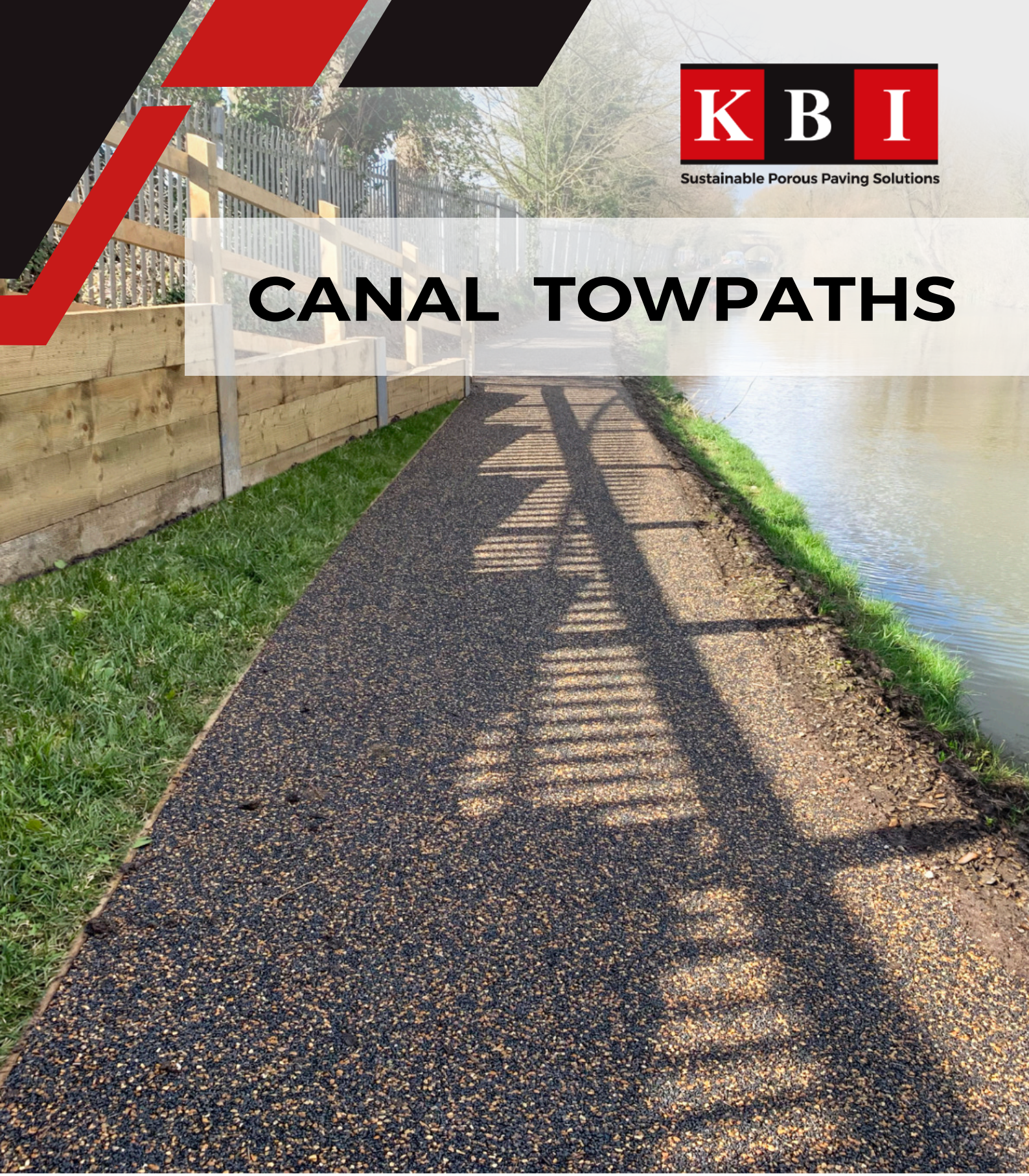
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CANAL TOWPATHS



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SUSTAINABLE CANAL TOWPATH SURFACING

The UK's canal towpaths, once vital transport routes, are now enjoyed by walkers, cyclists and local communities. As part of ongoing improvements by the Canal & River Trust, KBI UK has installed Flexipave across multiple sections of the canal network to improve accessibility while preserving their historic character. Previously affected by water-logging and erosion, the towpaths often became muddy and difficult to use. Flexipave was selected as an effective solution, with its porous and flexible structure allowing natural drainage while creating a durable and safe surface that complements these sensitive heritage environments.



PRECISION FLOORING

KBI UK used narrowboats to transport materials directly along the waterways, reducing the need for land-based access in environmentally sensitive areas. Flexipave was mixed on board the barges before being carefully laid along the towpaths.

This innovative approach minimised disruption, supported sustainable construction practices and reflected the canals' original purpose by using historic infrastructure to deliver a modern, practical surfacing solution.



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LOW-IMPACT INSTALLATION – Hand and machine-laid application ideal for restricted or remote access areas.

BARGE-BASED LOGISTICS – Materials transported and mixed via the canal network, reducing disruption.

HIGHLY POROUS – Prevents standing water and water-logging.

FLEXIBLE AND DURABLE – Adapts to movement and irregular surfaces.

HERITAGE-COMPLIANT – Suitable for use alongside historic coping stones.

SUSTAINABLE – Manufactured using recycled tyres.

CLEAN, PRECISE FINISH – Enhances appearance while preserving character.







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