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Cemeteries & Crematoria

Cemeteries and Crematoriums are sensitive locations, the nature of which means that unhindered access is required all year round, in all weather conditions. This makes the choice of paving material a key part of premises operations, and has resulted in the KBI Flexipave material being used in more and more of these locations.

Several such projects have been conducted for Dacorum Borough Council and for sites in the surrounding areas of Southern England. The projects have all been delivered following rigorous specification processes that saw KBI Flexipave selected as the ideal choice of paving product.



Alan Sheldon, Bereavement Services Manager, Dacorum Borough Council,
Woodwells Cemetery

KBI Flexipave has provided us with a durable and flexible system of pathways within our burial areas. The network of pathways has greatly increased the accessibility to the graves, both for the public and our machinery, offering clean, safe and dry access throughout the wettest winter on record.

KBI Flexipave has proved to be an ideal product to replace our traditional paving slabs, which were broken, uneven and required annual weed treatment.



Using KBI Flexipave means that the path stays accessible all year round, is extremely eco-friendly and highly presentable. Minimal maintenance will be required, reducing operating costs.

“Preparation couldn’t have been easier: we simply lifted the old paving, leveled the sub-base as required and PMP Surfacing did all the rest. This kept costs to a minimum given that we also did not have to install any edging. The installation team was polite, very good with inquisitive cemetery visitors, and left a clean and tidy site when they had finished, which is very important to me.

I intend to examine other alternative applications for KBI Flexipave, where I have issues with surface drainage.”



“Preparation couldn’t have been easier”



Car Tyres Used → 298

Colour Scheme → Gold Stone

Duration → 2 days onsite

Roddy McGinley, Crematorium & Cemeteries Manager, The Southern Cooperative

“My association with KBI Flexipave goes back to the IOG Saltex exhibition at Windsor Racecourse in 2010. It was during a walk around the grounds maintenance exhibitors with my cemeteries team that I first came across the product and thought about its potential to be used in cemeteries and crematoria. Since then KBI Flexipave has been utilised in many cemetery and crematorium grounds throughout the country - including my brand new crematorium in Hampshire - with excellent success.

Dacorum Borough Council Cemeteries Department was the first bereavement service in the UK to use the product in the context of cemetery pathways, which in the past has generally consisted of slab pathway instalments which in time do “ lift “ and create an uneven surface for visitors, thus creating a potentially dangerous situation which does not sit well with the health and safety requirements of the present day.”



“After the first installation of KBI Flexipave at Dacorum it became apparent that the product was somewhat tailor made for areas that receive high volumes of visitors throughout the year.

Since late June 2013 I have taken the position of Crematorium and Cemeteries Manager at The Southern Cooperative’s new £4million state of the art crematorium “The Oaks”, in Havant, Hampshire, and also the beautiful Clayton Wood Natural Burial Ground in Hassocks, near Brighton. I have already incorporated KBI Flexipave at The Oaks crematorium in the form of a pathway in our “ancient woodland” area which operates in conjunction with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. The area in question encapsulates all of the ethos and ethics of bereavement within an ecologically conscious environment and the KBI Flexipave walkway that has been installed certainly fits the bill in that sense, with 83% of the nitrates and 87% of the phosphates being filtered from the rain by the path and thus prevented from entering the sub soil.

The Isle of Wight and Hampshire Wild Life Trust are delighted with the ecological benefits that are provided by the path, as are The Southern Cooperative due to the sustainable nature, public health and safety advantages, not forgetting the pleasing aesthetic quality that the path provides.”

“All in all, I am delighted to consider PMP and KBI Flexipave an integral and vital part of my operation, safe in the knowledge that the product is not only visually attractive but perfectly safe for visitor use and ecologically beneficial to the environment. In my opinion, KBI Flexipave should be a standard requirement for all projects where public pathways are in use.”

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Havant Crematorium

KBI Flexipave negates the use of edging, allowing the turf to be laid right up to the edge of the new pathways.



With no edging required and minimal ground preparation, the installation team was easily able to create this sweeping pathway that follows the natural contours of the site.

Car Tyres Used → 720

Colour Scheme → Gold Stone

Duration → 4 days onsite

Graham Pell, PMP Europe Ltd - Director

“Using KBI Flexipave in cemeteries and crematoriums has a number of benefits that make it extremely suitable for these sites. The use of rubber from the recycled car tyres means that the finished material is extremely quiet underfoot. Anyone who has walked on a tarmac path in heavy soled shoes will be aware of just how loud it can be. The environment of a cemetery or crematorium requires peace and quiet, so to have a paving material that promotes this is a property of KBI Flexipave that is often overlooked.

The fact that KBI Flexipave can be laid without edging is another key asset to these projects. This gives planners, landscapers and installation teams far greater flexibility when it comes to designing a layout. As the pictures demonstrate, minimal ground work is required, which improves the impact on existing locations by reducing the time on site.

The most talked about properties of KBI Flexipave are ultimately what makes it so applicable to cemeteries and crematoriums. The product is completely porous, eliminating standing water on pathways, which will also prevent ice forming in winter months. Even in the most extreme weather, the material will not crack or distort. These properties all combine to ensure that access is available all year round. It is also eco-friendly due to the recycled material used in the process.

KBI Flexipave also requires minimal maintenance, helping site managers to keep pathways open and reducing their operational costs.”



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