

## A Winter Garden Challenge—Success!

Last week saw plenty of snow fall in York but this was not enough to stop students from ND Horticulture and from the NC Horticulture Landscape option construct a Garden of Winter Interest in the car park of the Royal Hotel.

Ministers such as Ed Balls and school staff saw the garden as they attended the North England Educational Conference which was being held at the hotel. As the country's most prestigious education conference, which has been running for over a hundred years, the NEEC has always attracted the key professionals from education and the theme of this year's conference was 'Unlocking Children's Potential.'

Section Leader Andrew Mahy says: "Our students and staff certainly proved their potential as they braved sub-zero temperatures, frozen ground and laid slabs of thawing turf to produce a garden which any of the conference goers would envy. And all this in only three days! A very well done to students Chris Dunn, Simon Miller, Adam Cooper, Joe Thorpe, Ashley Burnett, Ben Rutter, Adam Binns, Jack Skelton, Rob Wheelhouse, to name but a few, under the expert guidance of Harry Turner and Dave Wakeley. Another feat of Horticultural excellence!"