

Construction starts on a walkway through Kew's tree tops



Over the coming months, the Rhizotron and Xstrata Treetop Walkway will take shape in the Arboretum and will open in May

Work has begun on the new Rhizotron and Xstrata Treetop Walkway, thanks to two major donations from Hanson Environment Fund (through the Landfill Communities Fund) and the diversified mining group Xstrata plc. Joint contractors Britlands and Mackleys have the exciting task of constructing this unique feature. “Both see this project as a challenge and far more difficult than constructing a normal building,” says head of Arboretum Tony Kirkham. The Walkway, designed by Marks Barfield, architects of the London Eye, is due to open in May 2008.