

## **PRAISE FOR STEEPLE MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Blakedown has received great feedback following the completion of landscaping works at Steeple Memorial Gardens in time for the British Royal Legion's Commemoration for the battle of Gallipoli.

Steeped in local history, the garden was primarily used as a pedestrian route into the town centre. The aim was to transform the site into a quality open space that was not only attractive and relaxing, but paid homage to the site's heritage.

The garden was the location of the first church in Bexleyheath. It is also the town's War Memorial and garden of remembrance for local civilians who lost their lives fighting in conflict and killed in the Blitz of the Second World War.

Works included installation of granite paving, play equipment, bespoke tree grilles, and a bespoke gateway feature fabricated in corten steel. Granite benches were also installed with one being engraved. Soft landscaping included turfing and planting.

Mark Taylor at London Borough of Bexley Council praised Project Manager Ash Ramsey for how he had managed the scheme and how the local residents were impressed with the team.

"(We) are very happy with the overall experience of working with you and your colleagues. We had a number of challenges with the project, but your crew all approached them with a can do attitude.

"For a project of this complexity and land the length of time the public were excluded from the main site is unheard of, which demonstrates how well Ash and the crew managed the project themselves" Bexley's Mayor attended the commemoration event on 25<sup>th</sup> April and also commented that the park and the war memorial looked "fantastic".

**Coverage:**

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