



Design & Display GRP Structures

case study: Barton Square Statues



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Shoppers at Manchester's landmark £70 million Barton Square retail project can explore a whole new retail experience, drinking in the sights just as the architect envisioned, thanks to Design & Display Structures.

Brief

To coordinate the installation of various sized statues, eagles, obelisks and urns at the new Barton Square development.

Solution

Taking seven months to complete, a total of 233 statues made from GRP were placed at carefully chosen points around the entire building and balconies. In addition, Design & Display Structures refurbished 20 existing urns from the original Trafford Centre and installed them among the new display.

Delivered to site in a number of containers, the features were unloaded, inspected and moved in to covered areas where the neutral sculptures were decorated by David Thelwell Specialist Decorators Ltd. The finished items were then carefully moved by Design & Display Structures around the site in preparation for fast track installation.

Working on such a busy site required careful co-ordination with numerous other trades and,

on occasion, meant working at night. The company used five axle, long reach cranes and steelwork platforms to position the pieces at high level around the courtyard and perimeter of the new building.

Making a considerable visual impact, its completion follows Design & Display Structures' design, manufacture and installation of the project's Rotunda and award winning Campanile Belfry. Altogether, the company's collective contract value on the development has now exceeded £1.2 million.

Benefits

With Design & Display Structures' expertise, it was able to utilise GRP's lightweight nature and strength to install the desired pieces with maximum efficiency, on time and within the tender sum.

Success relied heavily on Design & Display Structures' efficient project management skills and dedication to partnering.

Client:

Bovis Lend Lease

Architects:

Leach Rhodes Walker

Project:

Barton Square
Trafford Centre, Manchester

Products:

Installation of over 200 statues

Project Duration:

7 months