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Goldpath Self Binding Gravel

A **cost effective** solution for the **regeneration** of footpaths, access paths, bridleways and golf courses.

Goldpath provides a sympathetic and **attractive**, golden surface that is easy to lay and maintain. When rolled, its natural setting properties bind the gravel together to provide a firm finished surface, which is more **stable underfoot** than conventional loose aggregates.

Goldpath's **rustic look** and **unique properties** are suited to a wide spectrum of applications from rural footpaths to seating areas. It is a cost-effective solution, providing a textured and **durable surface**.

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0-10mm

Laying Method

Foundation

We recommend using a **MOT Type 1 sub-base** or similar under the Goldpath. The base must be free-draining and porous, ensuring no water is held directly under the surface of the Goldpath.

The foundation should be compacted to incorporate all pits and falls using a roller of at least 1.5 tonnes, to provide a flat level surface. This surface needs to be dry before laying the Goldpath.

Spread

The back of a rake or flat board should be used to level and spread the Goldpath to a depth of approximately 75mm to achieve a compacted thickness of 50mm for footpaths, and 125mm to achieve a compacted thickness of 100mm for vehicular paths.

Do not use the prongs of a rake as this may pull the coarse components of the gravel up to the surface. We recommend that timber edging be used to receive the Goldpath.

Rolling Stage 1 (Dry)

The surface is then rolled **DRY** with the roller set to its **MAXIMUM VIBRATION** and compacted to the required finish levels. We recommend a roller of at least 1.5 tonnes for footpaths and 2.5 tonnes for driveways and car parks.

If patchy areas appear, fines can be sieved from the surplus heap, scattered onto affected areas, and re-rolled to provide a smooth level surface. Once a flat and uniform surface at the required depth has been achieved, the next stage can be undertaken.

Rolling Stage 2 (Wet)

Water should be sprinkled directly onto the roller continually throughout this process, **NEVER** onto the surface of the Goldpath, as this washes out the fines and minimises or eliminates the product's natural self-binding properties. The roller vibrations should be **OFF** to float the product fines to the surface, a fundamental process in ensuring the product binds together and sets sufficiently.

The wet rolling should continue until a smooth even surface is achieved. If the Goldpath is sticking to the drum of the roller this is an indication that the water tank on the roller isn't providing sufficient water, so additional water will be required, especially in dry weather.

We advise directing a hose onto the drum of the roller as you are rolling the material, so the drum is saturated and there is plenty of water where the drum meets the surface. A soft wide broom can be used to remove any lines or grooves in the gravel left by the roller. The reason for water rolling is to float enough fines to the surface of the gravel which will create a well-bonded finish.

After Laying

The product must be left to dry for at least 48 hours, sometimes longer (up to 2 weeks) if the weather is damp. Ensure the surface is completely dry before it is walked, driven, or cycled on.

Avoid laying the product during extremely cold or frosty conditions, or if heavy rain is forecast within 3-4 days of installation. We do not recommend using Goldpath on inclines greater than 1:15. The Goldpath surface will naturally lacerate over time, so we suggest sweeping the surface when necessary.

