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EWEEDING:
INNOVATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN WEED MANAGEMENT



eWeeding Roller

The UN Sustainable Development Goals shows why eWeeding is the future for weed control on pavements. Making public spaces more sustainable requires more than simply purchasing electric equipment. For city councils, green contractors and other clients, the key question is ultimately: how can we achieve the required quality with as little impact as possible on the climate, resources, water, biodiversity and people?

eWeeding demonstrates that effectiveness and sustainability can go hand in hand.

The technology is distinguished by a new mode of action compared to traditional chemical methods, brushing or hot water. Electricity is conducted through the plant and damages it from the inside. This affects not only the above-ground part: the electricity also reaches the roots. As a result, eWeeding does not merely remove visible weeds, but also addresses the basis for regrowth.

This root action is particularly important for sustainable management. When weeds do not return or less quickly, fewer management treatments are required, less labor is required and at the end the environmental impact to maintain the required weed control standard is reduced. (table 1).

Sustainability starts with how it works

It is tempting to present electric weed management simply as an alternative to fossil fuels. The greatest sustainability benefit does not arise solely because a machine is electric, but because the total management effort can be reduced. Mechanical methods such as brushing mainly remove the above-ground part of the weed. Thermal

Effective treatment	Root action	No or less regrowth	Fewer treatments	Less labor required	Less resources needed	Less impact environment

Table 1: eWeeding sustainability chain

SDG	Contribution eWeeding
6. Clean water and sanitation	o No use of pesticides o No drinking water required for the treatment
7. Affordable and clean energy	o Electric operation o Application with renewable energy o No use of fossil energy
8 Decent work and economic growth	o Knowledge and craftmanship by operators o Future proof jobs
9 Innovation	o New technology o New mode of action for weed control
11. Sustainable cities and communities	o Less treatments o Less disturbance o Less equipment required
12. Responsible consumption and production	o More efficiënt use of resources like energy, water and materials
13. Climate action	o Less fossil energy o Decrease of carbon footprint
14. Life below water	o No chemical products required
15. Life on land	o Targeted treatment without use of pesticides

Table 2: SDG contribution of eWeeding

methods likewise primarily affect the above-ground part. eWeeding works differently: electricity is conducted through the plant and reaches the roots. As a result, there is virtually no regrowth.

That difference is important for clients. Sustainability is not only about the emissions of a single treatment, but about the total environmental impact over an entire management year.

Fewer treatments mean fewer machine hours, fewer transport movements, less energy consumption and less deployment of personnel. In addition, public spaces are subjected to maintenance activities less frequently. Effectiveness is therefore a prerequisite for sustainability.

The Contribution of eWeeding to Sustainability

eWeeding contributes to several Sustainable Development Goals by its new mode of action. The method supports the energy transition by using electricity instead of fossil fuels and, through its long-lasting root-level effect, reduces the number of treatments required. This results in more efficient use of energy, water, materials and equipment, as well as fewer machine movements, less noise, transport and disruption. At the same time, eWeeding promotes innovation and requires technical knowledge and professional expertise. Because no chemical products are used, the impact on water and soil is reduced. Careful application remains important, as the ecological impact depends on the location, dosage and conditions. In table 2 an overview is presented of the contribution of eWeeding to 9 out of the 17 United Nations Sustainability Goals

Table 2: SDG contribution of eWeeding

From Sustainability Ambition to Daily Practice

For policymakers, it is relatively easy to formulate climate neutrality, biodiversity and circularity as policy objectives. The challenge is to translate those ambitions into the daily maintenance activities. A municipality that chooses a method with fewer management treatments, less fossil energy, no drinking water and no chemical products makes its sustainability policy visible in the street and to the public.

By using eWeeding, green contractors can position themselves not only as service providers, but also as sustainability partners for their clients. The relevant question in procurement and management is then not only: "What does one treatment cost?" but: "What is the total environmental impact and deployment required to achieve the desired quality level throughout the year?"

The Future of Weed Management Is Integrated

Making public spaces more sustainable requires an integrated approach. It is not about one machine, one energy source or one SDG. It is about the interaction between technology, effectiveness, labor, energy, resources, climate and ecology.

eWeeding addresses all these themes.

Conclusion

The discussion about sustainable weed management should therefore not begin with the question of which method appears to be the least burdensome, but with the question: Which method achieves the desired visual quality with the lowest possible overall use of energy, water, labor, materials and management treatments?

eWeeding provides a clear answer. Not because electric automatically means sustainable. Not because one treatment solves every problem. But because an effective mode of action, root action, less regrowth and electrification together make a new way of managing possible. eWeeding is therefore more than an alternative to traditional weed management. eWeeding is a tool for making sustainability ambitions tangible in public spaces.

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www.eweeding.com



GROUNDSFEST 2026

WHERE THE LANDSCAPING INDUSTRY COMES TOGETHER

For landscaping professionals looking to discover new products, improve efficiency and keep ahead of industry developments, GroundsFest 2026 offers two days of practical inspiration, innovation and networking. Taking place at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, on 16-17 September, the event brings together leading brands, manufacturers, contractors and industry experts from across the landscaping sector.

GroundsFest combines the traditional trade show experience with extensive outdoor demonstration areas, giving visitors the opportunity to see machinery and equipment working in real-world conditions. Rather than simply viewing products on a stand, visitors can compare machines and technologies, watch live demonstrations and speak directly to the people behind the products. More than 500 brands will be represented across the event, covering everything from landscaping machinery, compact equipment and battery-powered technology to irrigation, tools, planting solutions, hard landscaping products and business services. For contractors, business owners and those responsible for purchasing, it provides an opportunity to investigate new products, meet suppliers and find practical solutions to improve productivity and profitability.

A key attraction for landscaping professionals will be the dedicated Landscape Zone, delivered in partnership with the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI). The zone will provide a programme of free seminars and demonstrations covering subjects including tree planting, biodiversity, sustainable landscaping and business development. With CPD opportunities available, visitors can take away practical knowledge as well as discovering new products and ideas.

Machinery Nation LIVE will also return, providing one of GroundsFest's most interactive experiences. Leading manufacturers will put their latest equipment through its paces, allowing visitors to see how different machines perform before making informed purchasing decisions.

The event's community atmosphere is another major part of its appeal. GroundsFest provides a relaxed environment to meet manufacturers, catch up with suppliers, network with fellow contractors and make new business connections. The popular lawn mower racing adds an entertaining competitive element, while the GroundsFest Festival keeps the atmosphere going after the exhibition closes, with live music, food and drink, bumper cars and interactive games. By popular demand, a Queen tribute band will headline this year's festival. GroundsFest is free to attend and offers free parking, while complimentary coach transfers will run between Leamington Spa railway station and Stoneleigh Park throughout both days.

With live demonstrations, expert education, hundreds of brands and plenty of opportunities to connect with the industry, GroundsFest 2026 offers a fresh and practical approach to the trade show experience.

Register FREE today at www.groundsfest.com and join the UK's most exciting landscaping and groundscare event.

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KRESS AT GROUNDSFEST 2026:
STAND RB290



Kress returns to GroundsFest 2026 with its biggest showcase yet. Once again, you'll find the team right by the main entrance on Stand RB290, making it easy to stop by and experience the latest innovations in professional landscaping equipment. Throughout the show, visitors will have the chance to see cutting-edge technology in action, get hands-on with the latest products and speak to the experts behind the range.

Here's what you can expect:

- **See the action:** Watch live demonstrations of the all-new Voyager 60, the Master Series robotic mower range, iPilot technology and Kress's game-changing 4x4 robotic mower.

- **Expert advice:** Meet the Kress team and discover how the latest advances in performance, productivity and battery technology can help transform your business.

- **Live demonstrations:** Visit the demonstration stage throughout the day for presentations covering the newest additions to the Kress range, alongside the proven favourites professionals already know and trust.

- **Get hands-on:** Put the latest chainsaws, hedge cutters, brush cutters, blowers and more through their paces, with the Kress team on hand to answer your questions.

- **Compete for prizes:** Back by popular demand, the Kress blower challenge returns with a golf-themed twist. You can also test your skills in the football challenge, with plenty of Kress prizes and merchandise up for grabs.

- **Take a break:** Enjoy award-winning pizza from Mono Pizza, back by popular demand, along with the fresh barista coffee that has become a Kress tradition at GroundsFest.

- **Explore the range:** Browse the complete commercial and domestic Kress product portfolio, with plenty of opportunities to see the equipment up close and try it for yourself.

Whether you're looking to discover the latest technology, get practical advice from the experts or simply experience the newest equipment first-hand, there's something for everyone at the Kress stand during GroundsFest 2026.

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Across Westminster's parks and open spaces, Krinkels UK is demonstrating how battery-powered technology can meet the demands of professional grounds maintenance. With a new fleet of Kress commercial equipment, they are improving efficiency, reducing emissions and creating a more comfortable working environment for operators and visitors without compromising on performance.

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From the 2027 season onwards, selected AS-Motor machines will be available with a Stihl powerhead.

AS-MOTOR ELECTRIC

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From the coming 2027 season, selected AS-Motor machines will be available with the Stihl Powerhead. This will allow users to choose between two established battery systems in future and integrate AS-Motor machines even more easily into their existing fleets of equipment.

Users have the batteries - AS-Motor has the professional machines

Choosing a battery system is a long-term investment. Today's professional users expect not only high-performance machines, but also the ability to use batteries across as many applications as possible.

With the Stihl Powerhead, AS-Motor is expanding its battery portfolio and giving users of the widely used Stihl battery system access to selected specialist machines for professional landscape maintenance. Existing batteries can continue to be used, eliminating the need for additional investment in a separate battery system.
The new solution also opens up additional opportunities for specialist retailers. Many specialist retailers stock both the AS-Motor and Stihl brands. These retailers have relevant experience with the battery system. The new

AS-Motor models can therefore be easily integrated into existing product ranges. At the same time, end customers benefit from a solution that fits seamlessly into their existing equipment fleets.
The new Powerhead variant specifically complements AS-Motor's existing battery range by offering a further choice. Not every user works with the same battery system or has the same requirements. This allows customers to choose the solution that best suits their fleet of machines and their workflows.

The new Stihl Allpro battery system

The new Stihl Allpro battery system forms the basis of the new powerhead, which delivers a peak power output of 2950 watts. This new generation of batteries has been specially developed for professional applications and, thanks to modern tabless cell technology, offers significantly higher power output across the entire charge range. This ensures that consistently high power is available, even as the charge level drops, particularly during power-intensive tasks.

At the same time, the new powerheads are fully compatible with the batteries from the previous Stihl AP system. Users can therefore utilise both the new Allpro batteries and their existing AP batteries, continuing to make full use of their existing investments without any restrictions.

With charging times of just nine minutes to 80 per cent battery capacity (using a fast charger), more than 3,000 charge cycles and IPX5 certification for professional outdoor use, the Allpro system meets the requirements of service providers, local authorities and landscape maintenance professionals. Its high performance, short charging times and long service life make the system an attractive solution for continuous professional use.

The Stihl battery ecosystem already comprises around 80 tools, including hedge trimmers, leaf blowers, chainsaws and other professional applications. The new AS-Motor machines expand this range of applications to include solutions for professional weed control and lawn care. For users, this means a single battery system for even more applications in day-to-day use.

The AS-Motor specialists powered by Stihl

Three AS-Motor Electric models featuring the Stihl Powerhead will be available for the new 2027 season: the two weed brush models, the AS 30 E-WeedHex AP and AS 60 E-WeedHex AP, and the professional mulching lawnmower, the AS 510 E-ProClip A AP.

AS 30 E-WeedHex AP

The AS 30 E-WeedHex AP is the compact solution for professional weed removal on pavements, paved areas and in confined spaces. Its electric drive combines high torque with exceptionally quiet operation, produces no exhaust emissions and ensures comfortable handling. This makes the machine ideal for use in noise-sensitive environments such as residential estates, hospitals, care homes or nurseries. Thanks to its compact design and high manoeuvrability, it really comes into its own on uneven surfaces, cobblestones and along walls, kerbs and edges.



AS-Motor is expanding its AS-Motor Electric portfolio with an additional battery option and will offer three selected machines with the Stihl Powerhead from the coming season.

AS 60 E-WeedHex AP

The AS 60 E-WeedHex AP has been developed for the efficient removal of weeds over larger areas and is aimed in particular at municipal works departments, local authorities and professional service providers. Mechanical weed control is carried out entirely without chemicals and delivers immediately visible results. Thanks to its compact design and balanced weight distribution, the machine can be used safely and comfortably even in confined areas of public spaces. At the same time, users benefit from high area coverage and the advantages of modern battery technology: emission-free operation, low noise levels, minimal maintenance requirements and high torque, available at the touch of a button.

AS 510 E-ProClip A AP

The AS 510 E-ProClip A AP professional mulching lawnmower combines the robust construction of the tried-and-tested ProClip series with the benefits of modern battery technology. With a cutting width of 51 centimetres, the machine achieves a clean cut and excellent mulching results even under demanding conditions. The sturdy steel mulching bell, the triple-bearing crankshaft and the high traction ensure reliability and durability in daily professional use. At the same time, users benefit from particularly quiet and low-vibration operation, reduced maintenance requirements and the low running costs of an electric drive.

The new AS-Motor models powered by Stihl will be available from the 2027 season.

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DENNIS MOWERS TO SHOWCASE COMPLETE TURFCARE SOLUTIONS AT GROUNDSFEST 2026



Dennis Mowers, part of the Howardson Group, will return to GroundsFest 2026 on Stand 50, Hall 1, showcasing professional turf maintenance equipment designed to meet the needs of grounds teams across every level of sport.

As one of Britain's leading manufacturers of professional turfcare machinery, Dennis combines more than a century of engineering expertise with a global reputation for delivering reliable, high-quality equipment. Trusted by everyone from local clubs and schools to international stadiums and championship venues, Dennis machines help maintain consistently high standards across golf, football, rugby, cricket, bowls, tennis and many other sports.

A key focus at this year's show will be the Dennis E-Series. Developed from the company's successful petrol range, the battery-powered machines deliver the same renowned quality of cut and dependable performance, while offering the additional advantages of modern lithium-ion technology.

Compared to petrol-powered equipment, the E-Series provides quieter operation, significantly lower hand-arm vibration, zero exhaust emissions during use and lower day-to-day running costs. Fast charging, familiar controls and proven machine platforms make the transition to battery power straightforward for professional grounds teams.

On display will be the ES-34SL lightweight finishing mower, ES-34R, ES-510 and ES-22 Ultra, demonstrating the breadth of the Dennis electric range. Visitors can also see trusted petrol models including the G860 interchangeable cassette mower, FT610, Razor Ultra and S500 Plus, alongside dedicated FT and G860 cassette displays that showcase the versatility of Dennis' interchangeable cassette system.

Whether considering battery-powered technology for the first time or expanding an existing fleet, visitors can speak with the Dennis team about selecting the right equipment for their maintenance programmes and discover how British engineering continues to support the highest standards in professional turfcare.

Visit Dennis Mowers on Stand 50, Hall 1, at GroundsFest 2026.

About Dennis: Trusted by professionals for its quality, consistency and precision, Dennis designs and manufactures high-performance pedestrian mowers and interchangeable cassette systems for elite and professional sports turf. Engineered to deliver reliable results day after day, Dennis machines support mowing, verticutting, scarifying and aeration across football and rugby pitches, cricket grounds and bowling greens. For larger open areas such as polo fields, Dennis gang mowers provide efficient wide-area coverage while maintaining a consistently high-quality finish.

Howardson Group is a family-owned British manufacturer based in Derby, serving professional and grassroots sport, contractors and local authorities through its SISIS, Hunter Grinders and Dennis brands.

www.dennisuk.com

DSV – EUROGRASS TO SHOWCASE THE LATEST INNOVATIONS IN PREMIUM TURFGRASS



Visitors to GroundsFest 2026 will have the opportunity to discover the latest developments from DSV - EuroGrass in Hall 1, Stand 29, where the team will be showcasing market-leading grass seed varieties and mixtures designed to deliver exceptional performance across the sports turf, amenity and golf sectors.

A key focus on the stand will be two exciting grass varieties, EUROGALA and FLANELL, both of which are exclusively available in EuroGrass mixtures. Attendees will be able to view samples, speak to the DSV team and find out why these varieties are generating so much interest throughout the industry.

FLANELL has already established itself as one of the UK's top-performing perennial ryegrass cultivars, ranking second in the prestigious S1 Sports Table in the BSPB Turfgrass Seed Booklet, sitting just behind another outstanding DSV variety, Euromagic. Exclusively available within the EuroGrass PRO Pitch mixture, FLANELL delivers exceptional sports turf performance, making it an exciting addition for grounds professionals seeking elite playing surfaces.

Alongside FLANELL, EUROGALA continues to impress across both ornamental and sports turf applications. The variety became the first in Germany to achieve the highest possible rating of 9 out of 9 for ornamental turf in the country's official recommendation list and has also excelled in trials conducted by the German Football Association, demonstrating rapid, reliable germination, excellent winter establishment and fast ground cover. EUROGALA also holds one of the highest average scores in the STRI turf variety rankings, combining outstanding visual quality with excellent wear tolerance, an attractive mid-green colour and superb all-round performance, making it a highly recommended choice throughout Europe.

Golf course managers should also take the opportunity to learn more about EuroGrass PRO Links Fairway, a specialist fescue-only mixture developed specifically for links golf fairways and roughs. Designed for low-input maintenance regimes, the mixture delivers excellent drought tolerance while maintaining outstanding turf quality. It includes the newly listed MENTOR hard fescue alongside carefully selected creeping red and Chewings fescue varieties, providing exceptional density, resilience and year-round performance for fine turf environments.

The full EuroGrass range reflects DSV's ongoing commitment to breeding and developing high-quality turfgrass varieties that combine excellent establishment, wear tolerance, disease resistance and visual appeal. Whether maintaining elite sports pitches, golf courses, landscaped areas or public spaces, visitors will be able to explore mixtures tailored to a wide range of applications and discover how the latest breeding innovations can help deliver stronger, healthier and more sustainable turf.

Visit DSV - EuroGrass on Hall 1, Stand 29 to explore the latest varieties, speak with the experts and discover the next generation of high-performance turfgrass solutions.

Please visit www.dsv-uk.co.uk for more information.



HELPING TURF RECOVER:

SISIS RETURNS TO GROUNDSFEST 2026 WITH PRACTICAL ADVICE AND PROVEN SOLUTIONS



Following one of the hottest and driest Julys on record, according to early provisional Met Office figures, grounds staff and greenkeepers across the UK have faced one of the most challenging growing seasons in recent memory. Prolonged dry weather and increasingly unpredictable conditions have placed greater emphasis than ever on maintaining healthy, resilient playing surfaces.

These challenges will provide the backdrop to SISIS' return to GroundsFest 2026, where visitors to Stand OSA170 can discover a comprehensive range of turf preparation and maintenance solutions, backed by decades of practical experience and technical knowledge.

For generations, SISIS has worked alongside professionals responsible for football, rugby, cricket, golf, bowls, education and amenity turf. That experience has shown that successful turf management isn't simply about choosing the right machine, but selecting the right maintenance practice, carrying it out at the right time and ensuring equipment is correctly set up to achieve the best possible results.

The SISIS stand will feature tractor-mounted and pedestrian machinery, hand tools and specialist equipment covering every stage of turf preparation and maintenance, including scarification, aeration, overseeding, brushing, top dressing and surface preparation.

Darren McMahon, Head of Marketing at Howardson Group, said: "This season has reminded everyone in the industry that there is no substitute for strong, healthy turf. The weather may be beyond our control, but how and when we prepare and maintain playing surfaces isn't. Every venue is different, particularly after a season like this, and understanding when conditions are right to carry out maintenance often has just as much impact as the machinery itself. Those are exactly the conversations we'll be having with visitors throughout GroundsFest."

Built in Britain, SISIS machinery has earned a reputation for exceptional durability, dependable performance and long service life. Alongside its natural turf expertise, the company will also be showcasing the Syn-Pro range, supporting facilities responsible for synthetic sports surfaces with specialist maintenance equipment and practical advice.

Visit the SISIS team on Stand OSA170 at GroundsFest 2026 to discuss your maintenance challenges and discover dependable solutions for every stage of turf preparation and maintenance.

www.sisis.com

SEE MANSFIELD SAND'S PROVEN SPORTS TURF SOLUTIONS AT GROUNDSFEST



Visit Mansfield Sand on stand OSA260 at GroundsFest 2026, taking place on 16 and 17 September at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, and discover a comprehensive range of premium sand-based solutions designed for the sports turf industry.

With more than 180 years of expertise, Mansfield Sand has built a reputation as one of the UK's leading suppliers of high-quality silica sand products. Its solutions are trusted by elite sports stadiums, championship golf courses, professional training facilities and equestrian venues, delivering reliable performance where it matters most.

Throughout the event, the Mansfield Sand team will be available to discuss the company's specialist products and how they can help improve the construction, renovation and long-term performance of natural turf surfaces.

Featured products will include:

Reinforced Rootzones

Developed for high-performance natural turf, these rootzones enhance strength, drainage and surface stability while maintaining consistent playing conditions. Options include:

- **Fibre Reinforced Rootzone** – polypropylene fibre-reinforced for increased durability
- **Fibrelastic Rootzone** – combines polypropylene and Elastane fibres for added flexibility and recovery
- **Fibresand** – ideal for pitches affected by heavy winter wear

Sand Soil Rootzones

Manufactured using premium screened topsoil and Mansil 40 Silica Sand, these blends provide an excellent foundation for both new construction and renovation projects.

Sand Compost Rootzones

A carefully balanced combination of sand and organic matter, designed to improve moisture retention, nutrient availability and drought resilience.

Top Dressing

Produced using Mansfield Sand's own sterilised silica sand and high-quality soils, these stone-free top dressings are suitable for fine turf applications, with bespoke blends available to meet specific requirements.

Mansil Silica Sand Sports Range

Sourced from the company's Two Oaks Quarry in Mansfield, the Mansil range is widely used across golf courses, bowling greens, winter sports pitches and a variety of amenity sports surfaces.

Whether you're planning a new sports turf project or looking to improve existing playing surfaces, be sure to visit stand OSA260 and speak with the Mansfield Sand team at GroundsFest 2026.

For more information, visit www.mansfield-sand.co.uk, follow them on X at @MansfieldSand, or connect on Facebook and Instagram at Mansfield Sand Sport Surfaces.

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BUILT TO TAKE THE KNOCK:

UNDERSTANDING IK RATINGS IN OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Outdoor lighting contends with more than the weather. Bollards guide movement and help spaces remain usable after dark, but their low profile leaves them exposed to bicycles, maintenance equipment, loose stones, accidental knocks and deliberate damage. Lumena Lights explores why impact resistance matters alongside ingress protection when specifying bollard lighting for exposed and high-traffic environments.

What Does an IK Rating Mean?

An IK rating answers a question: how well does that enclosure resist external mechanical impact?

Under British Standard BS EN 62262:2002+A1:2021, published by BSI, an IK rating is determined via strict, controlled testing methods. Each classification represents a controlled impact energy: IK08 is 5 joules, IK09 10 joules and IK10 20 joules. The 2021 amendment introduced IK11, representing 50 joules.

A joule measures energy, not weight alone. During impact resistance testing, the equipment delivers a specified amount of impact energy to the enclosure or component.

A higher joule value means a more energetic test impact. The higher the IK Rating, the higher impact it can withstand.

IK ratings provide a consistent basis for comparing tested impact resistance, but do not mean a product is indestructible. It is important to establish which component was tested. A bollard's tube, head, lens, diffuser, sensor and solar panel can carry different ratings (the highest figure shouldnot automatically be applied to the complete fitting; every component is important).

Designed with Impact in Mind

An IK rating is achieved through testing, not appearance alone.



Pro Solar Lava IK08-IK10 Testing

Impact resistance can be supported by design choices including thicker metal enclosures, high-impact polycarbonate components, reinforced heads, protected or recessed lenses and robust joints. Louvres, guards and structural struts can also help shield vulnerable parts from direct impact.

Mounting and security fixings should be considered separately. A professional root-mounted bollard set into concrete can provide stability in exposed public areas, while security fixings can deter tampering. These features strengthen the installation but do not necessarily determine its IK rating.

Matching the Product to the Location

For exposed public spaces where removal or tampering is a concern, Lumena's **Guarda Root Mount** is installed 300mm into the ground and secured in concrete, with an anchor bar helping resist removal. Its IK11 aluminium tube, IK10 polycarbonate diffuser and security pin Torx fixings provide further protection, making it a robust choice for parks, public pathways and communal areas.

	IK05	IK06	IK07	IK08	IK09	IK10	IK11
Impact Energy	0.7J	1J	2J	5J	10J	20J	50J
Method	Impact Hammer	Impact Hammer	Impact Hammer	Vertical Hammer	Vertical Hammer	Vertical Hammer	Vertical Hammer
Mass	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.7kg	5kg	5kg	10kg
Drop Height	N/A	N/A	N/A	300mm	200mm	400mm	500mm



For wildlife-conscious schemes where controlling light spill is a priority, the 2700K **Lava** is DarkSky Approved, providing downward illumination with zero uplight. Its IK11 aluminium tube, IK10 polycarbonate solar-panel cover and PIR sensor provide robust protection, while selectable modes make it suited to pathways, rural landscapes and environmentally sensitive locations.

For high-traffic public spaces requiring tamper resistance and broader illumination, the **Onyx** combines an IK11 body with an IK09 LED diffuser and solar-panel cover. Security pin Torx screws, protective polycarbonate and a 420-lumen output make it well suited to communal areas, pathways and commercial environments.

For pathways where solar exposure varies, the dual-sided **Sol-Icon** charges from either side, maximising available sunlight where optimum orientation is difficult. Independently controlled LEDs and PIR sensors provide up to 1,000 lumens per side, with PIR, low-level dusk-to-dawn and off modes for routes requiring illumination in two directions.

For projects where mains power is preferred, the **Fortress** combines an IK10 aluminium body with six down-angled louvres protecting its polycarbonate lens and replaceable lamp. Its IK08 to IK09 head, surface-mounted and professional root-mounted options, plus photocell and PIR variants, provide flexibility for pathways, commercial grounds and public spaces.



For coastal and harsh environments, the 2mm-thick, 316 stainless steel, heavy-duty **Marina** with an IK10 tube and diffuser, combines robust construction with impact resistance. Surface-mounted, professional root-mounted and photocell variations provide flexibility across demanding outdoor installations.

Impact is Not the Only Load



IK testing measures mechanical impact and differs from drive-over load capacity. Lumena's Uniflect solar road stud has a published maximum tolerated load of 30 tonnes, relevant where low-level route marking must accommodate vehicles.

Looking Beyond the Rating

A high IK rated product is not automatically the best option if the fitting's output, glare, scale, mounting or controls do not suit the landscape. Good specification considers likely pressures alongside IP protection, light distribution, colour temperature and maintenance.

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TP WOOD CHIPPERS TO UNVEIL ALL-NEW TP216 AND TP206 RANGES

AT GROUNDSFEST AND APF 2026



It's set to be a very exciting autumn season for the team at TP Wood Chippers! Confirming their attendance at both GroundsFest 2026 and the APF Exhibition, the company are set to officially launch not one but TWO new woodchipper ranges to the UK market, with visitors invited to experience first-hand how TP continues to push the boundaries of performance, reliability and customer-focused innovation.

With the 8-inch woodchipper market continuing to experience significant growth, TP is building on the success of its highly capable TP215 platform with the introduction of the all-new TP216 and TP206 ranges.

The TP215 has earned a reputation for exceptional performance and reliability, powered by a robust 59hp Hatz diesel engine which makes it one of the most powerful machines in its class. Combined with TP's high-throughput flywheel design, the TP215 delivers impressive productivity, frequently outperforming many rival machines in the 8-inch market.
Working closely with customers, TP's engineering team in Denmark have spent the last 18 months making a great machine even better - refining the TP215 in time to put the new TP216 and TP206 ranges into production ready for the autumn season.

GroundsFest and APF will provide the perfect platform for these new ranges to make their UK debut, giving grounds managers, contractors, arborists and forestry professionals the opportunity to see the models up close for the first time. Visitors will also be able to explore the company's full professional woodchipper range and speak with members of TP's rapidly expanding UK dealer network. With an established, knowledgeable support network providing local sales, service and aftercare, customers can discover not only the latest innovations from TP but also the backing that comes with investment in the TP brand.

Be among the first to see the new TP216 and TP206 ranges with a stop by stand OSA272 at GroundsFest and stand 80-100 OUT at APF when both shows return this September.

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Major Equipment returns to GroundsFest 2026, where visitors will be able to explore a wide range of professional mowing and vegetation management equipment designed for contractors, local authorities, estates, sports facilities, and grounds maintenance professionals at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire from 16th & 17th September 2026.

Machines at the company's stand (OSA460) will include the MJTDR-490 TriDeck Roller Mower, offering a 4.9m cutting width, independent folding wings and excellent striping performance across sports fields, parks and amenity grassland. Also on display will be the MJ65-300 CS Pro Mower, trusted by contractors and local authorities for its wide cutting width and superior finish, and the MJ71-400 Swift Roller Mower, renowned for its durability, corrosion resistance and consistent performance.

Major Equipment will also display the MJ29-180 High tip Flail Collector, a versatile machine for cutting and collecting grass, leaves and meadow cuttings, with a 2m tipping height for easy unloading. For roadside vegetation, hedgerows and land clearance, Major offers the MJ39 Rotary Hedgecutter for power arms and excavators.

New to GroundsFest 2026 will be 2.8m front mounted hydraulic Cyclone which transforms skid steer loaders into a serious vegetation management system with less fuel and power requirements than other attachments.

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- Noise amelioration
- Biodiversity net gain targets
- Microclimate management
- Climate resilience
- Boundary demarcation
- Intruder deterrence
- Wildlife habitat
- Shelter from prevailing winds.



While there are plenty of man-made solutions on the market, few deliver quite as many benefits in one elegant package as a natural, living hedge

Creating Practical and Playful Garden Features with an Instant Hedge

Hedges give designers the opportunity to play with the timeless garden design principle of *hide and reveal*. A thoughtfully positioned hedge can subtly guide visitors through a space, screening certain areas while drawing attention to others. They can be used to define "rooms" within a garden – perhaps sheltering an outdoor dining area from chilly breezes or providing privacy around a swimming pool. Equally, they work beautifully as boundary planting or as a natural way to screen an undesirable view.

Of course, hedges also offer enormous visual appeal. A neatly trimmed hedge provides the ultimate in kerb appeal, creating structure and a sense of permanence in any landscape. A 1.2-metre hedge can frame a charming cottage garden, while a luxurious 1.8-metre wall of greenery provides privacy and elegance without appearing unwelcoming.

Improving the 'Feel' of an Outdoor Space

Hedges also perform exceptionally well when it comes to managing the garden environment itself. Battling with a stiff breeze? A natural hedge filters and slows the wind, creating a far more comfortable microclimate for people, plants and even livestock. Unlike solid fencing, which can act like a sail in high winds, well-established hedges are flexible and resilient. Some species in the Elveden Instant Hedge range are even salt tolerant, making them ideal for coastal locations where planting options are often limited.

Strengthening Boundaries

Privacy is another important consideration in many projects. For sites where intruder deterrence is required, Wild Thorn hedge from Elveden Instant Hedge offers a formidable natural barrier. Denser than most fencing and considerably spikier than barbed wire, it is an effective deterrent for would-be trespassers while still providing year-round visual interest and valuable wildlife habitat.

A Wide Choice of Aesthetic

One of the real pleasures of working with hedges in garden design is the sheer variety available. The Elveden Instant Hedge catalogue includes options to suit almost every aesthetic and setting. From classic evergreen species to charming native hedges, low-growing Lonicera in a choice of four colourways, to majestic walls of neatly clipped Laurel, there is a solution for almost every design brief.

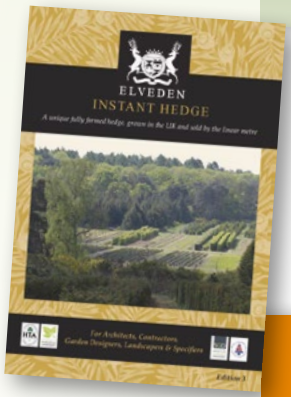
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For garden designers, landscapers and property owners looking to transform an outdoor space quickly and beautifully, instant hedging opens up exciting possibilities.

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SEGWAY NAVIMOW TRANSFORMS LAWNCARE AND MAINTENANCE AT A RESTORED HAMPSHIRE MILL



Robotic lawnmowers are on the rise, transforming operational efficiency and reducing costs at the Old Mill in Milford on Sea.

Work at the Old Mill in Milford on Sea, a Grade II-listed former mill site, has spanned more than nine years and included both the restoration of a historic old mill and its surrounding land, featuring a lawn which spans more than 6,000m². The owners have long relied on autonomy and automation to improve operational efficiency and reduce labour costs, initially using a Segway Navimow X3 Series before upgrading to the Terranox CM120M1, capable of tackling the site's undulating landscape while successfully navigating around its wildlife and water features.

Left overgrown, untouched and damaged by yearly floods for nearly three decades, the site has been completely rebuilt, using over 3,000 tonnes of soil and extensive groundwork to create a thriving lawn at its heart. After more than nine years of hard work with more to come, owners Simon and Amy Davies now adopt a modern approach to lawn care which pays them back for their efforts and saves them an estimated ten hours of labour each week, which is something anyone with a large area to manage would appreciate.

"When we first took on the property, the challenge was clear," explains Simon. "The land had fallen into disrepair, with uneven ground, dense overgrowth and no meaningful lawn to speak of. Restoring the space has required a lot of patience, persistence, sensitivity to the wildlife in the surrounding area and a significant amount of groundwork that is still ongoing."

Extensive landscaping has taken place over a number of years, including the installation of over a kilometre of trenches for a ground source heat pump and the careful preparation of more than 3,000 tonnes of soil. Only once this was complete could attention turn to establishing a lawn capable of matching the ambition of the wider project.

Despite the late sowing window, the lawn established quickly, developing into a dense, resilient sward that continues to improve year on year. Today, it provides a rich, green canvas that anchors the outdoor space and enhances the overall setting.
"Our attention soon turned to how we were going to manage such a huge space," adds Simon. "We've got an

enormous task on our hands with a pond and stream running through it, uneven, challenging turf and no real borders, which means all kinds of wildlife coming and going. The Navimow is the perfect solution in that it can take care of an arduous task that would otherwise mean us losing a full day every week during the summer, and it can navigate any bumps or creatures it comes across on its way too.

"The Navimow also allows us to manage the varying parts of the landscape. Initially we weren't going to have two of our additional lawn areas, but the automation and non-existent installation stress has enabled us to take that on when it otherwise might have been a struggle. In that sense it relieves us of some responsibility.

"We've a real belief in autonomy and automation, blending innovation with tradition and history throughout the entire home. The property restoration has included a home automation system that we've now been able to continue across the lawn and wider space as well. Time is valuable, and having the Terranox allows us to reclaim some of that, do the job as well as I could, and not have the lawn hanging over us in our day-to-day lives."

The wider renovation project has also gained national recognition, featuring on Channel 4 in Tinie Tempah's Extraordinary Extensions in October 2021, a testament to the scale, ambition and success of the build. The garden and lawn now play a central role in that story, offering a striking contrast to the site's once-derelict state.

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TURF TANK UNVEILS EXPANDED ROBOT CAPABILITIES AT GROUNDSFEST 2026



Turf Tank, the leading name in robotic line marking solutions, is returning to GroundsFest 2026 to showcase the newest additions to their robot line marking solution. Visitors to stand RB200 will experience live demonstrations and get a first look at new technologies.

Introducing Base Station Pro

Turf Tank is proud to announce the release of the Base Station Pro at GroundsFest 2026. A permanent, fixed installation designed to deliver high accuracy through a private connection signal. Base Station Pro extends signal coverage to 5 miles without requiring a clear line of sight. A single Base Station Pro can support multiple robots at once. Multiple units can also operate together on the same network, extending coverage across large sites or facilities with complex layouts.

What Else to Expect at Groundsfest 2026:

Alongside the Base Station Pro, Turf Tank will be showcasing versatile features designed to save grounds teams significant time and labour.

- **Car Park Marking:** Beyond sports pitches, Turf Tank now simplifies site management. Facility managers can mark complete car parks or individual bays on their own schedule, completing the job in stages to minimise disruption and avoid closing off large areas.

- **Logo Bundles for Pro Subscribers:** Grounds teams can instantly select and paint from a preloaded library of sports logos, seasonal graphics, and event designs. Detailed pitch art for school sports days, awareness campaigns, or key fixtures can be set up and painted straight from a tablet.

Live Demonstration & On-Site Experience

Curious to hear more about the new Base Station Pro and see the robot in action? Visit the Turf Tank stand at GroundsFest 2026 for a live demonstration.

For those unable to attend, request a demo at your site by visiting www.turftank.com or contacting your local Turf Tank Representative:

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About Turf Tank

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STIHL UNVEILS NEXT-GENERATION PROFESSIONAL BATTERY SYSTEM

STIHL has unveiled its new ALLPRO battery system, a next-generation professional battery platform designed to deliver more power, faster charging and increased flexibility for forestry, landscaping and groundcare professionals.

Developed to support demanding day-to-day applications, the ALLPRO system represents a major step forward in STIHL's battery technology offering for professional users. The new system opens up more opportunities for professionals to transition from petrol-powered equipment to battery alternatives, while remaining compatible with STIHL's existing AP battery system, including more than 80 tools.

At the heart of the ALLPRO range is a new generation of high-performance batteries engineered to provide increased power output, longer running times and significantly longer service life, while maintaining the robust durability expected from STIHL products.

The system also introduces ultra-fast charging capabilities. When paired with the appropriate STIHL mobile fast charger, batteries can be charged to 80 per cent capacity in just nine minutes, helping to minimise downtime and maximise productivity on-site.

The launch of ALLPRO forms part of STIHL's wider battery transformation strategy, opening up many fields of application where customers previously had to rely on combustion-powered equipment. STIHL continues to invest heavily in battery innovation technology, underscoring its ambition to position itself as a leading provider of outdoor power equipment in the battery segment.

Paul Hicks, Product Manager at STIHL GB, said: "The launch of the ALLPRO battery system marks a significant milestone for STIHL and for our professional customers. ALLPRO has been developed to deliver the levels of power, durability and performance professionals demand, while

also supporting the ongoing transition towards battery-powered equipment across forestry, arboriculture, landscaping and construction applications.

"By combining our experience in professional outdoor power equipment with decades of battery expertise, ALLPRO provides professionals with a system that can handle even the most demanding working environments."

STIHL's extensive network of Approved Dealers across Great Britain will be fully trained in ALLPRO battery technology via online and nationwide face-to-face events over the coming weeks. The STIHL Approved Dealer network will continue to help all customers choose the best tools, batteries and charge management solutions to suit their needs.

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STIHL's ALLPRO System for Fast Flexibility

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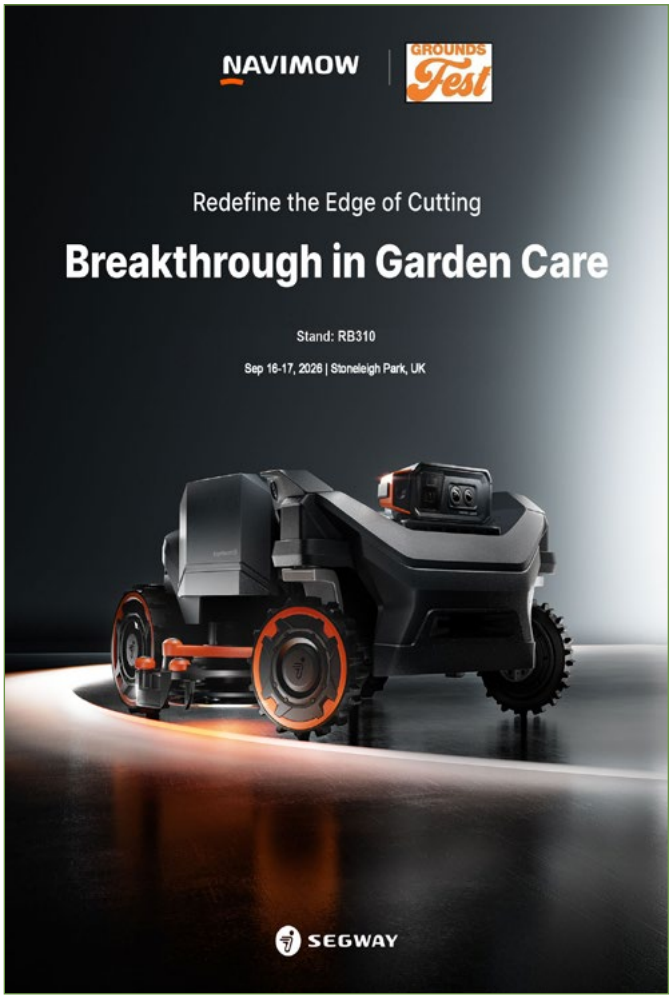
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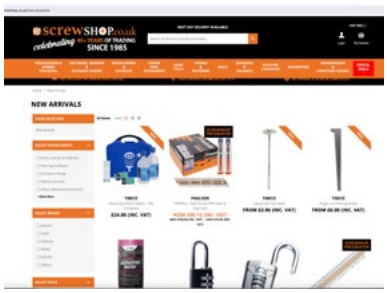
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AUTOMATED ROBOTIC TECHNOLOGY AT THE HEART OF THE BELFRY PREPARATIONS FOR 2026 HUSQVARNA BRITISH MASTERS

SEVEN HUSQVARNA CEORA® ROBOTIC MOWERS ARE HELPING PREPARE THE BRABAZON AHEAD OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP, BEFORE AN EXPANDED FLEET OF 15 CEORA UNITS PROVIDE OVERNIGHT SUPPORT DURING TOURNAMENT WEEK.

Husqvarna technology is playing a crucial role in preparing The Belfry's iconic Brabazon Course for the 2026 Husqvarna British Masters hosted by Sir Nick Faldo, as the venue builds towards the arrival of the DP World Tour's leading players from 26-30 August.

In the build-up to the championship, seven Husqvarna CEORA robotic mowers are maintaining the fairways of the four-time Ryder Cup venue, working consistently across the course to help produce the exacting standards required for elite tournament golf.

During the tournament week, Husqvarna will expand its operation considerably. A fleet of 15 CEORA robotic mowers will cut the championship fairways overnight, supported by a dedicated Husqvarna team working from 8pm until 6am. The team will transport the mowers to their designated fairways, oversee the overnight operation and collect the machines at the end of each shift.

Husqvarna CEORA, Automower® 580L and RELOX technology will also be deployed on the driving range, while a Husqvarna 535 AWD EPOS is maintaining the short game area to ensure the rough is always at optimal height for practice. Every machine used during the championship will be cleaned and calibrated daily, with blades changed each day to maintain consistent cutting performance throughout the event. The Belfry's greenkeeping team is also using a comprehensive fleet of Husqvarna battery-powered handheld equipment, including leaf blowers, grass trimmers and hedge trimmers throughout its preparations. The brand-new Husqvarna 570iBT battery backpack blower will play

an important role with 10 units being used to clear tees, bunkers and general course detailing.

The installation brings together autonomous mowing and professional battery technology as part of a modern, integrated approach to golf course maintenance. While robotic mowers deliver frequent and consistent cutting across large areas of turf, the handheld equipment supports the detailed work undertaken by the greenkeeping team around course furniture, including trees, bunkers and other areas that require a more precise finish.

The deployment also reduces reliance on conventional fossil fuel-powered equipment and provides the team access to quieter machinery with no direct exhaust emissions during use. This can help work to continue around golfers and other course operations with less disruption.

For Husqvarna, the installation provides a powerful demonstration of the company's technology in action at the tournament for which it is Title Partner. Rather than being limited to branding around the event, Husqvarna products are directly supporting both the advance preparation of the course and its presentation throughout championship week. The dedicated overnight operation will put Husqvarna technology and technical expertise at the heart of maintaining the surfaces on which the tournament will be decided.

Andrew Lees, Global Segment Manager for Professional Robotics at Husqvarna, said: "The Husqvarna British Masters gives us an outstanding platform, but the most important story is what our technology is delivering on the ground. Our products are not simply being displayed at The Belfry, they are working every day alongside an exceptional greenkeeping team to help prepare one of the world's most famous tournament courses.

"Following the success of our operation at Royal Porthcawl during the 2025 AIG Women's Open, we are proud to bring the same level of tournament support to a very different venue. Every machine will be cleaned and calibrated and its blades changed daily, helping The Belfry present The Brabazon to a global audience at the first Husqvarna British Masters."

Designed for large-scale professional turf management, CEORA uses satellite-based EPOS navigation to operate systematically within virtual boundaries. This produces accuracy to just 1cm, meaning fairways perimeters are delivered with high definition and confidence that the integrity of the fairway shape is maintained. CEORA's autonomous operation allows mowing schedules and designated work areas to be managed digitally, giving course teams the flexibility to adapt cutting programmes around weather, playing schedules and operational requirements.

In the build-up to the event, the seven CEORA units at The Belfry regularly maintain the fairways without the need for a driver, supporting consistent turf presentation while freeing members of the greenkeeping team to concentrate on agronomic and detail-focused tasks elsewhere on the course. During the championship itself, fairway mowing will become a managed overnight tournament-support operation. Fifteen CEORA units will be transported to and from the fairways and overseen by Husqvarna personnel, allowing the fairways to be maintained outside playing hours while giving the tournament team daily oversight of machine condition and performance.

Husqvarna became Title Partner of the British Masters through a multi-year agreement announced earlier this year. The company is also the Official Robotic Mowing Partner of the DP World Tour, building on a partnership that has already demonstrated autonomous mowing technology on some of golf's most prominent stages.

At the 2025 AIG Women's Open at Royal Porthcawl, 15 Husqvarna CEORA robotic mowers cut the championship's playing surfaces, marking the first time Husqvarna robotic mowers had performed this role at a major golf championship in the United Kingdom.

Hosted by six-time Major champion and Husqvarna Brand Ambassador Sir Nick Faldo, the 2026 Husqvarna British Masters will begin with the celebrity pro-am on Wednesday 26 August, followed by four days of championship play from Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 August.



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THE EVOLUTION OF FLAILDEK



From a proven platform with more than 30 years of development behind it to a versatile machine designed for today's diverse grounds maintenance requirements, the new Trimax FlailDek S4 builds on what has made the range successful while introducing practical improvements for modern operators.

A proven platform, continually evolving

The FlailDek story began in the mid-1980s, when a customer approached Trimax with a request to front-mount a Trimax Ezeemow on a Yanmar 186 tractor. The concept demonstrated the potential of front-mounted flail mowing, eventually leading to the first FlailDek prototype in 1994 and full production in 1998.

Since then, each generation has evolved in response to customer feedback and practical innovation. The latest Series 4 (S4) continues that philosophy, combining the proven FlailDek platform with improvements designed to reduce maintenance, improve efficiency and enhance usability.

The approach has also earned recognition at this year's GroundsFest Awards, where the FlailDek S4 has been shortlisted in the Stood the Test of Time category, recognising products that demonstrate enduring excellence through incremental improvements to a proven design.

Designed to do more

While mowing remains at the heart of the FlailDek S4, its versatility extends beyond conventional grass cutting.

Optional Y flails provide a finer finish in certain applications, while scarifying knives and the ability to set a negative height of cut introduce dethatching and scarifying capability. The converter flap can also be repositioned to switch between versatile mowing and specialised mulching applications.

The result is one machine capable of tackling different seasonal requirements, without the need to bring in a separate implement for dethatching or specialist mulching work.

That versatility makes the S4 suitable for a wide range of environments, from council and contractor grass maintenance to golf course roughs and surrounds, estates, parks, schools and sports fields. Its ability to follow contours independently from the tractor, combined with a cutting height range of 0-110mm, further supports its use across varied ground conditions.

Built for public spaces

For councils and contractors working in areas where pedestrians and staff may be sharing the same ground, safe clipping management is an important consideration.

The FlailDek S4's clipping dispersion directs debris downwards behind the mower, helping to reduce the risk of material being projected into surrounding areas during mowing.

Less maintenance, more uptime

The S4 has also been developed with day-to-day ownership in mind. Sealed-for-life roller bearings remove the need for daily greasing, while reinforced link arms are designed to improve strength and operator comfort. A double helical rotor is designed to cut efficiently while drawing less horsepower and operating more quietly.

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"Reliability and efficiency are vital to Grasstex, and the Trimax FlailDek consistently helps us deliver both. It has improved our productivity by helping us cover ground quickly while maintaining a professional finish, particularly during the peak season." - Lukas Ozana, Contract Manager, Grasstex.

The FlailDek S4 represents the latest evolution of a proven design: a machine built not simply to mow, but to give professional grounds teams greater flexibility across applications, seasons and operating environments - all backed by Trimax's industry-leading three-year warranty.

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BALUSTRADES FOR PERIOD STYLE



Many garden patios are overlooked. Finishing your hard landscaping with Chilstone's balustrading can transform gardens with elegant, period inspired features.

Edwardian Style

Our Hever Balustrade is the epitome of Edwardian chic, to finish patios beautifully. Hever Castle is synonymous with Tudor Queen, Anne Bolyn, but its current landscaping was commissioned by its new owner, William Waldorf Aster, in 1903, including the creation of the iconic Golden Staircase. When fallen trees damaged the balustrading in the 1987 cyclone, Chilstone seamlessly hand crafted its restoration.

This classical design can make a landscaping feature, bringing terraced levels into a cohesive design. Pair it with our fine cast stone steps for a charming space to enjoy and entertain in all year round.

Our sophisticated balustrading may have originated from a historical palace, but it can be styled to create a beautiful landscaping focal point in many gardens.

Classic Waterloo Regency

Our balustrade has traditional, curvaceous balusters, adding eminence and polish to steps, patios and walkways. This classic seems so recognisable because of its quintessential Britishness.

That's due to its past. The current Waterloo bridge spanning the Thames (completed in 1945), was preceded by one opened in 1817 on the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo. This bridge was a magnificent design, with grand doric columns, lined with balustrading, matching much of the existing balustrade that still runs along London's Embankment today.

When this bridge was decommissioned, the main components were auctioned and bought by Chilstone. It's been a significant element of our range ever since. So, when you choose our balustrade for your landscape design, you are recreating a little piece of Regency history.

Style Balustrading Your Way

Our stonework has a long heritage, but that shouldn't limit your imagination. Because our fine cast stone is created by hand, our team know how best to configure our components to be cost effective, allowing the flexibility to create a wide range of options, including curved sections of balustrade.

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Bradstone, a leading name in transforming outdoor spaces, has proudly announced the launch of its latest innovation in driveway paving: BradDrive® Slate, a premium block paver that combines the durability, performance and cost-effectiveness of concrete with the natural and elegant aesthetics of slate.

Designed to elevate any home's look and kerb appeal, BradDrive® Slate has been engineered for modern living and to provide a premium finish. Available in a contemporary anthracite colour, the paver is available with five different sizes in each pack, providing landscapers with the perfect, flexible solution to turn the driveway into a statement, showstopping feature of any residential property.

Alongside the sophisticated look of the paver itself, landscapers can also purchase BradDrive® Slate with a grey, resin-based jointing compound. The compound complements the paver for a professional finish, while resisting weed-growth so that it is hassle-free and low maintenance for homeowners.

Commenting on the launch, Connor Davis, Product Manager for Domestic Landscape Products at Bradstone, said: "We developed BradDrive® Slate because we could see that there was a unique gap in the driveway paving market. We know more and more homeowners want to make a statement and show off their properties, but without breaking the bank. BradDrive® Slate gives them the perfect solution. The elegant slate-inspired finish is an immediate showstopper, while also being value for money when compared with natural slate alternatives."

The paver is manufactured with high-quality concrete made in Britain, and thanks to its 60mm depth, it can withstand heavy loading, a feature that's rising in importance as heavier electric vehicles become more popular. BradDrive® Slate also boasts a slip-resistant surface to provide safety and security in wet and icy weather conditions.

Alongside these enduring features, landscapers can be assured the paver meets all relevant standards. Bradstone is a certified BES 6001 supplier, and all its concrete paving meets the BS EN 1339:2003 standard.

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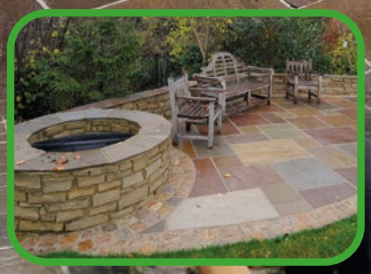
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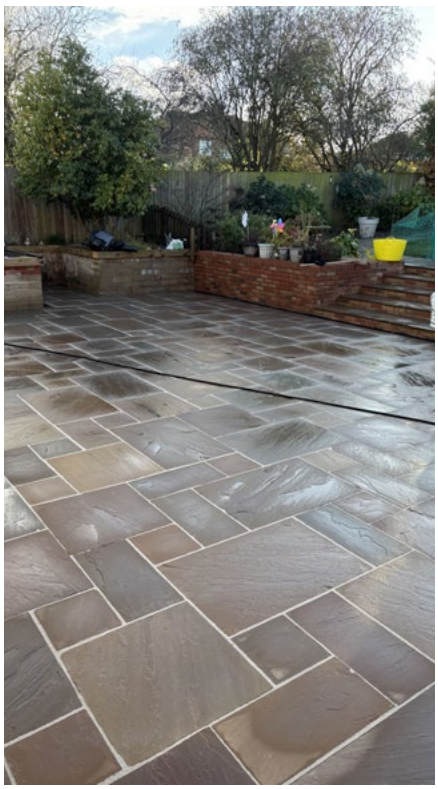


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EXTENDING ARCHITECTURE BEYOND THE HOUSE:

CREATING INTEGRATED LANDSCAPES WITH CAST STONE

As the demand for seamless indoor-outdoor living continues to grow, architects and housebuilders are seeking ways to optimise the boundaries, aesthetically, between buildings and their surroundings. One of the most effective ways of achieving this is through the use of architectural cast stone elements that carry the design language of the house into the landscape, creating a unified and harmonious environment. Haddonstone's extensive portfolio of handcrafted cast stone products enables designers to achieve this continuity across every part of a building, from the front elevation to the furthest point of the garden.

Central to this approach is cast stone balustrading, one of Haddonstone's most visually striking architectural features. Suitable for both residential and commercial applications, balustrades can be used to create elegant balconies, dramatic stairways, terraces and courtyards, while also helping to define outdoor living spaces and establish a clear architectural framework within the landscape. Available in a range of standard designs, colours, and bespoke configurations, Haddonstone's balustrades can enhance both interiors and gardens alike.

Beyond balustrading, architects can reinforce a consistent landscaping character through the specification of cast stone paving, flooring and steps. These elements provide a natural visual link between the house and garden, guiding movement while maintaining a cohesive material palette. Stone copings and cappings can further strengthen this connection by providing refined finishing details to walls, terraces and boundary features throughout the landscape. Haddonstone's landscaping portfolio includes everything required for such projects, from paving and steps to copings, pool surrounds and other architectural landscape features.

Changes in level within a garden present an opportunity to introduce further architectural interest. Well-designed stone steps can create a sense of arrival, link different garden spaces and add structure to the landscape. Used in combination with balustrades, paving and retaining walls, they help ensure that every part of the external environment feels connected to the architectural vision of the property.

Water can also play an important role in extending architecture into the landscape. Haddonstone's handcrafted cast stone fountains and water features provide dramatic focal points that introduce movement, sound and visual interest. The collection includes centrepiece fountains, wall fountains and self-contained designs, enabling architects and landscape designers to incorporate water features into projects of all sizes. Available in classical, traditional and contemporary styles, each fountain is handcrafted in cast stone and designed to weather beautifully over time.

Complementing the fountain collection is Haddonstone's range of pool surrounds and pool copings. Designed specifically to work alongside centrepiece fountains or as standalone landscape features, they help create elegant ponds, reflective pools and formal water gardens. Matching surrounds provide a coordinated appearance that enhances the overall design scheme while ensuring water features sit comfortably within the wider landscape composition.

Haddonstone's range of cast stone garden buildings offers architects and housebuilders further opportunities to extend architectural character into the landscape. From pergolas and pavilions to temples, follies, belvederes and orangeries, these structures are designed to create striking focal points within both private and commercial projects. Pergolas, constructed using cast stone columns and pillars, can be used as walkways, passageways or sheltered outdoor spaces, helping to add structure to a garden while supporting climbing plants and providing an element of privacy. Whether freestanding or forming an extension of a building, pergolas can help bring together the various elements of a landscape, creating a strong visual connection between the architecture and its surroundings. Haddonstone's garden buildings can be created using standard architectural components or bespoke pieces, enabling designers to develop outdoor spaces that are fully integrated with the overall design concept.



"One of the key advantages of working with cast stone is the ability to create a truly cohesive design from the house right through to the landscape," says Toby Marlow, Building and Construction Director at Haddonstone. "Rather than specifying individual garden features in isolation, architects and developers can use complementary cast stone elements throughout a scheme to reinforce a consistent architectural language. Balustrades can be paired with planters, fountains can be complemented by matching pool surrounds, and architectural detailing can be repeated across terraces, walls and garden spaces. The result is a fully integrated landscape that feels like a natural extension of the property, with every element working together to create a unified and visually coherent design."

As outdoor space becomes an increasingly important aspect of residential design, the ability to continue the architecture of a house into its surroundings is becoming a defining characteristic of high-quality developments. By combining cast stone balustrading, steps, paving, copings, fountains, pool surrounds, garden buildings and pergolas, architects and housebuilders can create landscapes that not only complement the architecture but become an integral part of it.

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WHAT CAUSES IRON BREAKOUT – AND HOW TO TREAT IT





'Iron breakout' is a common cause of orange staining on paths and patios, and these marks can be difficult to remove. It's often assumed that they're caused by rusting or flaking metal objects, like BBQs, metal umbrella stands and garden furniture. As a result, they're generally treated with a basic brick and patio paving cleaner which is often acidic.

Here lies the problem. These cleaners won't remove naturally-occurring rust stains and can actually accelerate orange discolouration in some natural stones. The cause - and therefore the appropriate treatment - is very different.

What causes naturally-occurring rust stains?

Rust or orange-coloured discolouration can appear naturally within iron-rich natural stone pavers - and it's especially common in sandstone. These stones naturally contain iron which can oxidise or rust when it comes into contact with water and oxygen.

Staining often appears after laying and is easy to identify. Rather than forming a defined mark, the colour gradually develops across the surface, creating a widespread orange or brown bloom.

What causes rust spots and rust stains?

In contrast, surface rust stains from objects often mirror the exact shape and position of the rusting metal that was sitting on the surface. Some weed killers and lawn fertilisers can also create rust stains; this is caused by iron compounds, like ferric sulphate, and these stains typically appear as small spots of rust.

Once you've established which type of rust stain you're dealing with, removal can be swift and effective, provided that you use the correct product.

A case in point

We were recently contacted by a customer regarding widespread orange staining on natural grey sandstone. The pavers had a relatively smooth non-slip finish. A hydrochloric-acid based wash had been used to remove dirt and light staining. It was applied following the manufacturer's instructions. A few days later, widespread orange/brown staining appeared across multiple slabs.

Our ECOPROTEC Rust Stain Remover was recommended by a local paving supplier. This remover is non-caustic and non-acidic and is particularly suited to natural stone. It is highly effective at removing surface rust stains, but it is not formulated to treat naturally-occurring iron oxidation within the stone.

Initially, the treated area looked much better but, after approximately one week, the orange staining gradually reappeared. The treatment was then repeated two weeks later. Once again, the pavers appeared significantly improved immediately after treatment. However, within a few weeks, some of the orange staining had returned.



Why the wrong treatment won't work

Rust stain removers - even non-acidic solutions like our own ECOPROTEC Rust Stain Remover - won't remove naturally-occurring rust stains. In some cases, treating iron-rich stone with the wrong product can trigger or worsen discolouration by affecting iron compounds naturally present within the stone. This can result in 'iron break-out' - a reaction involving the iron within the stone that causes it to oxidise and produce the characteristic orange discolouration.

To treat this type of staining, you need to use ECOPROTEC Iron Stain Away - a treatment specifically formulated for naturally-occurring iron staining.

How to apply ECOPROTEC Iron Stain Away

Dampen the surface of the stone with a little water.

Dilute the cleaner 1:1 with water and spray onto the surface.
Leave to work for up to five hours.
The orange staining should gradually fade and disappear. Once it has disappeared, seal the stone with ECOPROTEC Ultimate Sealer to help prevent the orange staining from returning.

So, what's the difference between the treatments?

The chemistry used in our non-acidic Rust Stain Remover helps remove orange staining caused by rusting metal objects on the surface of the stone.

The chemistry used in Iron Stain Away treats the oxidation of naturally occurring iron within the stone, removing the resulting orange discolouration rather than removing the iron itself.

So, for rust on the stone, use ECOPROTEC Rust Stain Remover and for iron in the stone, use ECOPROTEC Iron Stain Away.

For more advice, browse ECOPROTEC TV on YouTube, contact the ECOPROTEC team direct on 01823 662722 or email technical@ecoprotec.co.uk



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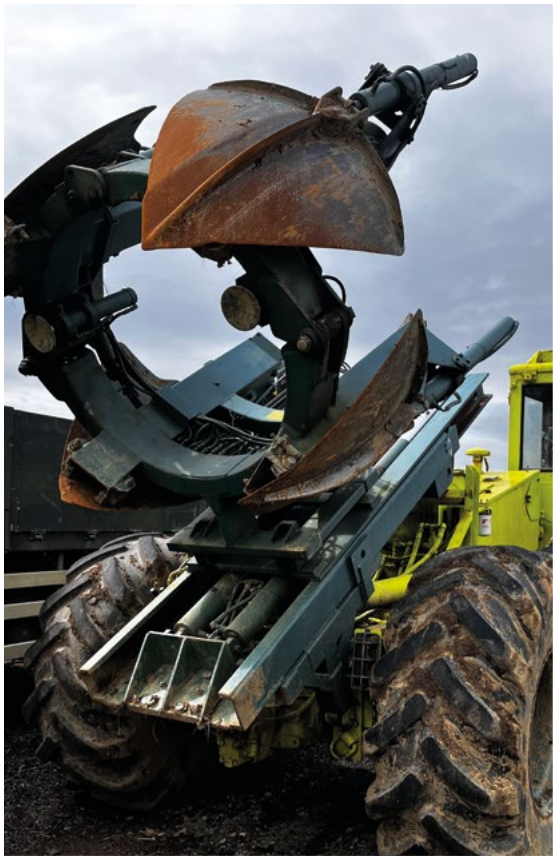
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FORM FOLLOWS NATURE IN COPENHAGEN'S NEW CLIMATE PARK



Copenhagen's latest and most radical climate park, Grønningen-Bispeparken, transforms a barren grass area into a cohesive 20,000 m2 lush, playful, biodiverse, and art-filled urban nature park for all; where form follows nature and architecture's foremost task is to create spaces for life - all life.

The renowned Danish nature-based design studio SLA has transformed the 20,000 m2 of outdoor areas at Grønningen-Bispeparken, a 1950s social housing estate, creating Copenhagen's most radical climate project to date.

Located in Copenhagen's Nordvest neighbourhood (the city's most socially and ethnically diverse), the task was to transform the housing estate's outdoor areas from derelict, unsafe, and barren grass lawns into a new climate park that would secure the area against thunderstorms and flooding while also adding social, natural, and cultural values to the neighbourhood and its residents.

The new park design took the values and ideals of the original green areas, designed by legendary Danish landscape architect C.Th. Sørensen (1893-1979), and updated them to meet the needs and aspirations of a modern city. The original green areas had fallen into unsafe disrepair with no activities, uses, or play areas for the local kids and residents. The existing grass lawn was unable to manage or contain rainwater - resulting in veritable 'rainwater motorways' during thunderstorms - while also being low on plant variation, wildlife, and biodiversity.

Bioswales and 'social swales'

To address these challenges, SLA designed Grønningen-Bispeparken to be Copenhagen's most radical nature-based climate adaptation project to date.

By letting the form of the park follow the processes of nature, SLA created an interconnected series of 18 bioswales throughout the sloping green areas that can collect, contain, and infiltrate more than 3,000 m3 of rainwater falling in the park and the adjacent courtyards and streets.

The park features five main nature typologies designed according to their climate and social functions: the wet Bio Oases where nature and wildlife have the right of way; the small, dry biotopes Between the Trunks for intimate play and relaxation; the larger, dry Common Lawns for sports, farmers' markets, community dinners, and events; the small, urban Pocket Squares for informal stay and socializing

between the buildings; and The Bunker Hills that transform the old park's Cold War underground bunkers into flexible social places - from catching the evening sun in the summer to sledding and skiing in the winter.

By combining climate challenges with social and cultural opportunities, the bioswales double as 'social swales', providing the park with a host of playful, nature-rich, and safe meeting places for community and togetherness.

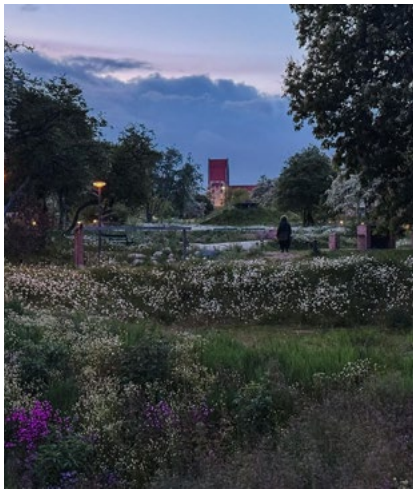
A meandering and dissolving path

A meandering path of gravel and yellow tile (a nod to the iconic neighbouring Grundtvig's Church) knits together the park's different areas and typologies and is designed to draw people out into the park to experience the city nature design up close.

The path's form also radically follows nature, weaving around the park typologies with varying widths and permeable surfaces - some places even 'dissolving' into pure nature with the path only visible through cut grasses and small lighting bollards.

A year-round oasis for all life

Designed to be an inviting, year-round neighbourhood asset for the local residents, Grønningen-Bispeparken adds 149 trees of 23 different species and more than 4 million seeds of specially crafted seed mixtures. All new trees and plants are native species to preserve and enhance the local biodiversity.



The new planting supplements the park's preserved historic buckthorn trees, creating a more varied, biodiverse, and resilient planting composition.

Through a dynamic maintenance plan, the park is balanced between the 'wild' and the 'orderly' to create optimal social and biological conditions for humans, plants, and wildlife.

Playful art and citizen involvement

Alongside the design of the new park, the National Arts Council of Denmark commissioned the artist Kerstin Bergendal for a four-year experimental art intervention. Her project, 'Concerning A Meadow', unfolded at the interstice of spatial planning, citizens' engagement, and a new mandate for public art. As such, it offered the city's planners, SLA's internal Social Design Team, and local residents a parallel process for unplanned and informal knowledge exchange about the park.

Kerstin Bergendal also added a series of wooden art structures to the park, elaborated in collaboration with the small landscape studio Efterland. The art structures are seamlessly integrated into the park's natural fabric, giving children as well as adults varied opportunities for play, exercise, and socializing on the wooden art elements.

View and materiality

The spectacular views towards Copenhagen's famous Grundtvig's Church - which was the defining feature in C.Th. Sørensen's original park - have been preserved in the new park design. The new trees and park elements are designed to frame the views of the church, allowing it to shine in new ways.

The existing asphalt paths were removed and replaced with warmer materials that correspond to the park's surroundings: pocket squares, furniture, and the path are made of yellow tiles, inspired by the surrounding buildings as well as Grundtvig's Church. Other materials have been recycled and upcycled



from the City of Copenhagen's surplus to minimize the project's carbon footprint.

Rain as a resource to be celebrated

The park was inaugurated on August 31, 2024. Only five days later, a major thunderstorm hit Copenhagen, flooding several major highways and infrastructure. But in Grønningen-Bispeparken, the heavy rain only made the new park more beautiful, sensuous, and lush - while the surrounding houses and infrastructure remained safe and dry.

All proving that in Grønningen-Bispeparken, rain is not seen as a threat - but as a natural resource to be celebrated.

Technical Sheet

- Name: Grønningen-Bispeparken
- Location: Copenhagen
- Area: 20,000 m2
- Client: The City of Copenhagen
- Architect: SLA
- Engineer: Niras
- Art project: Kerstin Bergendal and Efterland
- Contractor: Ebbe Dalsgaard A/S

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ORIGIN GREEN-TECH'S TREEPARKER® AIDS BIODIVERSITY AND WATER MANAGEMENT OF YORK'S FIRST NET-ZERO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT



Project Overview

Burnholme Green is a flagship residential development being delivered by the City of York Council as part of its wider Housing Delivery Programme.

The development comprises 78 homes, built to stringent Passivhaus standards and designed to achieve net-zero carbon in use. This is the council's first net-zero carbon in-use development and sets a new benchmark for sustainability in York. The idea was to create a healthy, sustainable, and inclusive neighbourhood, providing vital local housing whilst also addressing climate change.

A key feature of this project is its landscape-led design. Rather than treating green space as a necessary planning requirement, the landscape helps to shape the entire development. The focus is on creating a neighbourhood that promotes health, wellbeing, biodiversity and social interaction. Abundant open spaces, community gardens, shared growing areas, and attractive pedestrian routes positively encourage residents to spend time outdoors and engage with one another, including a number of car-free 'play streets'. Caddick Construction was the main contractor, and landscape implementation, including public open spaces, was overseen by Caddick Civil Engineering and carried out by landscape contractors, Atlas Green.

Long Term Relationships

Caddick Construction has provided groundworks and civil engineering expertise for over forty years, with Origin Green-tech supporting their projects for more than twenty years. Whilst Atlas Green, one of Yorkshire's leading landscaping companies for the past four decades, works across commercial and housing developments, including groundworks, drainage, and tree protection, and has built a valuable and trusted relationship with Origin Green-tech since 2005.

Challenges

The landscape design was developed by BBUK Studio in London, with the tree pits initially designed using Origin Green-tech's tree raft system. Early in the scheme, Origin Green-tech attended a site meeting with Caddick to discuss the best way of achieving the most efficient tree pits. In conjunction with Caddick and BBUK, it was decided to switch from the raft to the TreeParker® crate-style system. BBUK amended the landscape plans, working closely with, and using detail drawings supplied by Origin Green-tech's team.

Origin Green-Tech Products Supplied

TreeParker® offers several benefits: quick, simple assembly and installation, and water attenuation capability, making it an effective Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS) solution. Each TreeParker® tree pit can hold around 40-45% of its overall volume in water at full saturation. This excess water is allowed to percolate naturally into the base formation or is connected to a positive drainage outlet that returns it to the main drainage system. Developed to combine robust tree root management with SuDS performance, TreeParker® delivers a technically advanced solution that aligns well with the project's sustainability goals.

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800mm-deep TreeParker® cells were supplied for the trees in hard landscaping throughout the scheme, as well as ancillary items such as tree anchors, Mona irrigation rings, gt325 root barrier, ornamental bark, and specialist bioretention soil for the rain gardens. In total, around 300 cubic metres of supported rooting volume was created, featuring over 300 tons of Green-tree British Standard topsoil, and 260 tonnes of subsoil.

Impact And Outcome

Harry Ryder, Contracts Manager at Atlas Green, comments, "I am incredibly pleased with the TreeParker® system. From delivery to installation, everything ran smoothly. I believe it's easily the best tree pit system on the market. It's simple to use, install, and highly effective.

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GREEN-TREE INTENSIVE ROOF GARDEN SUBSTRATE SUPPORTS MAJOR ROOFTOP

AND PODIUM DEVELOPMENT IN TRAFFORD

Project Overview

Lumina Village is a major Build-to-Rent regeneration development in Trafford, Manchester, forming part of a wider 120-acre civic quarter regeneration masterplan, delivering approximately 4,000 homes alongside commercial space, infrastructure, and an enhanced public realm.

The Podium phase is a key part of this regeneration and comprises a 440-home Build-to-Rent development, including apartments and townhouses, with extensive podium landscaping, a half-acre rooftop garden for residents, and 5.4 acres of public realm.

Origin Green-Tech Involvement And Products Supplied

Origin Green-tech supported Wright Landscapes with the supply of 350m³ of Green-tree Intensive Roof Garden substrate for the podium and roof level landscape construction.

The roof and podium structures required a specialist growing medium that would meet strict technical criteria, including:

1. Reduced load to comply with structural loading limits
2. Consistent drainage performance for roof build-ups
3. Long-term plant health and rooting stability
4. Suitability for intensive and semi-intensive roof planting systems
5. Compliance with the approved landscape specification and design intent

Wright Landscapes appointed their own independent soil scientist to test and verify the suitability of the Green-tree Intensive Roof Garden substrate supplied for the project. The material was assessed and confirmed to be suitable for intensive roof garden applications, meeting the requirements of the project specification.

This verification process included assessment of the substrate composition against the project specification, focusing on particle structure, organic matter content and overall stability. Drainage and water-retention characteristics were

evaluated to ensure performance under roof-garden conditions and to confirm suitability for the proposed planting palette and establishment strategy. Following this process, technical approval was provided prior to supply and installation.

Origin Green-tech supplied a specialist lightweight, intensive roof garden substrate designed for high-level landscape applications where weight-loading constraints, drainage performance, and long-term plant establishment are critical. The material was delivered in dumpy bags and craned directly into position at the podium and roof garden level, in line with site constraints and installation sequencing requirements.

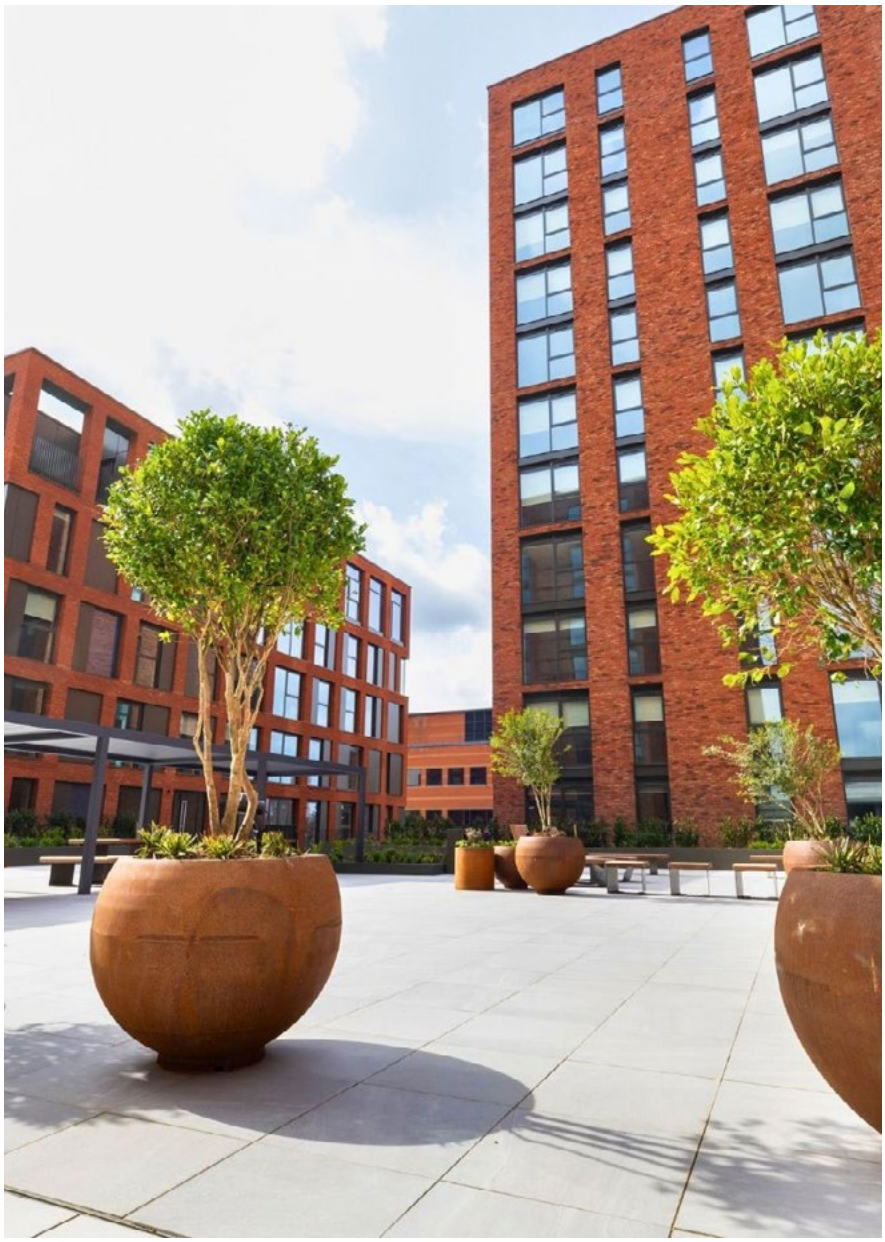
Impact And Outcome

The completed roof and podium landscapes at Lumina Village now provide high-quality external amenity space for residents, enhancing biodiversity, visual amenity and the usability of outdoor environments within the development.

The collaboration ensured a specification-compliant, intensive roof-substrate solution, efficient installation at height with controlled logistics, and the successful establishment of conditions for rooftop planting systems.
Joe Jeavons, Group Marketing Manager for Domis Construction, comments, “Completing Lumina Village is a significant achievement for everyone involved in delivering the scheme. As one of Trafford’s most ambitious developments, we are proud to have delivered this project alongside Glenbrook Property and to see it now forming a lasting part of Trafford’s regeneration.

The commitment shown throughout has been exceptional, and the collaboration, technical expertise and reliable supply chain support have all played an important role in the successful delivery of the podium and roof landscape elements.”

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A YEAR OF THE 5MM REQUIREMENT:

WHAT WORKS FOR RAINWATER INTERCEPTION?



Just over a year has passed since England's revised National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems put greater emphasis on everyday rainfall. At their heart is a simple requirement: for the majority of rainfall events, the first 5mm should not leave a development.

The question now is less about what the rule means and more about how we meet it effectively.

In practice, the simplest solutions are often those that intercept water closest to where it falls. Permeable paving, rain gardens, SuDS planters, tree pits and areas of soft landscape can all capture rainfall before it enters the conventional drainage network. Local authority guidance is increasingly reflecting this approach, identifying features such as rain gardens, attenuating tree pits and permeable paving as straightforward ways of meeting interception requirements.

At building level, green roofs provide another effective first line of defence, retaining rainfall and enabling evapotranspiration before runoff reaches ground level. Rainwater harvesting can go further by capturing roof water for reuse, particularly where there is a reliable demand for irrigation, toilet flushing or other non-potable uses.

The important lesson from the past year is that there is rarely one 'best' technology. The most successful schemes combine several simple interventions into a management train, distributing interception across roofs, streets and landscape rather than relying on a single large storage feature. This reflects the National Standards themselves, which favour drainage features operating as close to the source of runoff as practicable.

Space remains the challenge. On dense developments, every square metre is contested. That makes multifunctional systems particularly valuable: a rain garden can provide planting and biodiversity; a tree pit can manage runoff while supporting canopy cover; harvested rainwater can maintain landscapes through dry periods.

A year on, the 5mm requirement is beginning to encourage a useful change in mindset. Rainfall interception is no longer simply an engineering calculation at the end of a project. Done well, it becomes part of the architecture and landscape from the outset.

The simplest route to compliance may therefore be the most integrated one: capture rain where it falls, use it where possible, and make every component of the landscape work harder.





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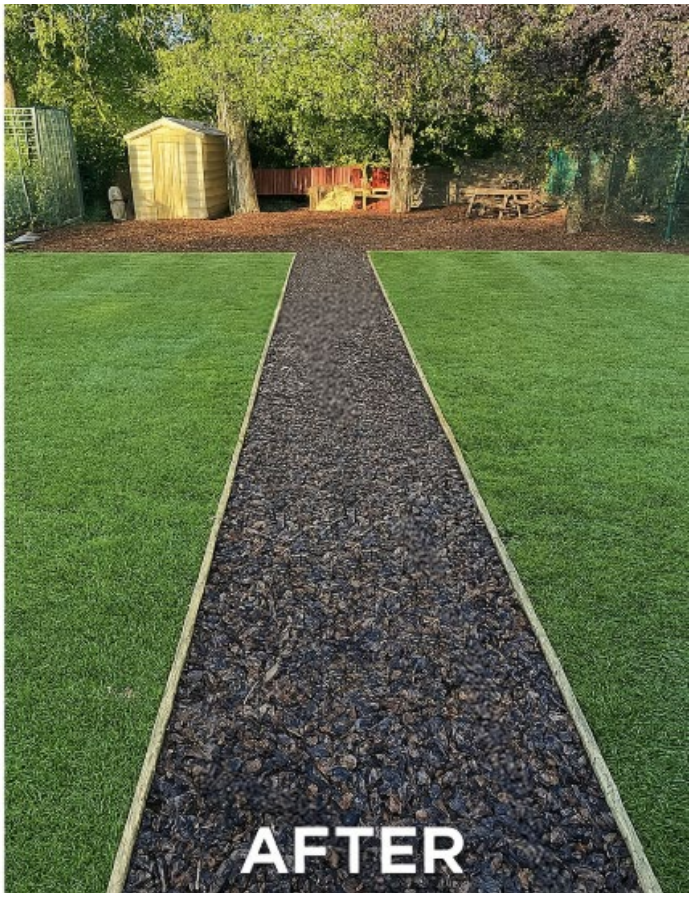
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DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT IN A COMPACT SETTING

Project Overview

Pelton Primary School's garden has been transformed from an unusable, flood-prone space into an attractive outdoor education zone, with the help of the Hydrorock system, in a project that brought together organisations and the community.

The challenge

Residential, commercial and community landscapes are increasingly expected to do more than look good. They need to manage surface water, reduce ponding, support planting, improve usability and contribute to climate resilience.

On this project, the challenge was to improve drainage performance and create a more usable garden while keeping the water management infrastructure hidden beneath the surface. Critically, the install had to create minimal disruption to the operation of the school.

The Solution

Avove Utilities, working with Northumbrian Water, selected BluWater Solutions, part of the BioScapes® Group, to supply Hydrorock natural aquifer blocks on the basis of the attenuation capacity and ability to be installed quickly and easily. The system was made up of 13 x D170 Hydrorock blocks. Based on the typical Hydrorock void ratio of around 95%, the system delivers approximately 2.10m³, or 2,100 litres, of effective attenuation capacity. Unlike traditional crate-based systems, Hydrorock is permeable throughout its structure. This allows water to infiltrate through the sides, ends and base of the installation, helping to slow runoff, reduce surface water ponding and support groundwater recharge.

The system also acts as a passive irrigation reservoir. Stored water is gradually released into the surrounding soil, supporting lawns, planting and tree root systems during drier periods.

The structure of the Hydrorock system enables the blocks to be laid within a narrow trench, demonstrating how meaningful storage capacity can be achieved without a large excavation footprint. The area was returfed using 100m2 of Medallion Turf from Rolawn Limited, also part of the BioScapes Group.

Project Outcomes

The completed garden retained the drainage and irrigation benefits of the underground system while becoming a more usable and visually attractive landscape. The before-and-after image demonstrates a clear transformation from a tired, uneven garden into a more structured outdoor space with lawn, planting zones and a central gravel path.

"This product is a game changer! 13 blocks were quickly and easily installed in 10 minutes; the blocks are light and easy to place in difficult areas, and they have provided over 2,100 litres of storage. The garden is now a fun, safe place for the children to enjoy and learn. Thank you to BluWater Solutions and BioScapes!" Kelly Thompson, Procurement Manager, Avove Utilities

Why This Matters

This project demonstrates how Hydrorock can be integrated into wider sustainable drainage, retrofit, reinstatement, landscaping and community improvement programmes.

The system is particularly relevant where deliverables include:

- Practical SuDS-style interventions in constrained locations.
- Surface water management as part of reinstatement or public realm works.
- Added environmental and social value on utility, highways, housing or community projects.
- Lower-visibility infrastructure that improves resilience without compromising finished spaces.

Technical Sheet

Materials: 13 Hydrorock D170 attenuation blocks, 100m2 Rolawn® Medallion® Turf

Attenuation capacity: c.2,100 litres / c.2.21m³ gross volume

Benefits: Infiltration support, passive irrigation, increased and improved use of garden for pupils due to reduced surface water flooding



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Although the family only enjoyed their first pool for a short period before moving, it left a strong and lasting impression. Oliver wanted to embrace the opportunity to put down roots and create a long-term swimming space for his young daughters, who both love the water. Oliver explains, "It suits all our individual lifestyles; my daughter is a dedicated swimmer, so she's always in the pool, and it works for my routine too. I can come home from work and go straight into the pool, instead of going to the gym, making it easy to exercise and unwind. When there's good weather, having a pool feels like we're on holiday at home."

Refining the Design for the Home

For his second pool, Oliver selected the Compass XXL-Trainer 133, a larger model that increases the overall pool length from around 11 metres to 13.4 metres. The larger model gave his daughter 12 metres of space to train, whilst the integrated beachline cover added a shallow lounging area, creating a visually balanced aesthetic between the pool and the house.

An anthracite shell, black slatted cover and sandstone coping were chosen to create a cleaner, more contemporary appearance. The Compass team supported these decisions by sharing examples in situ. To complete the landscaping around the pool, Oliver planned a tiered garden, a slabbed terrace, composite decking and soft planting. This keeps the views open for maximum enjoyment and ensures the pool sits comfortably within the space. Oliver adds, "The bigger pool sits so well in this part of the garden, almost like it was made to go there, and the coping blends right in with the landscaping."

Reflecting on the design process, Oliver explains, "I knew exactly what I wanted from the pool - low

maintenance and plenty of space for swimming. We went for the largest model to give us room for both family leisure and training, and included a robotic cleaner, an automatic water top-up system, an energy-efficient heat pump and a sliding cover to improve safety and efficiency."

The pool had to be craned partially over the house, which is a complex operation made slightly more difficult by occasional windy conditions. "The Compass Pools team managed the whole process efficiently and safely and kept me informed throughout without requiring me to oversee the work," says Oliver Bishop. "I was very impressed with the team's professionalism, organisation, and ability to handle every stage independently. The installation was completed in just three weeks."

A Pool Designed Around Family Living

"The pool has quickly become a central feature for the family and is where we spend most of our time outside now. Our daughter uses it to train regularly, and we use it almost every evening to cool off in the hot weather. I hadn't realised how popular we'd get at weekends either, with friends and family round and the odd pool party. It's already shaping up to be the hub of our outdoor life."

Maintenance is straightforward, taking only a few minutes each week thanks to the robotic cleaner and simple chemical routine. Oliver noted that running costs have been lower than expected, and system alerts, along with Compass Pools' responsive support, make it easy to manage.

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As the family settles into their new home, the pool is already integrated into how they expect to live over the next decade and beyond. Oliver describes the house as their "forever home," and sees the pool as a core part of their lives, elevating the everyday.

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THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO PATIO FURNITURE CARE



Summer is well and truly here after last month's heatwave - and if you felt unprepared, you're not alone. This year, the UK broke the record for the hottest June day ever. Then they broke it again the next day, and again the next day, with peaks of 37.3°C recorded in Suffolk.

So, it's time to prep your outdoor space for al fresco living and dining, with 52% of Brits preferring to dine outside in summer. However, after months of cold and wet weather throughout winter and spring, you might find that your outdoor furniture is in dire need of a little TLC.

So, we spoke to Gary Farrell, Founder and Director of luxury outdoor furniture company Nth Degree, for his insight on how to make your patio furniture look as good as new.

Aluminium

Lightweight aluminium is often used for outdoor tables, chairs and swing seat frames, thanks to its sturdiness vs weight ratio and its resistance to rust. "Thankfully aluminium doesn't usually need much care, since it's naturally anti-corroding," says Gary. "However, you might see scratches or chips begin to appear with exposure to harsh chemicals or UV rays over an extended period of time.

"To keep it clean, remove any loose dirt and gently wipe down with a soft sponge and mild dish soap. If you have any pesky sections where oxidation has taken hold, look for dedicated aluminium cleaners - these are likely to keep your furniture protected."

What to avoid

"Even if you've got a tough, baked-on bit of dirt, do whatever you can to avoid using steel wool or abrasive pads, unless you want to leave your furniture more damaged than when you found it!"

Rattan

Most outdoor furniture is actually synthetic rattan - also called resin or PE rattan - as this is designed to withstand exposure to the elements. "Rattan's drawback is that, over time,



UV exposure can cause the weave to fade and become brittle," says Gary.

"In this instance, aggressive cleaning can result in lasting structural damage, so you'll need to be gentle. It's easy for dirt to accumulate between the strands, so you might need a soft-bristled brush that can get right in-between the cracks. A soft paintbrush might also help remove dust without being invasive."

What to avoid
Gary says: "Don't ever be tempted to use a pressure washer on your furniture, even for the most stubborn stains. You might find the woven material begin to loosen or even split, if used at close range."

Natural Teak

Teak outdoor furniture is held in high regard due to its natural grain, rich colour and durability. But it still requires a little TLC if you want to entertain guests this summer!

"Teak naturally weathers to a soft, silvery grey over time and develops a unique 1-of-1 patina that homeowners love," says Gary. "However, if your teak furniture has been left uncovered all winter, you might find that water stains have appeared when your wood has been exposed to moisture.

"Combat these with light, gentle sanding - using fine sandpaper - and seal using a dedicated teak oil. Before you do anything, make sure to be 100% sure your furniture is made of natural teak and not coloured teak - because some products made for coloured teak can't be used on natural teak, due to its naturally occurring protective oils."

What to avoid
Gary says: "Steer well clear of any abrasive chemicals like bleach, ammonia or chlorine-based cleaners, as well as any strong solvents - these can weaken and discolour the wood."

Natural stone

Natural stone outdoor furniture, such as marble or travertine, gives the impression of lasting strength - so you might be surprised to hear it's susceptible to scratches, etching and staining.

"Natural stone furniture is particularly vulnerable to acids like vinegar, wine, lemon juice or coffee - and some cleaning products too - so it's important to be extra careful when cleaning. If your marble furniture has a dull mark or patch as a result of coming into contact with one of these substances, it's more likely to be a surface etch than a



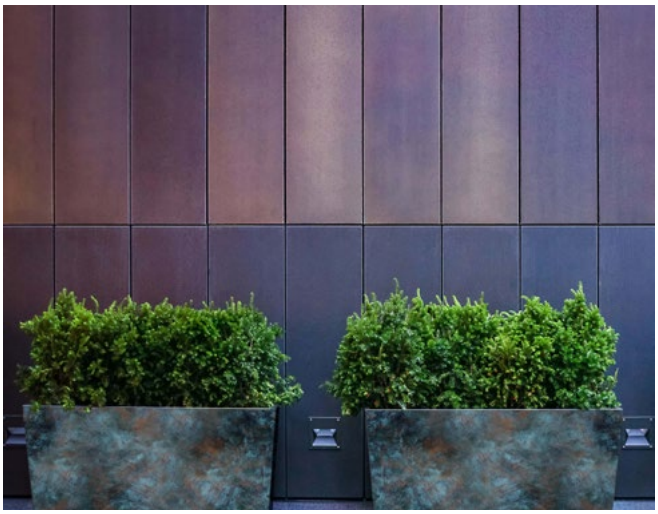
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POWDER COATINGS:

COMBINING CREATIVITY AND DURABILITY IN SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN





Outdoor signage is an important part of landscape design, serving both a practical purpose and contributing to the visual character of a space. Whether creating wayfinding signs for a public park, feature signage for hotel grounds or branding for a commercial development, materials and finishes need to combine durability with eye-catching design.

As an architectural powder coater, Powdertech Corby has developed a wide range of distinctive finishes particularly suited to signage and other metal landscape features. And these can be customised - achieving one-off tones or shades to meet a client's requirement.

Versatility of finishes

The environment and purpose of a space will influence its visual character. In parks, gardens and rural settings, for example, signage is often designed to sit comfortably within natural surroundings.

However, using natural materials can have drawbacks: timber requires regular treatment, stone is heavy and terracotta can be brittle. Powder coating can recreate the character of these materials while retaining the strength and practicality of aluminium or steel.

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Durability and sustainability

Outdoor signage must withstand sunlight, rain, frost, pollution and physical contact. Powdertech's high-performance architectural powder coatings provide corrosion protection, scratch and impact resistance, UV resistance and long-term colour and gloss retention, with routine washing with water being sufficient for maintenance.

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Coordinated landscape design

The same colours and finishes can be used across signage, benches, planters, railings, screens and other landscape features, creating a coordinated scheme - or contrasting finishes can make wayfinding stand out.

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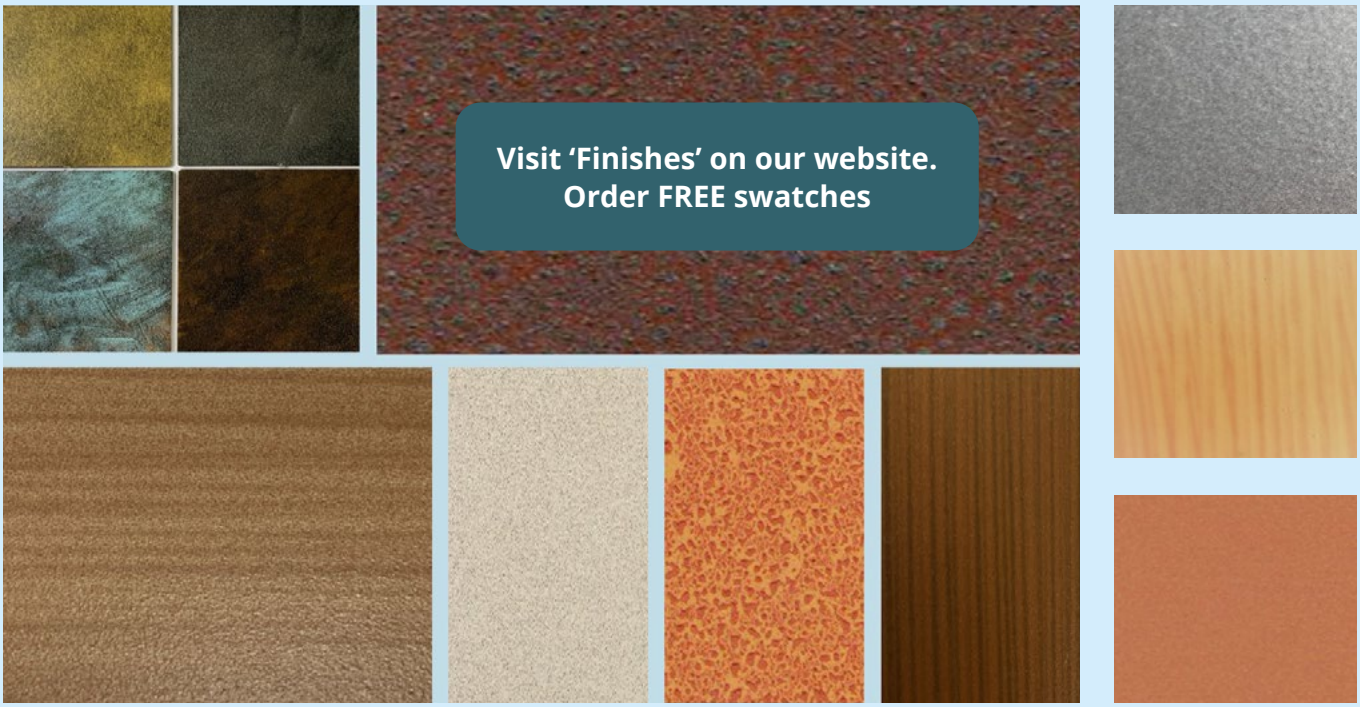
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THE NEW LUXURY IN HOME DESIGN? TIME

HOW LOW-MAINTENANCE LIVING IS REDEFINING MODERN LUXURY







For decades, luxury home design was measured by size. Larger homes. Bigger backyards. More rooms. More features. Today, however, a new definition of luxury is emerging, and it has little to do with square footage. It's time.

In a world where calendars are busier, workdays stretch longer and digital distractions compete for every spare moment, one of the most valuable commodities homeowners possess is no longer space. It's the freedom to enjoy it.

The Hidden Cost of Home Ownership
A home requires hundreds of hours of maintenance every year. From painting, to sanding and sealing wooden features, to pressure washing to restore the look of other areas, to general repairs and gardening or landscaping, the time invested in maintaining a home can quickly become a fulltime weekend job - time that should be spent relaxing, with family and friends. Suddenly, the true cost of traditional building materials isn't measured only in monetary terms. It's measured in weekends.

The rise of low-maintenance thinking is increasingly influencing the way homes are designed and specified. Landscapers, architects and homeowners alike are seeking materials that deliver lasting beauty without demanding constant upkeep. It's one of the reasons Eva-Last's low-maintenance composite building materials have become one of the fastest-growing considerations in material specifications and outdoor living design.

Decks are no longer viewed as projects that require bi-annual maintenance schedules. Cladding is no longer expected to demand ongoing sanding and refinishing. Fencing solutions are increasingly chosen not only for aesthetics, but for their ability to maintain their appearance with minimal intervention.

The goal is no longer simply to create beautiful spaces. It's to create beautiful spaces that stay beautiful with little to no effort ever required. In today's world, homeowners are increasingly seeking products that deliver lasting value through a combination of aesthetics, performance, longevity and sustainability. And perhaps that's the real luxury: the confidence that the spaces you create today will continue enhancing the way you live tomorrow.

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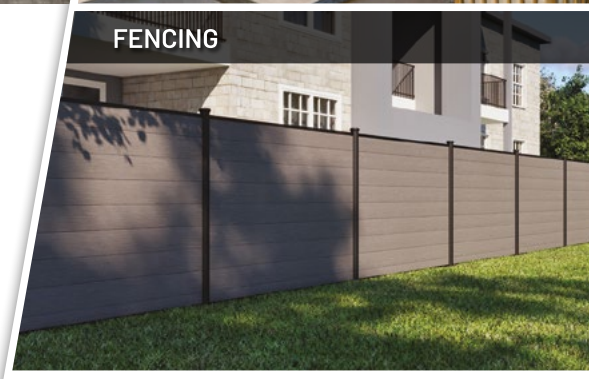
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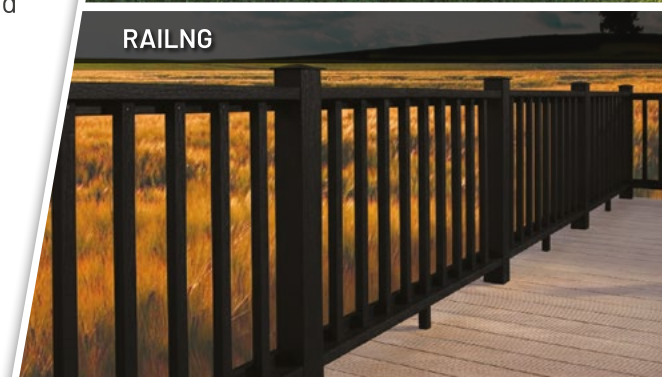
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Not only are suspended decks quick and clean to install, they even-out height differences across site, make flush fitting with doors etc a breeze, deliver built-in drainage and provide a void for services such as power and hvac. What's more, well designed and installed paving/decking can be removed for access to the void, facilitating maintenance and future-proofing projects.

Wallbarn is the UK leader in pedestal and substructure systems, with more than 40 years of experience. Recent projects include the ground-breaking outdoor critical care unit at King's College Hospital, London, and the newly renovated Harrods Helideck event space, as well as public paving schemes and solutions for restaurants, offices, hotels etc.

The Croydon-based company is confident that it has a solution for most installations. And, because it holds industry-leading stock levels at its London base, can get materials to site quickly.

Suspended deck systems: Benefits

- Quick and clean to install with no need for sand, cement, heavy lifting equipment or ground fixings.
- Finished surfaces that are perfectly flat even if threshold height vary or there are immovable objects/features to accommodate.
- Small gaps between the paving/decking ensure the space drains efficiently and effectively.
- The void created beneath the surface is perfect for services, including electrical, heating, ventilation etc.
- Future-proof projects, facilitating easy access to the void for adding or accessing services.
- Allow for pedestal height to be fine-tuned post installation and offer Class A fire performance where compliance with Building Regulations, NHS HTM's etc is required.
- Finished area is strong, hard-wearing and long-lasting, with paving or decking appropriately

specified - for example non-slip or cool-to-the-touch in warm locations.

Specification is key to success, and that means understanding how the space will be used to ensure that the completed project is fit for purpose and strong enough to withstand weight tolerances placed upon it. This is especially important for public areas and if designers expect heavy use, planters, street art or heavy furniture. Understanding usage lays the groundwork for selecting the most appropriate and cost-effective substructure to support decking or paving chosen.

It must also be remembered that all elements of the paving/decking system must be suitable for exterior use, so only weatherproof and rot-proof solutions should be considered.

Choice

For the majority of applications, standard plastic pedestals offer the performance required for exterior applications at, or around, ground level. Look for a weight tolerance of at least 680kg/pedestal and temperature tolerance of -40°C to +75°C to ensure a hard-wearing and long-lasting installation. If heavier traffic is anticipated, heavy duty plastic pedestals offer a weight tolerance of more than 1.5 tonnes each, with a breaking point of two tonnes. Standard metal pedestals can withstand three tonnes.

Wallbarn offers both plastic and metal pedestals in fixed head and self-balancing systems, allowing any sub-surface unevenness to be counteracted and imperfections, such as variations in paving slab thickness, to be smoothed out. Wallbarn takes pride in having a pedestal system suitable for almost any project, from 10mm to 1m+ in both plastic and Class A metal. This wide choice allows contractors to cherry pick the precise heights and features they require, sourcing the entire system from one supplier with the benefits that delivers - one point of contact for customer support, site deliveries etc.

Systems include:

- **MiniPad:** the ultra low height solution suitable for paving, decking and rail systems with different headpieces. Heights range from 10mm to 40mm, with special grips allowing installers to adjust height whilst the slab is in situ. MiniPad is ideal for achieving exact levels. Clip-on 5mm extension plates provide additional height flexibility, particularly when the finished surface height is uncertain during the planning phase.

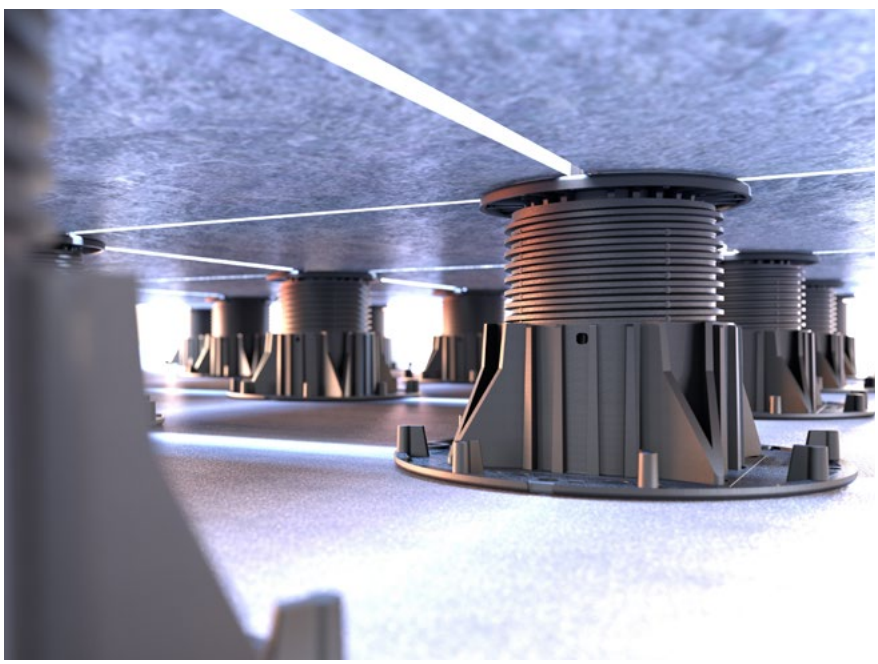
- **Mega Balance:** the ultimate one-stop solution with a weight tolerance of three tonnes and a height range of 25mm to 1025mm, Mega Balance offers unrivalled flexibility on site for paving, decking or the Wallbarn rail system. This self-levelling or fixed head pedestal reduces the need for multiple products, streamlining specification and installation. In addition, it can handle slopes of use to 5% and is lockable by use of the 'Grey Nut', a top key system allowing in-situ height adjustments for paving.

- **Mini Mega Balance:** a game-changer pedestal system delivering an ultra heavy-duty pedestal accommodating 25mm to 75mm height requirements with no wastage. Suitable for paving, decking and rail systems.

- **Balance:** engineered to counteract unevenness, Balance has a telescopic stem twisted by hand to achieve the height required to millimetric precision, from 25mm to 392mm.

Wallbarn also offers the Class A rated MetalPad EX; fixed height pedestals (7mm to 17mm); the Universal range for paving and decking; rail system; accessories (including edging plates and slope correctors) plus a range of paving and decking finishes, including ExaDeck, cement fibre deckboards, and Bamboo Elegance. Refer to its website for full details of all substructure/pedestals systems and finishes.

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New Wallbarn Systems

Wallbarn has launched two systems that further enhance its approach to safety, design flexibility, flawless finishes and long-lasting installations.

Its new Gravity raised flooring system combines adjustable pedestals (including Wallbarn's own Universal, Balance or Mega Balance) with a continuous structural support grid to deliver highly stable paving, decking and even green roof finishes.

Also new is Perimeter Edging Plate, which creates a secure, precise, exposed edge detail for raised paving installations. Paired with Wallbarn's Mega Balance adjustable pedestals, the kit enables porcelain tiles and vertical risers to be bonded at exposed edges and corners, providing a clean, stable finish.

UK TURF INDUSTRY AT 'DEFINING MOMENT' AS DROUGHT AND RISING COSTS PUT FUTURE SUPPLY AT RISK

TURFGRASS GROWERS ASSOCIATION WARNS RISING PRODUCTION RISKS THREATEN LONG-TERM SUPPLY OF TURF



The UK turf industry is facing a defining moment as extreme weather, rising production costs and increasing climate-related risks place unprecedented pressure on growers, the Turfgrass Growers Association (TGA) has warned.

Figures released by the Government on 10 August show that 71.3% of England is experiencing drought conditions, following an exceptionally hot and dry summer and the driest July on record for England. For turf growers, the prolonged lack of rainfall and extreme temperatures have meant sharply higher irrigation costs, crop damage, increased waste and lengthy recovery programmes. In one reported case, irrigation costs have risen by around 40%, while drought-related damage could result in waste levels reaching around twice their normal level, even after extensive restoration work. These are significant costs in a sector where margins are already under intense pressure.

The TGA warns that these pressures do not end when rainfall returns, with consequences for turf availability, lead times and the economics of production creating the prospect of reduced availability and shorter supply across the turf market.

Richard Owens, chair of the Turfgrass Growers Association, said: "With more than two-thirds of England now officially in drought, the scale of the challenge facing turf growers has never been clearer. This is not an isolated problem affecting one part of the country or one difficult growing season. The economics of turf production have changed, with growers facing substantially higher costs and greater production risk than in previous years. Individual businesses will need to assess those pressures within their own operations and make their own commercial decisions accordingly."

"For landscapers and contractors, a healthy domestic turf-growing sector is essential. If growers are unable to maintain economically viable



production, capacity will come under pressure and that could ultimately affect the availability of turf in the market."

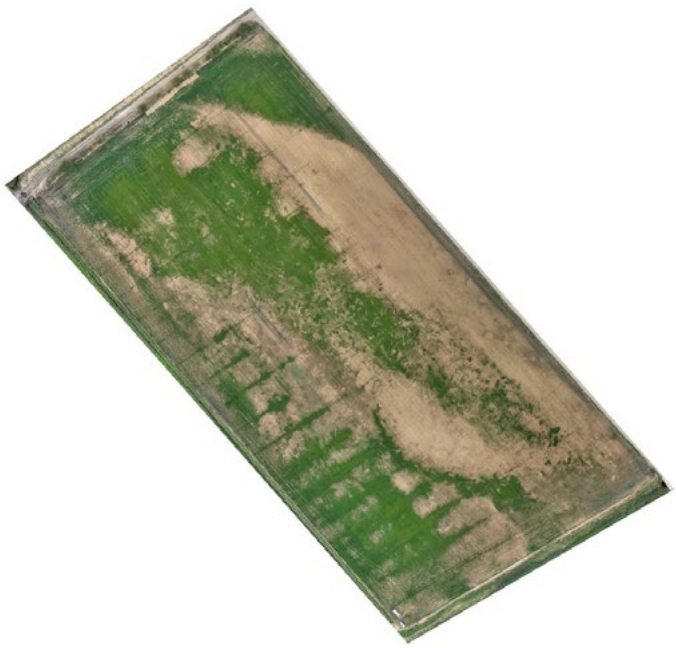
The current drought is the third experienced in England in five years, following droughts in 2022 and 2025, underlining the increasing frequency of extreme conditions.
cularly exposed because of the length of the growing cycle. Damage sustained during drought can delay maturity and harvesting, reduce yields and tie up land that would otherwise be used for future production.

Stuart Ridd-Jones, director at Harrowden, a member of the TGA, said: "As growers, we have seen the impact of this summer in the field every day. Prolonged dry weather puts pressure on every part of turf production. Irrigation demand rises quickly, heat and drought stress can damage crops, and getting those fields back to where they need to be takes time, labour and investment. "Rain doesn't simply reset the clock. We can still be dealing with poor yields, renovation work and delayed harvests months after the weather has changed. These are real costs and real risks that have a direct impact on the economics of producing turf and on our ability to maintain the reliable levels of supply that customers expect."

Where water is available, irrigation can protect crops but brings significant additional energy, labour and infrastructure costs. Where turf has suffered more severe damage, growers may need to overseed and renovate before crops can return to saleable condition. These pressures come on top of sustained increases in the cost of fertiliser, seed, machinery, labour, transport and energy.

The TGA says the combination of rising costs and more frequent extreme weather is placing increasing pressure on the long-term economics of turf production and the sector's ability to maintain reliable supply.

David Waring, from Sovereign Turf, a member of the TGA, said: "We cannot remember a year as challenging as this one. The scale of the cost increases facing growers like us is significant. Reports suggest that, as of April 2026, the price of red diesel had risen by 79% compared with the 2025 average, leaving UK farmers facing an estimated £337 million in additional red diesel costs this year as a result of the Iranian conflict.[1] With 2026 proving to be one of the most extreme weather years on record, further significant pressure has been applied. Demand for irrigation, and in turn diesel, is off the scale. Even with good water security, wastage is likely to be significantly above normal and supply pressures are becoming increasingly likely. These additional costs and production risks underline the level of investment now required to maintain a reliable supply of quality turf."



The TGA stresses that maintaining a resilient and economically viable sector is not simply about recovering the costs associated with one exceptionally hot, dry summer. Growers also need to invest in water storage, irrigation, machinery and crop management to build resilience against conditions that are becoming increasingly frequent.

Richard said: "We also recognise that businesses throughout the landscaping and horticultural supply chain are facing their own cost pressures. That is why constructive conversations between individual growers and their suppliers and customers are so important. We need a supply chain that recognises the pressures facing all parts of the market and supports long-term resilience."

Production decisions made now can influence turf availability many months or even years ahead. Reduced investment or lower production acreage could create future capacity constraints and leave the market more vulnerable during periods of high demand.

The TGA is calling on customers to work closely with growers and plan requirements as early as possible, particularly where significant volumes are required. Individual growers remain responsible for determining their own prices and commercial terms.

Richard concluded: "The events of this year have highlighted how exposed turf production can be to prolonged extreme weather, but this is bigger than just 2026. The climate and cost environment in which we are growing turf has changed. If we want a resilient UK turf industry that can continue supplying landscapers, horticultural businesses and domestic customers with quality turf, the sector needs to remain economically viable and capable of investing for the future."

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MANSFIELD SUDS SCHEME:

MORE THAN JUST FLOOD RESILIENCE





Managing rainfall where it lands is increasingly important as towns and cities seek to reduce flood risk and pressure on drainage networks. In Mansfield, Severn Trent Water chose nature-based solutions and sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) as part of its response.

Unlike conventional drainage, planted SuDS can slow and store rainfall, filter pollutants and improve water quality while creating greener urban spaces. Engineered soils and planting systems can also capture pollutants washed from roads, such as hydrocarbons, heavy metals and sediments. This helps prevent them from reaching rivers and downstream ecosystems.

The Mansfield scheme incorporates bioswales, detention basins and rain gardens, showing how water infrastructure can also support biodiversity and climate resilience.

An Integrated Approach

The Green Estate CIC worked collaboratively with Severn Trent Water, Galliford Try, Kier, SISK and Ground Control to deliver a solution able to manage over 58 million litres of water, significantly alleviating flood risk.

The performance of planted SuDS depends on more than drainage design alone. Growing media, plant communities, installation, establishment and long-term management must work together to deliver hydraulic, ecological and landscape performance.

The Green Estate installed its specialist Grey to Green Substrate®, engineered to civil engineering standards, with over 25,000 sqm of Pictorial Meadows Turf® and specialist plants across more than 200 SuDS features.

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Beyond Flood Resilience

The scheme has significantly reduced surface water entering the drainage network, reducing flood risk to over 90,000 residents.

It is also creating more biodiverse and attractive public spaces, supporting pollinators, urban cooling, air quality and community wellbeing. Planted SuDS provide passive pollution control by treating runoff before it reaches watercourses, while greener streets can encourage footfall and support the local economy.

Mansfield's historic marketplace has been revitalised with vibrant rain gardens, demonstrating how SuDS can combine water management, pollutant removal, resilient planting and long-term landscape performance.



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LANDSCAPE PRACTICE BEHIND RARE PARAGRAPH 84 HAT-TRICK

THREE PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER ONE OF ENGLAND'S MOST DEMANDING PLANNING POLICIES UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF LANDSCAPE-LED DESIGN

Landscape architecture practice PAD landscapes has helped secure planning approval for three Paragraph 84 homes within the past six months, bringing the practice's total number of successful Paragraph 84 projects to 12. The achievement further reinforces PAD's expertise under one of England's most rigorous planning routes for exceptional countryside homes.

Paragraph 84 of the National Planning Policy Framework permits new isolated homes in the countryside only in exceptional circumstances. To gain consent, proposals must demonstrate outstanding design quality, respond sensitively to local character and significantly enhance their setting, making landscape design a critical part of the planning case.

The approvals were granted for projects at Sherfield English in Hampshire, Stapleford Grange in Norfolk and Friars Bourne in East Hertfordshire. The projects illustrate how landscape-led design has become integral to achieving planning consent for exemplary countryside homes.

Across the three schemes, PAD landscapes developed landscape strategies integrating architecture, ecology, biodiversity and long-term stewardship, with each design tailored to its individual site while delivering long-term environmental enhancement.

Phil Allen, Director of PAD landscapes, said:

"Paragraph 84 sets an exceptionally high bar. Success depends on far more than outstanding architecture. The landscape must demonstrate why a proposal belongs in its setting, how it enhances the site and how it creates lasting environmental value.

"To have contributed to three successful Paragraph 84 approvals in the last six months is a significant milestone for the practice. Each project demanded a different response, but they all illustrate what can be achieved when landscape is considered from the very beginning of the design process."



The approved schemes include:

Stapleford Grange, Norfolk - Working with Hawkes Architecture and Axiom Planning, PAD landscapes were brought into the project to help unlock a complex planning process following extensive discussions with the Council and Design Review Panel. Its landscape strategy combined woodland enhancement, orchards of rare heritage species, mixed native hedgerows and species-rich pollinator planting, helping demonstrate how the scheme would deliver long-term environmental and landscape benefits alongside exceptional design.

Friars Bourne, East Hertfordshire - The approved scheme transforms a former chicken farm into a contemporary rural home inspired by the site's agricultural heritage. The landscape proposals include wetland creation, habitat enhancement and the remediation of a contaminated brownfield site.

Sherfield English, Hampshire - PAD landscapes undertook a detailed assessment of landscape character, ecology, settlement pattern, heritage and long-term stewardship to create a landscape-led masterplan rooted in place. Bringing these considerations together from the outset helped shape a proposal capable of meeting the exceptionally high standards required for Paragraph 84 consent.

Phil Allen added:

"The best Paragraph 84 schemes are not about placing a beautiful object in a field. They are about creating a complete proposition where architecture, landscape, ecology and long-term land management work together. That's where landscape architects can make a decisive difference."

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IRRIGATION SHUTDOWN IS A DATE, NOT A REACTION



The most common mistake in commercial irrigation winterisation is not a technical one. It is letting the first cold morning of October decide when the system gets switched off.

A shutdown carried out in a rush is a shutdown where something gets missed, and what gets missed rarely announces itself until April. Backflow devices drained partially rather than fully. Sections added to the system over the years that never made it onto a drawing, and so never get drained. Dripline blown down at sprinkler pressure, which is enough to damage emitters while still leaving water behind them. Reacting to the forecast also cuts autumn watering short. On sites with new planting or recently laid turf, September and early October can be dry, and young planting still needs water. Switching off early to be safe has a cost that turns up in establishment failures the following year.

The better approach is to book a fixed window, usually late October into early November across most of the UK, and hold the system in a reduced-run configuration until then. Planting gets what it needs through autumn, and the shutdown itself happens on a plan with the right people and equipment on site. Exposed or northern locations, and sites with shallow pipework, should plan earlier.

The preparation matters as much as the date. Before anything is drained, confirm the location of every isolation valve, drain point, backflow device and manifold, and check which zones feed which areas. On systems that have been extended over the years, the newer sections are the ones most likely to be forgotten, and a zone that never gets drained will keep failing every spring while looking like bad luck. "Nearly everything we repair in April traces back to something that was not done properly in October," says Ed Harwood, Maintenance Contracts Manager at Waterscapes. "Usually it is water somewhere it should not have been. It is a cheap job to do well and an expensive one to do quickly."

The final step is a written record of what was drained, when, by whom, and anything found or deferred. It turns spring recommissioning from an investigation into a checklist, and it answers the question that comes up every April: whether the fault was there in October, or arrived over winter.

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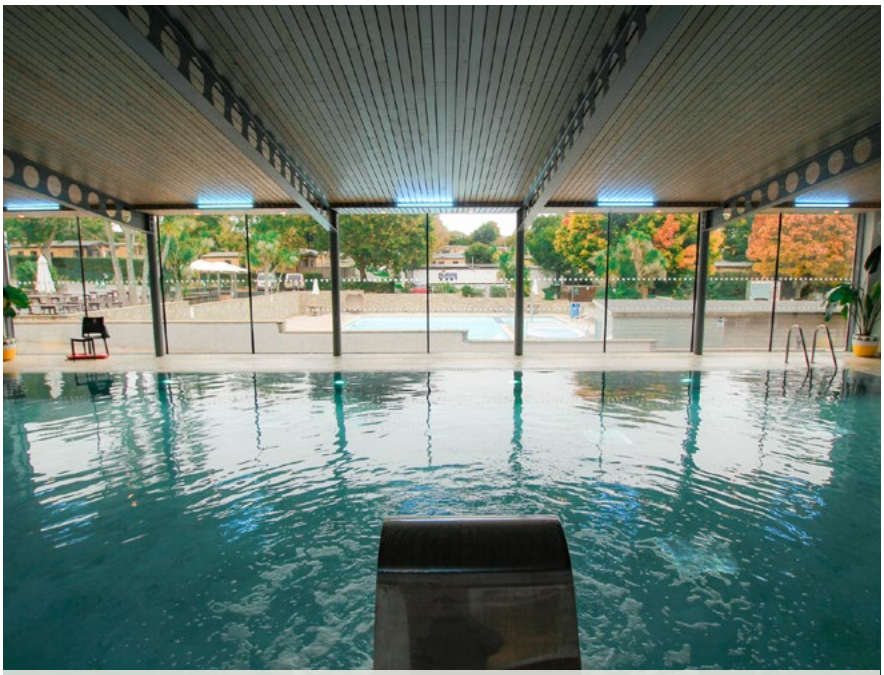


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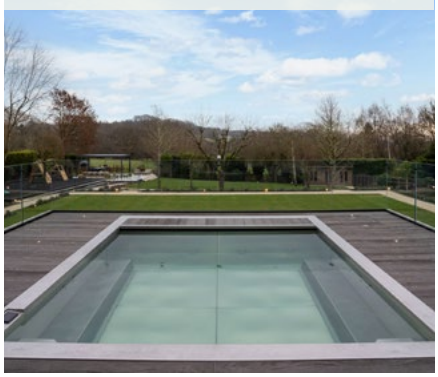
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A CHRONOLOGICAL SPATIAL JOURNEY



At Rufford Abbey Country Park, landscape design transcends conventional play infrastructure to become an immersive narrative continuum. Moving deliberately away from standardized equipment catalogs and isolated, turn-key play structures, the intervention establishes a spatial atlas where history, site memory, and tactile play converge within a sensitive, established 12th-century Cistercian landscape.

The site's previous iteration—formerly known as 'The Play Village'—was encumbered by an overly rigid, compartmentalized layout dominated by repeating vertical timber log palisades set in concrete. Over time, these timber structures deteriorated, creating safety hazards and placing a heavy maintenance burden on the estate. Visually and spatially, these palisades acted as physical barriers, fracturing the broad vistas across the country park arboretum and restricting fluid footfall. Compounding these spatial limitations, severe ground compaction, turf erosion, and poor localized drainage turned large swathes of the site into standing water during inclement weather, rendering the area unusable during peak holiday periods.

epd Landscape responded not with an engineered replacement, but with a topography-led transformation that interprets the layered heritage of the abbey grounds, inviting visitors into an interactive, chronological exploration of the site's deep historical timeline.

Reinterpreting the Spirit of the Place

The physical organization of the play park mirrors key historical epochs, translating regional history and historical narrative into tactile spatial experiences:

- **Cistercian Hydro-Engineering:** The journey begins by referencing the site's 12th-century Cistercian origins. Water-play channels and hydro-exploration zones celebrate early monastic water management and hydraulic engineering, inviting children to manipulate currents, sluices, and water flow directly.

- **The Sandstone Ruin & Subterranean Realm:** Formed in close collaboration with Rockworks, a central simulated sandstone ruin emerges organically from the sculpted earthworks. Constructed from hand-sculpted concrete bouldering, the structure houses subterranean catacombs, internal stairwells, and structural climbing nets anchored directly into the wall pour, anchoring the spatial narrative firmly in monastic architectural form.

- **Tudor Upheaval:** Moving chronologically into the Tudor era, dynamic swinging structures and vertical timber elements evoke political and religious turbulence.

An oversized king's throne represents Edward VI, while a striking cluster of angled, crimson-stained timber stakes pays homage to Mary I.

- **Elizabethan Exploration:** The timeline culminates in the era of maritime exploration with a bespoke timber play vessel. Complete with rigging, climbing nets, and stainless-steel slides, the ship is embedded amidst rolling landforms and tall grasses, inviting children to navigate "oceans of vegetation and earthen waves".

Topography, Universal Accessibility, and Tactile Materiality

Rather than imposing rigid architectural boundaries or separate, isolated accessible equipment, the design utilizes subtle landform manipulation to achieve universal design principles. Gently sloping earthen embankments lead directly to the crest of the main play mounds, allowing children with limited mobility or wheelchair users to seamlessly reach elevated play nodes alongside their peers. Custom extra-wide slide profiles were specified so parents and carers can accompany children requiring additional physical support.

Sited carefully within an informal arboretum, the material palette favors longevity, raw organic textures, and visual integration. Unfinished Robinia timbers, natural stone, bound gravel pathways, and earth-toned safety surfacing allows the structures to read as natural extensions of the existing woodland canopy. A stepped turf 'Globe' amphitheatre and acoustic sensory zones—featuring outdoor musical instruments and chime cascades nestled near the tree line—provide quiet moments of performance and sensory rest.

Heritage and Ecological Stewardship

Operating within a designated historic site presented complex planning and archaeological constraints. To demonstrate that the elevated play mounds and play towers would not disrupt key visual sightlines or diminish the registered historic setting, epd Landscape produced detailed sightline cross-sections to satisfy the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

During construction, service trenches required for a new on-site catering facility ('The Play Shed') were executed under a strict archaeological watching brief agreed upon with the LPA archaeologist. Hand-digging and low-impact excavation techniques were rigorously employed around root protection zones and sensitive ground layers to ensure zero net disturbance to the heritage landscape. By harmonizing heritage preservation with high-capacity play, the project successfully revives a deteriorating landscape into a resilient, living space that reconnects visitors with the story of Rufford Abbey.









Project Information

Project Name: Rufford Abbey Natural Playground

Location: Rufford Abbey Country Park, Nottinghamshire, United Kingdom

Project Type: Destination Natural Play / Historic Parkland

Landscape Architect: epd Landscape

Contractor: Glendale Countryside Ltd

Specialist Craftsmen & Suppliers:

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Client: Rufford Abbey Country Park

Completion: Phase I: 2017 (3 months build time)

Project Status: Phase I Completed

Project Budget: £380,000

Project Flythrough by Jupiter: www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIQNakyfnKI

LILLIARDSEDGE HOLIDAY PARK



Lilliardsedge Holiday Park in the Scottish Borders has opened a brand new play destination. Designed specifically for this holiday park by our in-house design team, it's been built to create experiences that will bring families back time and time again.

The play area centres around a striking 9.5-metre bespoke play unit that took months of planning, collaboration and precision engineering to bring to life. From initial conversations between the Wicksteed team and park owners, through to 3D visuals, crane-assisted installation and a final inspection certificate, every stage was carefully managed to ensure the installation was ready for play before the summer holidays began.

Inclusive design was central to the brief from the outset. Working closely with park owner Stuart and his team, ensured that the finished space would be welcoming and accessible to children of all abilities, something that shaped both the design choices and the equipment selected throughout the process.

The finishing touches were equally considered. A bespoke rubber surfacing design in red, black and yellow was laid across the play area, tying together the colours of the unit and giving the space a cohesive, polished look that completes the overall experience.

On opening day, families from across the local area, not just holiday park guests, arrived to experience the new facility. Lilliardsedge is actively positioning itself as a play destination for the wider community, with the play area designed to drive footfall to the park's on-site café, bar and facilities.

For Stuart, the experience of working with Wicksteed exceeded expectations. "We have ended up with the exact product we were hoping for. When you stand next to the playground and hold up the photograph that was generated based on what we were looking for, it doesn't just look similar, it's virtually identical. Which is actually rare when you're doing these kinds of projects."

Lilliardsedge is positioning itself not just as a holiday park, but as a play destination in its own right. A place families choose to visit for the experience, whether they are staying on site or simply looking for a great day out in the Borders.

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Inclusive Play has grown from a single workshop into an internationally recognised manufacturer of accessible and inclusive play equipment, responsible for more than a fifth of the UK's play equipment exports.

The wheelchair-accessible roundabout remains one of its best-selling products worldwide, helping create more meaningful play opportunities for the one in five who live with a disability.

Paul Hoenigmann, Managing Director at Inclusive Play, said:
"We invested heavily in bringing our production in-house because it allows us to maintain the highest standards of quality, innovation and safety. We are proud to have created skilled manufacturing jobs in Scotland, while contributing to the success of the Scottish and UK economies.

"Joining Made in Britain was a natural next step for us. The accreditation reflects our commitment to domestic manufacturing and gives customers confidence that our products are designed, manufactured and made in Britain, rather than simply assembled or imported."

Following the design and development of wheelchair-accessible roundabouts, accessible spinning bowls, controlled rocking seesaws and sensory products, Inclusive Play is continuing its commitment to accessible and inclusive playground equipment, UK-based production and positive social change.

Now, twenty years on, the company is marking its impact on people with disabilities, local employees and manufacturing communities by joining Made in Britain - a not-for-profit organisation championing British manufacturers.

Paul continued:
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CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND NETWORK



The lack of play environments in the peripheral neighbourhoods of Medellín has limited opportunities for recreation and family gatherings. Moreover, the scarcity of natural soil and permeable surfaces has intensified the heat island effect and increased the risk of environmental pollution, instability on hillsides, and runoff flooding near creek basins.

An Infrastructure of Play and Natural Landscapes - This project establishes a system of parks in neighbourhood settings in need of public space. Public plots measuring between 300 and 500 square meters were identified near environmental corridors and neighbourhood centres—some disused, others lacking a defined program. Each park is conceived as a gathering space for families and as a venue with an environmental and recreational purpose, featuring geographies that transform topographical constraints into opportunities for collective space.

Urbanism as a Pedagogical Tool - The parks function as meeting places, play areas, and open classrooms. Designed around topography and natural settings, their layouts define terraces, gardens, and urban living rooms. This system is complemented by playground equipment, urban furniture, and lighting. Each park facilitates universal mobility in high and medium-slope contexts.

Education and Gathering - The architecture turns topographical constraints into opportunities. This adaptation allows each level to act as a balcony overlooking the city, offering a unique perspective and spatial experience while serving as retaining infrastructure on steep slopes. The journey through the site is a playful and educational experience where play occurs in the transition between levels, along ramps, and on paths that integrate the park into its context.

Nature ensures environmental continuity and shapes the public space through layers of vegetation. Smaller species act as the first layer for rainwater absorption and biological stabilizers. Mid-sized species serve as corridors for local fauna, while larger trees create microclimates through natural shade, lowering temperatures and strengthening the connection to the city's green infrastructure.

Understanding the topography allows gathering and play areas to be placed in highly visible spots—public spaces where neighbours meet, look out for one another, and strengthen the fabric of community life.

Through landscape design, sustainable urban drainage systems are introduced. The project integrates water management with absorbent soil and permeable paving. Using local materials and labor reduces carbon emissions from transportation while ensuring that construction doubles as a process for training and employment.

Replicability and Future Perspectives - This model, which integrates neighbourhood structure with public spaces, can be adapted to different contexts and topographies. This network of neighborhood parks is an urban and environmental proposal to build a more equitable city, serving as a cornerstone for social transformation through education, recreation, and community gathering.

Technical Sheet

- **Architects**: Alcaldía de Medellín
- **Area:** 48 m²
- **Year:** 2026
- **Photographs:** Israel Restrepo Naranjo



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