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Animal Welfare and Behaviour Group

The Animal Welfare and Behaviour Group is based within the University of Bristol's Department of Clinical Veterinary Science at Langford.

The Group provides a centre of excellence in animal welfare science, influencing national and international agendas, innovating in all aspects from fundamental to applied research, and working with farm, companion, laboratory, zoo and working animals.

The group provides top quality, research-informed teaching, including a BSc in Behaviour and Welfare, and plays a critical role in developing the careers of scientists interested in animal welfare.

When the Animal Welfare and Behaviour Group at Bristol University needed to expand the number of personnel, they chose to partner their preferred supplier, Godfrey Syrett to procure the furniture for the new building through the National Framework Agreement.

The University was particularly keen to ensure the new building was built and furnished to the highest environmental BREEAM (BRE Environmental Assessment Method) standards. BREEAM addresses wide-ranging environmental and sustainability issues and enables developers and designers to prove the environmental credentials of their buildings.

Environmental awareness is particularly important to Godfrey Syrett and all employees are committed to our policy and standards. From design, through manufacture, delivery and installation, Environmental understanding is paramount to our workforce.

To aid the groups vision Godfrey Syrett specified our 'greenest' products and this high level of Environmental awareness has assisted the University

of Bristol to achieve its 75% BREEAM performance rating.

The offices were furnished with a combination of MK3 Single Wave and Radial desks with cantilever frame. Localised storage was provided by wooden desk high pedestals and mobile under desk pedestals, whilst shared storage was provided by wooden side opening tambours.

All wooden furniture is manufactured in accordance with our FSC accreditation, to carry the FSC label our products must be verified as coming from a certified well managed forest.

VDU seating was from our Ergo Plus range with extra high back and adjustable PU arms for added comfort for the staff. The Group chose a striking 'Cayman' fabric which is from the Camira range and also comes with the highest environmental credentials.

The open plan offices used the same MK3 desks; however, these were manufactured to the exact requirements of the building and needed to be cut to the precise shape of the walls.

The smaller offices (whether single or multiple occupancy) utilised the same furniture throughout and meeting areas were created using Milano circular tables and Envoy EV10 chairs.

The meeting room was furnished with Alto 200 tilt top tables and Public chairs which not only maximised the space available but created a meeting room which was both stylish and functional.

"The products proposed by Godfrey Syrett have indeed contributed to our excellent BREEAM rating and I have been extremely impressed by the professionalism of the entire Godfrey Syrett team", commented Peter Read, Senior Site & School Administrator.

"We have been presented with challenges during the project; however, the Godfrey Syrett team have worked with us to provide practical solutions and I am very pleased with the installation so far", Peter went on to say.

The new building will be opened by Sir David Attenborough on 30th April and will continue the world class research into animal behaviour welfare.

