

KINGFISHER BOURNEMOUTH

DEKORGRIP RESIN BOUND

THE NEED:

The Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre is the gateway to the Stour Valley Nature Reserve in Bournemouth and incorporates displays and information for the public and schools. Results of a survey undertaken February 2013 revealed to Bournemouth Borough Council that 52% of local residents had never visited Stour Valley Nature Reserve. Regeneration was required to ensure that it was fully accessible to all members of the public. Various groups were involved in the quest to bring residents out into the countryside including RSPB, Stour Valley Supporters Group, Bournemouth Parks Foundation and others.

SOLUTION:

Gravel surfacing has always been used on the site as asphalt was too harsh and out of character with the natural wildlife setting. Natural Wicker resin bound was carefully selected as the best surface that answered all their concerns, and looks stunning against the old brick built barn as the path winds its way through the wildlife garden. Water run off was a concern for the council as there is an adjacent river, but the porous nature of resin bound is ideal for this, especially when laid on EcoGrid, as rain water drained straight through to the ground below.

SUMMARY:

Bournemouth Borough Council were thrilled with the final result which opened to the public in May 2016, which is run in partnership between the Council and RSPB, especially as they were able to use their own in-house team to install. The reserve was their first to be awarded a Green Flag on its beautiful three-mile stretch of water and visitors are able to reach the Kingfisher Barn without getting their feet wet; a testament to the porosity of Natural Wicker and EcoGrid system. Truly a durable asset for generations to enjoy.

SYSTEMS USED:

- DekorGrip Resin Bound (UV)
 - Pearl Grey
- EcoGrid System



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