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# WELCOME

## Beauxfort, creators of Distinctive Landscaping Systems, give an insight into the inspiration behind the formation of the Beauxfort brand

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When imagining what a traditional British driveway looks like there are strong connections drawn to a gravel finish. The ideology that traditionally British citizens own sweeping, beautiful gravel driveways leading to prestigious, stately homes stems from the historic accounts of British culture. While this narrative is dated and modern-day developments have allowed the creation of new architectural and landscaping trends, it still stands today that gravel driveways are beautifully British and have a place in modern Britain.

### **BEAUXFORT WAS BORN TO MAINTAIN THE GREAT BRITISH TRADITION OF GRAVEL DRIVEWAYS BY PROVIDING INNOVATIVE, LASTING SOLUTIONS**

Beauxfort was born to maintain the Great British tradition of gravel driveways by providing innovative, lasting solutions that address



the pains and pitfalls typically associated with loose gravel driveways – stone migration, unsightly weed growth and the appearance of sunken ground to name a few. At Beauxfort, we focus on bringing real clarity to a market where numerous gravel grids exist in all shapes, sizes and depths but the actual purpose and final result of using a gravel grid is overlooked. The myths that gravel grids increase gravel demand, have a negative effect on project costs and are luxuries on a

proposal rather than a necessity are all misconceptions we dispel. In the marketplace there was a need for a gravel grid that addresses the pain points of gravel, while proving to be a long-term solution that has an abundance of tangible benefits for both the homeowner and contractor alike. This is the inspiration behind the Gravelrings gravel retention system.

Although a new entrant to the market, I have had the pleasure of witnessing the creation of spectacular gravel projects and have been proud to see Gravelrings carving the way for these exceptional designs. A project that stands out to me the most is the 'Gravel Labyrinth' located at High Dalby House in North Yorks. This project illustrates the importance of Gravelrings closed cell design as the grids remain invisible below the ground, while preventing the mixing of contrasting white and black gravel, a perfect hidden solution. Seeing the creative ways in which Gravelrings are used in projects inspires us to keep providing innovative landscaping solutions for present and future landscaping professionals.

The driving force behind Beauxfort's early successes are the vibrant and driven team, who have a deep passion for helping our clients translate their visions into a reality to achieve their desired end result. In the future I see Beauxfort continuing its rapid expansion in the marketplace, increasing upon the range of innovative products and solutions it offers.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude towards our stakeholders, employees, industry friends and clients who have supported us on this journey so far. The future is certainly looking bright for Beauxfort. I look forward to leading the Beauxfort vision forward so our clients can prosper.

**VERNON ELSEY**  
SALES & MARKETING DIRECTOR,  
BEAUXFORT

# BEAUXFORT – DISTINCTIVE LANDSCAPING SYSTEMS

## The Beauxfort Vision

At Beauxfort our vision is to contribute to maintain the Great British tradition of sweeping, elegant gravel driveways to beautiful properties and long-lasting outdoor areas, with innovative landscaping products. Drawing on 20 years' experience in the landscaping systems industry, Beauxfort's focus is on enhancing properties across the UK with superior surface stability and landscaping. Beautiful properties should not be tarnished by poorly constructed landscapes, which is why we develop and produce products that enable the creation of distinctive gravel driveways and outdoor areas, while preserving the beauty of the natural environment.

## Our Values

**Integrity:** We believe in moral integrity and have strong family values.

**Positivity:** Positive thinking leads to positive results.

**On Time:** "Time is of the essence" – planning and prioritising are the key to efficiency and effectiveness.

**Hard Working:** For us hard work is satisfying, as it requires dedication and method but is challenging and rewarding.

**High Achievement:**

We maintain a consistently high standard of work by building on our strengths and learning from mistakes.

**Customer Focused:**

We look at everything through the eyes of our customers.



## Gravel & Grass Systems Manufactured in The UK

Our Gravelrings and Grassrings manufacturing facility is nestled within East Sussex. We are able to maintain the quality of our products and services by placing our manufacturing near the heart of our operations. Timely delivery and a stock holding ensure you can get gravel retention and grass reinforcement systems at your fingertips.





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## Discover Our Additional Services

### Direct To Site Delivery

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Time can be the enemy of all projects, having the required landscaping systems delivered to site allows more time to focus on the work at hand. There is no longer the hassle of planning time out of the working day to collect products, as we can deliver direct to site to every corner of the UK.

### Gravelrings Product Warranty

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We only create products that are built to last and we understand the importance of using quality products to create sensational landscapes. This drive for building quality products is why we manufacture our gravel grids in the UK to rigorous standards and back them with a warranty programme. Our limited warranties give our customers the assurance that we stand behind our gravel grids and will deal efficiently and effectively with any issues resulting from the manufacturing process.

### Approved Installer Scheme

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Quality should never end at the installation; we provide guaranteed excellence with Beauxfort's Approved Installer Scheme. Our scheme reflects our commitment to helping gravel driveway contractors and other landscaping professionals achieve the highest standards of excellence in constructing beautiful landscapes for their clients. Additionally, the Approved Installer scheme allows end users to find landscaping professionals, boosting the leads of our installers.



### Sales Assistance

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As part of our commitment to our customers we provide a service to landscaping professionals to help them win their projects with a range of technical content and a professional quoting system. Our technical sales experts provide hands on assistance in ensuring key decision makers are well informed about our products to maximise the success of winning a project – including conducting free site visits.

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# CREATE STATEMENT GRAVEL DRIVEWAYS

A sweeping gravel driveway is a welcoming addition to any client's property. The foundations of a gravel driveway make all the difference between a driveway built to last and one that will require replacing a few years on. Our Distinctive Landscaping Systems fit the brief for a dream gravel approach your clients are proud to show off to any visitors and passers-by.

## Gravelrings creates dream driveways



Sometimes looked at as an extra expense on the proposal, a gravel grid is a worthwhile investment when constructing a gravel driveway – if laid without, your client will experience stone migration, unsightly weed growth, sinking and rutting. However, a gravel driveway is only as good as the foundations it is built upon. **Gravelrings** gravel retention system has been specifically designed to combat the pain points of gravel surfaces, while keeping the installer in mind.

Gravelrings is purposefully comprised of the strongest geometric shape there is – the circle, meaning there are no weak corners that can snap or break under the weight of vehicular load. The closed cell design of the system secures gravel into the grids, reducing stone migration as gravel cannot move to create displeasing, sparse patches. A shallow depth is crucial to keep the cost of installing a

gravel driveway at a minimum. Gravelrings 25mm deep cells require less excavation and gravel demand to fit the system than alternative deeper grids, promoting both long-term and short-term cost savings.

The innovative mesh base anchors the panels into the ground, preventing stone from mining its way beneath, lifting the grids up and exposing them to reveal the tell-tale lines of a grid system laid below. Gravelrings successfully ensures weed growth is prevented as the mesh base allows free flow of air throughout the system, discouraging the accumulation of silts and fines.

A simple installation is the mark of an exceptional product. Gravelrings comes pre-assembled in 1m<sup>2</sup> sheets and has a firm clipping mechanism to slot the panels together. Fixing pins can be used to fix the grids into place, providing an extra layer of security.

## Draw perimeters with elegant edging



Beautiful landscapes require attention to detail, **Graveledge** is the perfect finishing touch to an elegant gravel driveway. Material expansion gaps are important in the creation of a gravel driveway but can make the finished look untidy, as gravel can slip out the sides and spread into neighbouring plant beds and lawns. Graveledge is the landscaping solution to this common problem as the edging acts as a barrier to prevent stone scattering around the edges and creating an unkempt feel.

Made from the highest-grade aluminium alloy there is, Graveledge is rust resistant ensuring the clean finish is not tainted by speckles of rust. Flexible by design, Graveledge can be moulded into curved or straight lines by hand, reducing the number of tools required onsite. To install Graveledge a dry fix method is best, eliminating the need for concrete, saving on time and expenses.

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## TECHNICAL DATA

### Gravelrings

Panel size	500mm x 500mm
Panel depth	25mm
Cell diameter	50mm
Gravel size (recommended)	6mm-20mm (angular quarried aggregate only; marine washed, rounded and mixed aggregates should not be used)
Gravel demand	58-67kg per m <sup>2</sup>
Material	100% recycled*, UV stabilised HDPE
Resistance	Chemical resistant
Colour	Black or White**
Load bearing capacity	In excess of 350t per m <sup>2</sup> ***
Gradients	Gravelrings can be laid on slopes depending on the gradient – contact our sales team for advice

\* White panels are made from part recycled materials

\*\*Other colours available to order (subject to lead time and minimum order quantities)

\*\*\*When filled with 6-20mm angular gravel to a depth of 15mm above the top of the cells

## TECHNICAL DATA

### Graveledge

Edging height	40mm
Edging thickness (top bead)	6mm
Edging length	2500mm
Edging foot width	45mm
Fixing stake length	250mm
Minimum radius by hand	1000m
Minimum radius in factory	300mm
Available finishes	Mill finish/powder coat to order
Material specification	6063A Aluminium
Recycled content	Part recycled/100% recyclable





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# TRANSFORM EXISTING DRIVEWAYS GRAVELRINGS OVERLAY SYSTEM





Worn, tired and old concrete or tarmac driveways are displeasing to the eye, leading to homeowners desiring a refresh of their existing driveway. This process can be frustrating for most homeowners as the planning permission process can take up to eight weeks to complete, providing no disputes in the application arise – never mind the cost and disruption entailed when relaying these surface finishings.



**G**ravelrings overlay system is a time and cost-effective method to apply Gravelrings gravel retention system, transforming crumbling, old driveways into a beautiful gravel driveway. Gravelrings in this method is applied by laying the grids upon the existing surface, fixing them in place with an electric nail gun and back filling the panels with gravel. Gravelrings' overlay application has been designed to advance the installation of gravel driveways without any sacrifices when it comes to performance.

Landscapers can benefit from time savings as the sub-base material is already laid, meaning no excavation is required to install the grids into the ground, resulting in no digging and discarding of unwanted soil. These time-savings also translate into cost-savings as there is no requirement to hire digging equipment or organise disposal of the ground. Additionally, labour costs are reduced as this application of Gravelrings allowed 170m<sup>2</sup> to be laid by two landscapers in under two days. In comparison, alternative finishings such as block paving can take 10-12 days to complete.

**GRAVELRINGS OVERLAY SYSTEM IS A TIME AND COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD TO APPLY GRAVELRINGS GRAVEL RETENTION SYSTEM, TRANSFORMING CRUMBLING, OLD DRIVEWAYS INTO A BEAUTIFUL GRAVEL DRIVEWAY**

While there are time and cost savings to be had, the performance of Gravelrings is not compromised. Gravelrings overlay system has the ability to perform to a similar standard as a traditional gravel driveway. Homeowners with an overlay system installed will still reap the benefits of superior surface stability, reduced maintenance requirements and extended driveway lifespan.

Both the overlay and traditional application of Gravelrings have a place in any landscaper's toolkit but knowing when to use them is key. As the environment is high on the development agenda, Gravelrings Overlay system will not be SuDS compliant unless porous tarmac or pervious concrete was used in the installation of the existing driveway. This is because rainwater would not have a direct channel to soak back into the ground. In this instance, a traditional Gravelrings application would be required if a SuDS-compliant drive is sought.

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# GRASSRINGS



## Giving grass parking areas a chance to thrive



Overflow car parks are sometimes a necessary addition, whether it's for visitors to a commercial property or an extra parking space at home. The problem is that this tends to damage the grass beneath. That's not the case when Grassrings is used though.

The grass parking grid protection system allows for a greater parking capacity without ruining a new grass area

beneath. The plastic grid comes in metre square panels, which are made up of four 500mm x 500mm tiles. Landscapers just need to dig down to around 150mm, put down a Type 1 aggregate and overlay this with a rootzone sand before placing the Grassrings on top. It can then be filled with topsoil and grass seed, and within around eight weeks the whole area should be covered with grass and ready to use.

Unlike Gravelrings, which has a mesh backing, Grassrings is an open cell grid to allow the grass roots to establish and grow. It's the product's circular design which makes it strong enough to withhold vehicles, with the weight being distributed across the rings.

At 30mm deep, Grassrings is shallower than most similar products on the market by around 20mm, so there is less digging required and less muck away as a result. And with less topsoil needed to fill the shallower rings, there are cost saving benefits too.

Better yet, Grassrings is made from recycled plastic and is therefore 100% recyclable itself, allowing it to be reused once the carpark is no longer required.

A long-established firm of architects decided to trial Grassrings and Gravelrings on its own company driveway, linking two products together which were created 16 years apart. Howard Price, an avid DIY-er and landscape architect, laid both systems himself, keen to find out how the products worked in practice before being able to recommend them to clients.

Howard says: "We are now almost 20 years in with the first [Grassrings] installation and it is proof that it works really well with the gravel infill too. There is excellent gravel stability – nothing moves, which is fantastic. We have specified the product to numerous clients and given our own use as a reference." It truly showcases how Grassrings can be used alongside other Beaufort products for a seamless installation.

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## TECHNICAL DATA Grassrings

Panel size	500mm x 500mm
Panel depth	30mm
Cell diameter	50mm
Pre-seed fertiliser (recommended)	10% nitrogen, 15% phosphate and 10% potassium
Root zone (recommended)	70% sand and 30% recycled compost mix – pH6.5-7.2
Root zone mix (recommended)	Greenvelvet® Watersaver by Barenbrug
Material	100% recycled, UV stabilised HDPE
Resistance	Chemical resistant
Colour	Black*
Load bearing capacity	350t per m <sup>2</sup> **

\*Other colours available to order subject to lead time and minimum order quantities

\*\*When filled with correct topsoil/growing medium







# GROUNDCELL

## Protecting your roots

**T**hey're necessary, but Tree Protection Orders can put an entire project in jeopardy. Fortunately, there is a solution when it comes to protecting the roots of these trees.

Where you cannot dig down to avoid damage, Groundcell can be placed over the top of these roots to act as a base for an access road, perhaps, or a driveway.

Groundcell is also the answer for preventing ground erosion on slopes and embankments. The panels can be fixed into place to stop the area collapsing and sliding down to the bottom, allowing the embankment to be grassed over or covered with gravel – or even for trees to be planted.

It's a simple solution with a clever composition. The High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) cells are connected by ultrasonic welding. They come in long strips which then concertina out into 6m x 4m panels, forming a honeycomb-shaped structure ready for installation.

Ideal for both domestic and commercial settings, Groundcell is secured into place with 'J' fixing pins and then filled with topsoil for a grassed area, or with a Type 1 stone to the top which acts as a base for tarmac, Gravelrings or Grassrings to be laid on top.

The most popular depth of the Groundcell range is 100mm, but the panels also come in 150mm and 200mm options for areas which need that extra protection. So, for customers with concerns around protecting roots or the ground from erosion, Groundcell provides a durable, easy-to-lay solution which will stand the test of time.



### TECHNICAL DATA Groundcell

Raw material	HDPE
Colour	Black
Cell wall type	Textured and perforated
Cell wall thickness	1.2mm (tolerance of +/- 0.2mm)
Cell height	100mm, 150mm or 200mm (tolerance at +/- 2%)
Cell size	300mm (tolerance of +/- 2%)
Standard panel size	4x6m* (tolerance of +/- 2%) (*Panel size may vary. Please contact the sales team to confirm)
Standard panel area	24m <sup>2</sup> (tolerance of +/- 2%)
Seam tensile strength	1800N
Durability and oxidation resistance	Predicted to be durable for a minimum of 25 years in natural soils with 4< pH <9 and temperatures < 250C. Product has been successfully tested for resistance to oxidation in accordance with PN-EN ISO 13438, PN-EN ISO 527-3.



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# CONTRACTOR INTERVIEW

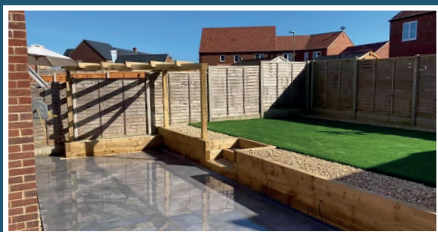
## LEWIS MITCHELL

### What drew you to the landscaping profession?

It all began after a brief spell working with my uncle as a joiner. I enjoyed being outdoors along with a job that involved a degree of physicality. The projects that allow me to really showcase my creative flair are projects that require the majority of elements within the garden to be redesigned and built. The restructuring required on these projects creates a high impact upon completion, especially when you reflect back on the before photos. I feel the majority of people enjoy well designed outdoor spaces, so the satisfaction and gratitude I receive from my clients makes the challenges faced in projects all very worthwhile to me.

### What is your favourite project that you've undertaken?

Last year I took on a project for an elderly gentleman. His existing garden was unsafe and almost non accessible. The access route to the garden was through the house, which added to the challenges. We installed some raised beds, a safe paving area and a new shed, which provided clean access all round. At the end of the project my satisfaction was immense as my client was so excited to get back into his garden, as it was an area his late wife tended to beforehand.



### What made you make the step to leave a well-established company and start your own business?

I left the company that I had worked for after four years to travel with some friends. When I returned having learned the trade beforehand, I got back into garden maintenance which quickly led to landscaping jobs. I think I was lucky that I almost didn't have to make that decision and it just happened organically. Like anything there are positives and negatives to running your own business; however, the flexibility my schedule provides, along with the freedom to select my projects and the gratitude I receive from my clients outweighs any negatives.

### What advice would you give to other landscapers looking to start their own business?

I think a confident approach to any task works well and instils confidence in your client. I was taught to work to the ethic of "you are only as good as your last job," which ensures I am pushing myself to deliver a high standard of work every day. This is key to maintaining a good reputation. There are two mistakes I have made in the past which I aim to never repeat: first, being too nice trying to save my clients too much money and it end up coming out of my pocket. Second, overfilling my schedule which physically and time wise weren't possible, leading me to let down my clients with avoidable delays.

### Why do you like to incorporate gravel into your schemes?

Gravel provides drainage to areas where necessary; it softens hard landscaped areas and aesthetically blends materials together

nicely. Gravel is a material I recommend to my clients, especially for a driveway as in my opinion it is one of the best options on the market. I recommend gravel grids to all



my clients on any areas that are going to be driven or walked upon; the stability they provide is exceptional. Gravel grids simply make a gravelled area better, longer lasting and aesthetically pleasing in my eyes.

### What has your experience with Beauxfort been like so far?

My experience with Beauxfort has been brilliant, I have had guidance and assistance with fair pricing as well as the opportunity to increase my workload with projects through being a part of their Approved Installers team. The confidence that I have after completing a job using Gravelrings is sky-high. I received installation tips and techniques from their technical sales team before using the grids for the first time and from then on. I enjoy the process of a job using Gravelrings due to their ease as they have been designed for installers like me to work with.

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# CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS WITH GRAVELRINGS

**Gravelrings offer cost-saving benefits for both landscapers and clients, now and in the long-term**

**C**onvincing clients to add in a gravel grid system can be a hard sell. It can take longer and is another product to add to your quote. This is where Gravelrings comes in. This gravel stabilisation system can not only save time on installing a client's new driveway, but it also can help to cut the costs too.

How can an extra product bring down the price of the overall driveway? It's partly down to the integral mesh base on Gravelrings. Some gravel grid systems are open cell products, so when the gravel is poured over, the gravel will sink down over time and will need to be topped up to stop the plastic showing through the driveway. Gravelrings' mesh base, on the other hand, locks the gravel into the grid, ensuring it stays in place.

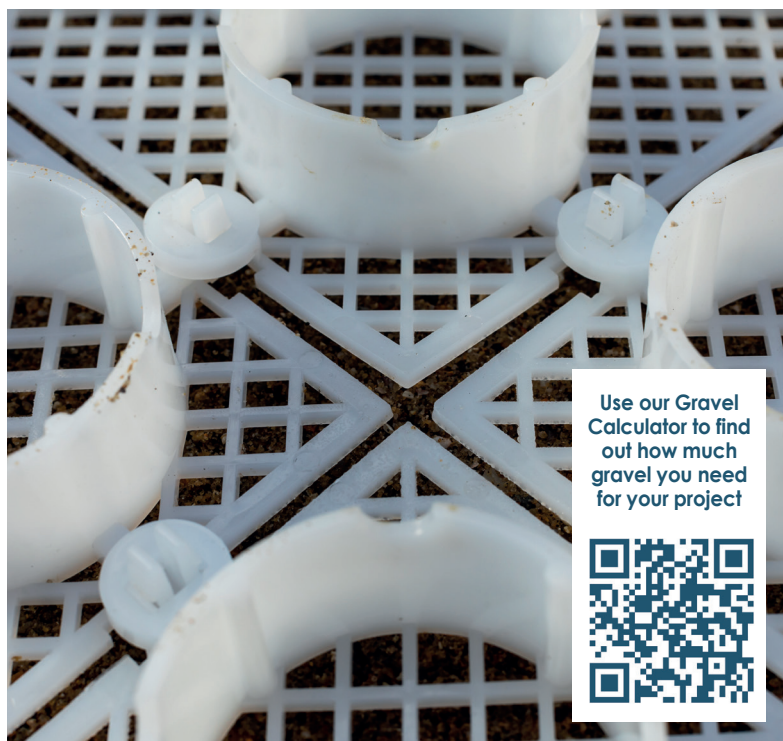
The unique mesh base prevents gravel mining its way beneath the panels and pushing them up, causing an irregular surface over time. Additionally, the base prevents silt building up as air can freely flow through the system, reducing weed growth beneath the driveway, keeping maintenance to a minimum.

At just 25mm deep, Gravelrings is one of the lowest gravel retention systems on the market, requiring less gravel to fill the circular cells – this, on top of removing the need to top up the gravel over time, reduces the cost of the gravel. Its low profile also means less digging out is needed, saving on labour costs as well as muck away.

George Johanson, a director at Korwyn Developments, was delighted by the amount of gravel needed for one of his developments, both at the time of installation but also when he didn't need to order gravel for his next job. His contemporary finish was achieved without compromise.

The gravel mats are laid beneath the surface, ensuring the stability of the gravel driveway and preventing it from shifting and rutting. Delivered to site in pre-assembled one-metre square sheets, the Gravelrings grids are easy and quick to install, with a straightforward clipping mechanism allowing them to be swiftly put into place.

So, with lower labour costs and lower gravel demand, Gravelrings save the pennies whilst creating stable and dependable pathways and driveways for years to come.



Use our Gravel Calculator to find out how much gravel you need for your project





# DEBUNKING GRAVEL GRID MYTHS

With our Technical Sales Expert Stefan

Let's get to the bottom of the most common gravel grid myths floating around the landscaping industry

## 1 Myth 1: Gravel grids are unsuitable for slopes

A client opting for a gravel finish when they have a sloped surface can send chills down any landscaping professionals' spine, as typically these two elements are not compatible. This is only partially true as gravel is not an ideal finish on gradients that exceed 20%. A common misconception is gravel grids cannot be used on any slopes as they are too ridged to follow the contours and undulations of the land. Flexibility in the design of gravel grids is an underrated feature overlooked by many. This feature is essential for sloped landscapes as flexible grids can easily be shaped to suit gradients.

## 2 Myth 2: A 40mm system is best for gravel driveways

A common misunderstanding is that the depth of the system is correlated with the strength of the grids; it's assumed that a 40mm system is the optimal depth when constructing a gravel driveway. However, strength and depth aren't correlated; instead, the strength depends on the shape of the grid and the materials used to create them. Take Gravelings as an example. The circle ring design of the cells ensures there are no weak corners that can snap or break when weight is exerted onto the grids, unlike alternative shaped grids. Also, the materials in the manufacturing process dictate the strength of the grids – a tell-tale sign of cheap plastic is when a cracking sound can be heard when the grids are bent.

## 3 Myth 3: The grids lift over time

Gravel surfaces laid with a grid beneath have a reputation for lifting and becoming exposed, causing an uneven surface, which is not ideal when the primary purpose is to create a parking space. However, this is not entirely true; when panels lift this is actually caused by gravel mining its way beneath the grids, pushing them above the surface allowing them to be seen. By installing grids with an integral mesh base, this prevents gravel slipping beneath the panels, while anchoring the grids into the ground to maintain a strong, solid base, without the risk of the base becoming detached with wear and tear.



#### 4 Myth 4: Gravel grids are a luxury when installing a gravel driveway

Clients can fall into the trap of assuming gravel grids are a luxury when installing a gravel driveway; however, unknowingly not laying a grid causes greater expense later down the line. Gravel grids have long-term cost saving benefits as they reduce maintenance requirements and increase the lifetime of the driveway. A gravel retention system with a low depth ensures the greatest cost savings as they require less gravel demand and excavation work.

#### 5 Myth 5: The grids show through the gravel

A common misconception is that all gravel grids are visible through the stone once laid; however, this is only applicable to open cell gravel grids. Open cell grids mean there are no containers to secure the gravel into the system, allowing the stone to migrate and reveal the grids beneath. Closed cell systems such as Gravelrings hold the gravel into the system as they have cell-like structures encasing the stone, meaning it cannot disperse and reveal the panels.

#### 6 Myth 6: The shape of gravel doesn't matter

The shape of the gravel influences the stability of the driveway surface; rounded stone has an aesthetically pleasing appearance that some clients desire. However, they need to evaluate whether compromising the performance of the driveway is worth their desired appearance. The problem when using rounded stone is that the gravel cannot be compacted as tight as angular stone can. Gravelrings can be filled with rounded stone; however, optimal surface stability would have to be comprised as the top layer of rounded stone can still move slightly due to the reduction in compaction of the gravel.

#### 7 Myth 7: Gravel grids are slow to install

Adding an extra component to the installation of a gravel driveway is assumed to increase the time of the project. This is only true if the grids come supplied in 500x500mm tiles, as they either require assembly on site to create larger areas or are required to be laid in this format. Ensuring the grids come supplied pre-assembled in 1sqm with a secure clipping mechanism makes it efficient to lay the grids, combined with a low depth time is saved on both laying the product and filling it in too!





# GRAVELRINGS OVERLAY

## CASE STUDY

Overlaying Worn Tarmac with Gravelrings to Create a Beautiful Gravel Driveway

The peaceful village of Petworth is surrounded by leafy foliage and has stretches of cobbled country walls, smothered with climbing ivy. Nestled inside this quaint village is Rose Quartz Cottage. Owners Andy and Teresa wanted to make improvements to their countryside retreat by upgrading their existing driveway, while remaining in keeping with the dainty village.

Andy and Teresa's garage is situated at the rear of the home; however, it is positioned on a gentle slope. Previously, the sloped landscape was a harsh tarmac surface encrusted with loose shingle. The tarmac spoiled the period-style home, while the loose shingle spread into the neighbouring shrubs and gripped into the grooves of the car tyres causing them to lose traction.

### Deciding on the perfect driveway finish

Unimpressed with the unkempt style of the driveway, Andy and Teresa endeavoured to have a beautiful driveway without the appearance of displaced stone. Replacing a tarmac surface looked to be a costly process that demanded a lot of financial resources and a lengthy planning permission application process.

Instead, they opted for a gravel approach, a gravel driveway was sought after because they blend seamlessly into the surrounding nature and compliment the exposed brickwork of the exterior. Their contractor came across the Gravelrings overlay application online which he felt was a perfect solution for their driveway. Gravelrings overlay application relies on the sub-base being pre-

laid, aesthetically displeasing, cracked tarmac and concrete provides the perfect sub-base as it is without structural damage. With the sub-base fit for purpose, Gravelrings can easily be laid upon the existing surface and be back filled with gravel to transform the space into an elegant gravel driveway.

### Sourcing gravel to achieve a dream driveway

However, in the planning stages of the project, the contractor encountered an unexpected problem when Andy and Teresa could not find the type of gravel that they envisioned for their driveway. The contractor showed them a number of different gravel samples but none of the samples excited Andy and Teresa. After hearing about the problem from the contractor Beauxfort contacted them to help source the type of gravel they desired.

After a briefing with Andy, Beauxfort identified that the type of gravel they were after was a golden gravel. Equipped with this information Beauxfort was able to source a warm, golden gravel that fulfilled the brief. Set with Gravelrings and the golden gravel to match the project could commence.

The fitting and laying of Gravelrings was straightforward, totalling a morning's work from laying the grids to filling them with gravel. Now Andy and Teresa have the beautiful gravel driveway that they envisioned, which also stands the test of time.



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# GRAVELRINGS CASE STUDY

When Ivan Holding decided to make significant improvements to Beggars' Roost – the 1970s home in Horsham he'd owned for a decade – he took the opportunity to make substantial changes to the property's driveway too.



## Installing a contemporary gravel driveway on a slope whilst protecting nature

Improving the quality and appearance of the driveway was a priority for Ivan, who was looking to create a more contemporary and considered finish that complemented the changes he'd made to his home. Not only did he have a slope at the driveway entrance which caused a thinning and irregular surface but also a large tree. He did not want to remove the magnificent tree so instead required Groundcell to be installed to prevent the roots becoming damaged from vehicular traffic entering and leaving the drive. Next was the slope, which was remedied with the installation of Gravelrings to create a beautiful limestone driveway with elegant edging.

He achieved the contemporary finish he desired by swapping traditional gravel for elegant, crushed limestone in grey tones, but thanks to the installation of Gravelrings he now has a driveway base that protects the longevity of its surface and has improved the surface quality.

Ivan enlisted the expertise of contractor Dave Sinclair when it came to replacing the existing, dated and thinning driveway surface of his

detached 70s home, and it was Dave who recommended installing Gravelrings and Groundcell before laying the new surface. Dave knew from prior experience with this high-quality gravel grid system that it would keep gravel in place, even in notoriously weaker spots such as slopes, and that Groundcell would provide the vital protection he needed by forming a barrier to spread the force of the imposed load impacted onto the tree roots.

He also knew that Gravelrings reduce ongoing maintenance and the need to top up gravel, as well as making his job of laying the system efficient and straightforward.

He said: "I first used the Beauxfort Gravelrings system on a large, gently sloping drive. I found it easy to lay; they cut effortlessly, and installation was fast. Once the gravel was spread, the surface was extremely firm. I am very impressed with all aspects of the product, and I don't hesitate to recommend them to my clients."

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# BEAUXFORT APPROVED INSTALLER SCHEME

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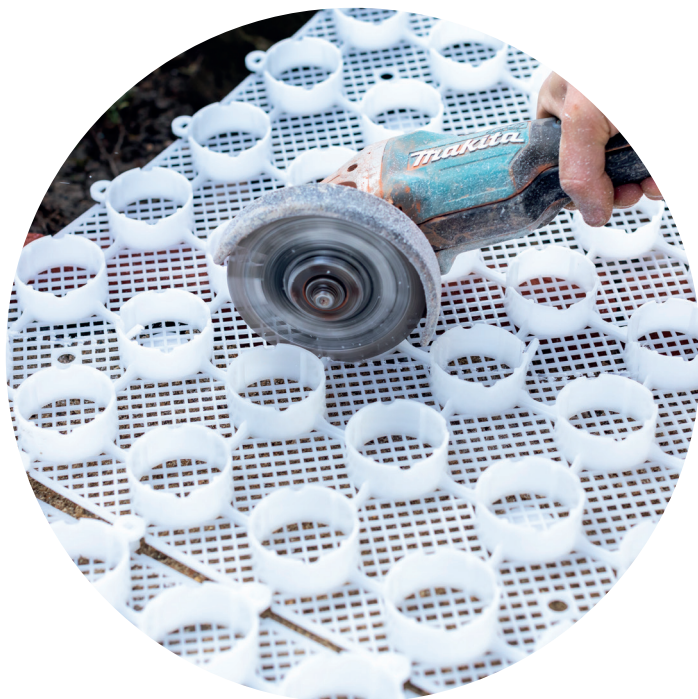


Our **Approved Installer scheme** is designed to help landscapers and gravel driveway contractors achieve the best results for their customers and reflects our commitment to quality, specialist products for landscaping professionals. Become an Approved Installer and gain access to our exclusive rewards:

- **FREE marketing materials that will capture the eyes of perspective clients.** As part of your welcome pack, we will supply you with Gravelrings branded sign boards with your logo integrated to put outside of any of your Gravelrings projects.
- The AIS logo to put on your website to verify your membership of this prestigious scheme
- Offer an extended warranty for your clients on any Gravelrings systems you install to give your clients reassurance of quality results
- Expand your client base by receiving projects from us in your local area that have requested an Approved Installer
- Easy quoting for projects using Beauxfort products
- Access to technical product advice

Call 0330 055 2599 to discuss your project

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"Great, brilliant product [Gravelrings]. The way it clipped together was easy and fast. Nice solid finish even when driven over. The ease of installation was the highlight for me."

**Toby Simpson**

Contractor, Belford Developments

"We are very pleased that we opted for Gravelrings when relaying our gravel drive. They added very little to the installation time and well worth the additional cost as the difference to previously is so stark. No more ruts and grooves! The driveway looks tidy and is much quieter to travel across, plus we get hardly any stones coming into the house now."

**Paul McMullan**

Homeowner

"I was very pleased with the service from start to finish from Beauxfort. The system has worked seamlessly on our project and I'm already sizing up another project to use the gravel grid again, I am very impressed with your service and efficiency right from sample pack all the way to sorting the additional product on project at the last minute. A pleasure to deal with and will certainly use again."

**Mike Poulton**

Contractor, R Poulton  
Heating & Pipework Ltd

"Gravel is a material I enjoy using for driveways. It's porous and gives a comforting crunch as it's walked on. The grids keep the gravel in place, less gravel is needed and they're very easy to use. I wouldn't hesitate to use this product."

**Selina Botham**

Garden Designer,  
Design for All Seasons

# CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS

Some of the experiences our customers have had with our products and services

"We were extremely impressed by this product. [The Gravelrings] were of good quality and also fitted together well, thus saving valuable labour costs. Both the client and myself were very happy with the finished driveway."

**Barry Ransom**

Contractor,  
Barry A Ransom Ltd

"We would like to say how pleased we are with your Gravelrings product. Quick to install and easy to cut on site, it has provided a firm base for 20t lorries to drive over without sinking or moving the 10mm gravel it retains. We used it on a large sloped area and after nearly nine months of use, the gravel has remained in place, unlike the flat section of the drive (laid without Gravelrings), where it has to be swept back into place regularly. Having used inferior products in the past, the moulded-in mesh base means that the Gravelrings do not rise up, as the aggregate cannot be forced up by the action of tyres pushing the gravel downwards. We will definitely be using your product again in the future for a permeable driveway."

**Michael Alderton**

Homeowner and Contractor, Canning-Ericsson Ltd

"When we moved house, we were in a bit of a dilemma, as we were not allowed to use anything on the driveway that wasn't SuDS compliant. However, we wanted a flat stable surface. We found out the product [Gravelrings] from Beauxfort and we were very impressed it has done what we were told it would do. It's very stable, a great solution."

**Bruce Mitchell**

Homeowner

"Thank you to Beauxfort. We ordered Gravelrings for our drive and [the team] gave really good advice, which helped us to get the end result we wanted. I would have no hesitation recommending the product – absolutely perfect – and we have had so many comments from our neighbours. Gravelrings are definitely worth the price."

**Daniela Oliviero**

Homeowner





**System used** Black Gravelrings  
**Gravel Type** 10mm Golden Gravel

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