



The Client - L & M Healthcare, Whittle Hall, Warrington



The Brief

The initial meetings

were held with the team at Whittle Hall, with a vision to create a beautiful piece of interactive art to form the centrepiece of a seaside setting. The art installation had to be designed to promote happiness and enjoyment for residents living with dementia and also to encourage activities such as singing and music.

The brief was to design a three-dimensional, soft sculptured, sensory piece of art with an element of FUN and to help create pathways to communication.

L&M Healthcare provide luxurious home-from-home environments and specialise in the kind of personalised general nursing and dementia care that develops, sustains and where possible, improves mental and motor skills.



The Concept

To develop a piece of 'Living Art'

Little Islands drew upon the knowledge, skills and technology learned from creating their unique sensory rooms, to design, manufacture and install a fully interactive centrepiece that is guaranteed to put a smile on everyone's face.

With the sound of waves breaking gently on the beach in the background, touching the 3 dimensional tactile elements adds the sound of seagulls, a sea shanty, a dog barking playfully, children laughing and many, many more sound and light effects, to the fun and stimulating experience.



The Solution

'An inspirational work of Interactive Art'

It's one thing to have items of beauty decorating your walls and making a home look and feel like it is five-star luxury.

But something absolutely magical happens when a work of art can form part of everyday life and make our residents experience happiness and calm, even if that is only momentary.

That is what we have achieved with our Living Wall and that's why judges declared it "Art Installation of the Year."



Testimonial

"I chose to work with Little Islands because they share my vision for innovation and appreciation of good design. We worked closely together to ensure content, colours and fabrics were practical, had removable elements to facilitate cleaning after heavy use and met with fire, health and safety standards as well as looking and feeling good."

Everyone involved and indeed everyone who has seen it since falls in love with it and wants to engage with it straight away.

L&M Health care won 'Art Installation of the Year' at the Design in Mental Health Awards 2018 for our Seaside Living Wall at Whittle Hall in Warrington. It was designed, hand made and installed by Little Islands.

Not only is our wall beautiful to look at, it is used to stimulate fond memories of the seaside through sound, sight, smell and touch. Residents, staff and visitors alike absolutely love it.

No one can walk past it without touching it and everyone who sees it can't help smiling"

Jeanne Davies - Director L&M Healthcare