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Netpave[®] 25

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Case study

Client Wellingborough Golf Club, Northants

Project Overspill Car Parking



Netpave 25[®], the easy-to-lay, flexible paving system from Netlon is providing an ideal solution to the problem of turf protection at golf courses. Laid directly on top of existing turf, Netpave[®] 25 requires no special surface preparation and virtually disappears as the grass grows through its open cell structure. It provides a low cost, aesthetically pleasing answer to grass wear problems faced by golf clubs.

Two typical golf course applications are at Wellingborough Golf Club and Saltford Golf Club near Bristol and the Head Greenkeepers at both are more than satisfied with the results.

The requirement at Wellingborough was for overspill car parking during busy periods. The provision of a hard parking surface would have required planning permission – not necessarily an easy option because the club is on an English Heritage site – followed by the disruption caused by excavation and installation.

Netpave[®] 25 was the ideal alternative. No red tape, no disruption, and an aesthetically pleasing solution delivered on a small budget.

Netpave[®] 25 was laid on a 280 square metre area of turf adjacent to the main car park.

Ian Marshall, Head Greenkeeper at Wellingborough, said: "The Netpave 25 was really easy to put down and once the grass had grown through, you couldn't see it unless you looked very hard.

"It solved our parking problem with virtually no disruption

Client Saltford Golf Club, Bristol

Project Access Routes



and I'm very pleased with the result."

Ian McFarlane, Head Greenkeeper at Saltford Golf Club faced two entirely different problems, but also found that Netpave[®] 25 provided the ideal solution.

The first was a grassed access route to the clubhouse used by pedestrians, golf buggies and light vehicles (mowers etc) would become slippery and muddy after prolonged rainfall and the second was an area of rising ground leading from a bridge to the tee on the 17th hole that would become a veritable mudbath during wet weather.

Ian investigated a range of turf protection products as a means of solving both problems before finally opting for Netpave[®] 25. His decision was made on the basis of the simplicity of installation and the inherent flexibility of the Netpave[®] 25 pavers, which meant they could be laid directly on to the rising ground without any special preparation.

A year after installation he was still delighted with the results in both areas. "Neither gets muddy any more and the grass has grown through very nicely. Access to both the clubhouse and the tee for players and staff is easier and cleaner. It's been very successful," he said.

Conclusion

These applications demonstrate the effectiveness of Netpave[®] 25 as a turf protection solution across a range of golf course applications. In addition to being relatively low cost and simple to install, Netpave[®] 25 helps to retain the essential "green" aesthetics of a golf course.

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