

Parker Building Supplies products find an unexpected use

FLEXING OUR MUSSELS IN CAMBRIDGE

Parker Building Supplies online shop receives a wide variety of orders on a daily basis, but possibly the most unusual so far was received from the Zoological laboratory at Cambridge University for 145 Marley Waste 32mm Straight Couplings.

Curiosity got the better of us so we asked the question of Zoologist Holly Barclay who told us "I am actually using the couplings in an experiment looking at growth and survival of freshwater mussels. With a bit of mesh at each end of a coupling they make good chambers to keep the young mussels in with a water current flowing past them. Probably not what the manufacturers had in mind but it seems to work quite well !"

Zoology is a large, multi-disciplinary Department at Cambridge, whose members conduct research and teaching in areas ranging from molecular biology to behavioural ecology. In the last five years, the work of 16 of their members has been recognised by 28 national or international awards. The number of current research staff is over 100 including 36 research fellows on competitive national and international awards.

Zoology is central to our understanding of the world. Zoologists seek to discover the fundamental principles that underpin animal life focusing on the diversity, function and evolution of animals and thus providing the scientific basis for our knowledge both of the creatures with whom we share this planet and of ourselves.

Parker Building Supplies (and indeed Marley waste) are only to happy to help with the University's highly regarded research !



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