

Yellowwave Beach Sports Centre

Client: Yellowwave Ltd
Size: 2200m²
Value: £500k
Status: completed March 2007

In partnership with local firm Yellowwave, **rhp** won a competition in 2005 run by Brighton and Hove City Council for a sand-based beach sports centre to be built halfway between Brighton's Palace Pier and the Marina.

The site lies directly on the beach below Kemptown so has the sea immediately to the south and the impressive Regency townscape to the north. Our aesthetically sensitive design respects the precious environment of the beach and avoids impacting on the views from the esplanades and terraces of Kemptown.

Using a simple palette of predominantly sustainable materials, chiefly timber, our design houses a single

storey Sports Pavilion with a reception area, café, changing rooms, a viewing area and climbing wall. The Pavilion is built from a prefabricated timber panel system. Beach shingle covers the roof.

Imported sand was used to create six beach volleyball courts, which can also be configured as two five-a-side beach soccer pitches or one international beach soccer pitch. The sand courts are enclosed by a screen of untreated western red cedar cladding, timber posts and canvas.

Yellowwave is popular seafront venue and offers inclusive activities for all ages and abilities.

