



**Floriade: Netherlands Exposition**

Floriade has been described as a sort of ‘Flower Olympics’ - or more correctly a ‘unique horticultural expo’ that is organized once every 10 years, in the Netherlands. The Floriade Park covers 66 hectares and encompasses 5 unique themed worlds, separated by wooded areas. It is open every day between 5 April and 7 October 2012. Working with our Dutch distributor, ANS have installed 2 external and 2 internal living walls. Due to the locations, taking photos was difficult but hopefully the following will give some idea of the finished result!



**Acopia Group : Bognor Regis**

Acopia is a large international packaging company, with a number of offices across the UK. April 2012, they moved into their new headquarters in Bognor, West Sussex. At one end of the main office upstairs, is a living wall! The double sided wall separates the main office from the break-out come kitchen area. The purpose of the living wall is to deaden noise (boiling kettles, breaking mugs and munching etc), provide a healthier atmosphere for the staff and to bring a bit of colourful nature into the office! All of the irrigation controls and valves etc were housed in a cupboard under the sink.



**Making a stand**

**Ecobuild : Excel, London**

Last month saw another stunning ANS living wall at Ecobuild. Using a number of different species of internal plants, the living wall was an interesting design. Mounted into the wall was a large plasma screen, showing some of the recent projects completed. The stand included a full model of the irrigation system, also integrating a rainwater harvesting system into the living wall. 4 – 6 people were managing the stand each day, and we were ridiculously busy!



**Hose pipe ban does not affect living walls**

*“The following will be exempted from the restriction: drip or trickle irrigation watering systems, fitted with a pressure reducing valve and a timer, that are not handheld, that place water drip by drip directly onto the soil surface or beneath the soil surface, without any surface run off or dispersion of water through the air using a jet or mist.”*

Thames Water’s website

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