

# Case Study Golpla Pre-Grow Royal William Yard



#### **Location:**

Royal William Yard **Plymouth** Devon PL1 3RP

#### **Project:**

**Royal William Yard** Car Park



### **Contractor:**

AtelierBUILD

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#### **Engineer:**

Hydrock



#### **Installer:**

W H Bond

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#### **Architect:**

Gillespie Yunnie

## **Geosynthetics Limited**

Fleming Road Harrowbrook Ind. Est Hinckley **LE10 3DU** Tel. 01455 617 139 sales@geosyn.co.uk www.geosyn.co.uk Royal William Yard was designed by Victorian architect Sir John Rennie and constructed between 1825 and 1831. Steeped in history, the site contains the largest collection of Grade 1 listed military buildings in Europe. The site has lots to offer visitors with a variety of high-end commercial and residential uses including leisure, office and retail.

With the popularity of the location, car parking was a becoming a major issue for the site operator. They appointed Hydrock Engineering to source a solution.

Aside from the necessity for a natural grass surface, some of the parking areas were quite steep and there were several mature trees that required protection. Due to its proven track record, the Golpla Pre-Grown and Cellweb® Tree Root Protection systems were specified for the project.

Work to clear what had previously been an old neglected cottage garden started in October 2014 and a stone sub-base was installed. Grass surfacing was favoured for the parking areas with a coloured asphalt road linking the areas together.

Geosynthetics visited site regularly during November and December to offer technical support to the installation teams. Following a trouble-free installation, the grass guickly began to establish and after some fertiliser



was applied, it flourished despite the low winter temperatures.

The project was completed in January 2015 and the site was opened for use the following month, by which time the Golpla pre-grown was fully established.

Using Golpla Pre-Grown provided a consistent grass finish without germination issues and its natural aesthetic set the desired tone for the site's many visitors.

"The choice of Golpla Pre-Grown was made after carefully balancing the need for an economic solution with the desire to match the beautiful historic setting. The Golpla Pre-Grown made an immediate visual impact on the competition, the green contrasted well with the yellow stone. It's relatively immediate use was an important factor. With a degree of maintenance the car park is now a flourishing facility that compliments rather than impacts upon the yard."

Guy Jackson, AtelierBuild





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