

# PMP Surfacing

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## Ornamental Gardens



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## **KBI Flexipave Within Ornamental Gardens**

The key properties of KBI Flexipave – namely its porosity and the use of recycled tyres within the material – make it an ideal choice for ornamental gardens and visitor attraction. KBI 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 pathways

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 straight through them and in to the ground below.

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



## Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

We installed KBI 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 KBI 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 KBI 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 methods.

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 KBI 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***

## **RHS Wisley**

“We have installed a KBI Flexipave surface on a sloping site that has a high water table, and previously had an eroding path that never looked presentable given the erosion channels which readily formed in it. The KBI Flexipave solution has eliminated this problem, and the finish blends sympathetically into the surrounding meadow. The rubber content gives a pleasing traction to walk on, and we have already received a lot of positive feedback from our visitors in a short space of time.”

***Matthew Pottage, Deputy Curator***





“In many respects, the ornamental garden projects offer the perfect way to present the benefits of using KBI Flexipave. All three locations are revered the world over and are visited by millions of people wishing to see the finest examples of horticulture. This means that clear & safe pedestrian access must be available at all times. However, all three locations have carefully considered the impact that traditional surfacing materials could have on their locations, hence their desire to deploy a sustainable porous solution.

As highlighted by representatives from each of the sites, the use of KBI Flexipave has given them a material that can be easily installed within the context of the landscape. Our material has eliminated standing water, is promoting natural drainage directly into the ground, and is also utilising recycled material thus offering an eco-friendly solution.

PMP Surfacing is delighted to have supplied and installed its products to these historic sites and looks forward to continuing its relationship with all three teams.”

***Graham Pell, PMP Europe - Director***

# Key Statistics

## Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Car Tyres Used	→	396
Colour Scheme	→	Gold
Duration	→	2 Days Onsite

## RHS Harlow Carr

Car Tyres Used	→	783
Colour Scheme Grey	→	Gold and Silver
Duration	→	5 Days Onsite

## RHS Wisley

Car Tyres Used	→	162
Colour Scheme	→	Gold
Duration	→	1 Day Onsite

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