



Case Study

Golpla Grass and Gravel Trelissick Gardens

Location:

Trelissick Gardens
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TR3 6QL

Client:

The National Trust

Project:

National Trust
Trelissick Gardens



Contractor:

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Trelissick Gardens has one of the most amazing natural settings in the country. It is located on its own peninsula with ever-changing views of the estuary of the River Fal. The 121 hectare estate, with its countryside, woodlands and coast, makes for breathtaking walks. There are more than 30 acres of elevated gardens to explore, with twisting paths that lead you through significant collections of hydrangeas, rhododendrons, camellias, ginger lilies and year-round exciting woodland plants.



Being such a popular place created issues with parking and at times cars were queuing on the road leading into the site, waiting for spaces. The Trust wanted to develop the car park but had faced objections from the local authority and restrictions on vehicle numbers.

A piece of land was identified which had falls and drainage issues. The Trust employed the services of a local architect to come up with a design that would help blend the car park into surrounding area and cope with the challenges.

Golpla was chosen for the surface, having a proven track record in the south west where it has been used at several National Trust Properties including Castle Drogo, Anthony House and Boscastle. The combination of a gravel filled roadway winding past grass parking bays created a very natural appearance and minimised the falls across the site.

The work started in February and was completed quickly to enable the extra spaces to be used at Easter. Geosynthetics provided on site advice and guidance for the installation. It was the contractor's first experience with the product and they found it very easy to install. The finished grass surface was given time to establish by keeping its use to a minimum.

This is another example of the versatile way Golpla can be used to overcome site conditions and achieve great results.

"We needed a surface that could be used all year round which incorporated a green, low key and organic design as specified by the local authority. Golpla's drainage qualities combined with the aesthetically pleasing finish enabled us to create the perfect solution."

John Lanyon

Head Gardner at Trelissick





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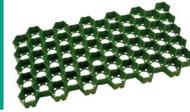
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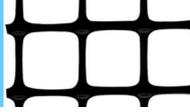
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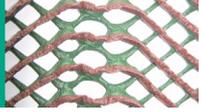
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