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Ornamental Gardens

Flexipave

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Flexipave within Ornamental Gardens

The key properties of Flexipave— namely its porosity and the use of recycled tyres within the material— make it an ideal choice for ornamental gardens and visitor attractions. Flexipave also requires no edging, allowing our clients to create free-flowing pathways that conform to the natural terrain of the site.

PMP Surfacing is privileged to have worked with three of the UK's most prestigious ornamental gardens: the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, RHS Harlow Carr and RHS Wisley.

Within these locations, root intrusion from trees and plants can have a damaging effect on traditional pathways.





Sustainable Pathway Drainage

Our work at these sites has seen the creation, transformation or renovation of pedestrian footpaths, resulting in better-looking pathways that also allow water to drain directly through them and into the ground below.

The very nature of these locations requires the drainage to be as efficient as possible. The use of Flexipave contributes to the natural replenishment of groundwater, the subsequent effect being improved water flow to the trees, plants and flowers contained within these locations.



Testimonials

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew-
We installed Flexipave on a test area of the site and the early feedback is really positive. We wanted to use a material that had a sustainable aspect and we really like the idea of the recycled tyres within Flexipave. We were also attracted to the ease of installation as we wanted to use a product that eliminated the need to spend a load of money on footings or groundworks.

Another key factor was sourcing a product that integrates well with our Arboretum, helping to promote healthy root growth rather than hindering it. The properties of Flexipave matched up to our own specific criteria and all the early evidence points towards it working exactly as expected.

David Johnson, Operations Manager, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

RHS Harlow Carr -
Harlow Carr in Norse language means Boggy Place. The 60-acre garden is on a sloping site, has a healthy rainfall pattern, and now has over 360,000 visitors a year. Issues relating to paths and access represent some of our biggest challenges. When I started as Curator over a year ago, I was looking to improve the pathway systems and deal with the drainage issues that hard-standing areas can cause. The RHS campaign to discourage concrete and tarmac replacing many people's front gardens was in the headlines, which prompted me to visit companies using alternatives to traditional paving. solutions.

Porous paving stood out from the crowd as a flexible, attractive and cost effective solution to our pathway problems. I invited PMP Surfacing to demonstrate the various mixes and finishes we could choose and was impressed by their enthusiasm for the Flexipave product and their desire to find the right mix for the right place within the garden. PMP Surfacing then laid out a test pad for us to try and get the team behind a new idea. This worked perfectly and we are now using their porous paving as the product for any new pathways in the garden."

Paul Cook, Curator, RHS Garden Harlow Carr



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