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Beauxfort talks to Pro Landscaper about its specialist grid retention system.

When it comes to property, kerb appeal is key and there is no better way to create it than by installing a sweeping gravel driveway. But gravel's tendency to spread far and wide, and the difficulty of pushing a buggy, bike or wheelchair over it, is often enough to put clients off.

By installing a specialist gravel grid retention system, however, these concerns are no longer a barrier to laying the gravel driveway of your clients' dreams.



The best driveway surface finish

The best driveway surface finish will complement a property rather than detract from it, enhancing the grounds and gardens, and continuing to look good long after it was laid.

Gravel is arguably the most versatile driveway surface finish, coming in a wide variety of sizes and colours to suit all properties and budgets. Creating a softer look and feel to a property's approach than block paving and the more municipal finishes of asphalt and concrete, gravel is the traditional driveway finish of luxury homes. It also provides a welcoming crunch under foot or wheel, announcing the arrival of visitors or giving an early warning of unwelcome ones.

Overcoming gravel challenges

While gravel may be the most attractive driveway option, many homeowners are put off by the problems that are commonly associated with it.

The comings and goings of cars and people, and even rain, can cause gravel to shift and spread to flower beds, lawns, paths and roads. In time it can become rutted and uneven, and start to look patchy and sparse.



A simple and effective way of creating a permeable gravel driveway that retains a long-lasting, consistent surface is to install Gravelrings gravel driveway grid system. With an integral mesh base to prevent gravel migration and silt build-up, these interlocking gravel grid tiles are made up of circular cells, providing the strongest gravel driveway grid design on the market.

Strong but also flexible, Gravelrings gravel grids will follow the contours of a driveway.

At 25mm deep Gravelrings gravel mats are intended to be overfilled to prevent an unsightly grid showing through, a problem common with alternative systems. Designed to provide hidden but effective support, there are other benefits to these gravel grid tiles from Beauxfort. They require less excavation, meaning less muck-away, and also less gravel to fill them.

The finishing touch

When it comes to the finishing touch – the gravel itself – there are some important principles to stick to create the perfect gravel driveway. Self-binding, angular gravel is the best choice, as rounded gravel displaces more easily. Go for a size between 16mm and 20mm, 14mm being the optimum size gravel as smaller gravel is easily picked up by footwear and trodden indoors; with larger gravel there is the danger of it being flicked up and damaging car paintwork, and it can also be difficult to walk on.

Coming in a host of sizes and colours, gravel is the perfect finish for any driveway – complementing ultra-modern architecture as well as older, traditional property. With the Gravelrings grid system installed beneath, it's the ideal surface finish for anyone wishing to enhance the appearance of their property with a beautiful, welcoming driveway and approach.



Achieve the perfect gravel driveway with Beauxfort gravel driveway grid systems. Check out our website www.beauxfort.com and download our brochure for more information about the Beauxfort landscape systems, design inspiration and to request a free sample, or talk to our friendly team about your project by contacting us on 0330 055 2599 or info@beauxfort.com.