

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

for Beechwood & Ballantyne Community Housing Association



In 2006 Ainsley Gommon was appointed to carry out a consultation exercise to assist with the preparation of a Feasibility Study for the Beechwood & Ballantyne Estate, which had enjoyed long term investment in its housing stock. The public realm had not enjoyed the same investment, consequently the estate gave the impression of being run-down and unattractive. As part of that study it was acknowledged that in order to bring new economic activity to the area, the commercial centre and Balliol Close Mews required better connection to the wider community.

Subsequent to the Feasibility Study Masterplan, BBCHA secured funding to undertake some of the identified external works improvements. Ainsley Gommon designed a series of landscape proposals which included the upgrade of the public spaces between the commercial buildings, signage, shrub and tree planting, lighting and hardscape.

Our designs delivered:

- a high-quality landscape environment that is attractive to residents and visitors;
- a safe, stimulating and comfortable external environment;
- a more clearly defined path system that will allow people to walk safely within the development.

The introduction of planting to some of the courtyards has softened the spaces around the shops on Fender Way. The soft and hard landscape to both Fender Way and Beechwood Drive have been developed to introduce a more modern landscape design.

Value:	£200k
Completed:	Autumn 2008
Contract:	Traditional