags of the material during the course of the contract.

The transformation of the gardens has been managed by the Jubilee Gardens Project Board comprising of Lambeth Council, Southbank Centre, previous owner of Jubilee Gardens, the Jubilee Gardens Trust and Transport for London, which provided funding towards the project on behalf of the Mayor. Other funding came from Lambeth Council and contributions were made from several charitable trusts.

The gardens were officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen in October 2012.

Client: South Bank Employers Group
Engineers: West 8, Amsterdam, Holland
Main Contractor: Frost Landscapes, Milton Keynes
Sub Contractor: Masterlay Groundworks Ltd, Portsmouth

Parex Products used: Granatech Natural