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ENGLISH HERITAGE HADRIANS WALL



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ACCESSIBLE PATHS AT HOUSESTEADS

Hadrian's Wall stretches 73 miles from coast to coast across Northern England, with Housesteads Roman Fort, built around AD 124, standing alongside it as one of Britain's best-preserved Roman forts. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and popular walking route, the area attracts both day visitors and long-distance hikers. However, the existing compacted whin dust path restricted access for wheelchair users and people with limited mobility. The challenge was compounded by the site being one of Europe's most archaeologically sensitive locations, where excavation was prohibited. This required a solution that could be laid directly over the existing surface without disturbing the ground beneath.



ACCESSIBLE SURFACING WITH FLEXIPAVE

Working for English Heritage, KBI UK installed 207 m² of Flexipave across two locations in November 2022 and March 2023. Made from recycled tyre rubber crumb, dried stone aggregate and KBI UK's unique binding agent, the porous surface allows water to drain directly through it. Installed with minimal disruption, it created a level, accessible path that blends naturally with the surrounding grassland. Positive feedback led to further approved resurfacing works.



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NO EXCAVATION REQUIRED
Installed directly on the existing surface, protecting the site's sensitive archaeology.

FULLY ACCESSIBLE
Level and firm, suited to wheelchair users assisted visitors and walkers of all abilities.

NATURALLY POROUS
Water drains directly through the surface, so it doesn't pool.

“Working on sites of Historic national importance, which are within SSSI areas and are Unesco World Heritage Sites, means installing foot paths within a restricted environment is challenging. Having reviewed various products Flexipave came out on top. It was installed in a relative short period which meant limited disruption to visitors’ experience and provides a level surface, suited to both able and assisted visitors. All in all, very satisfied with the product. We found KBI both helpful and flexible in supporting us through the process of planning and consents and in delivery. Happy to recommend this product.”

Andrew Mattches, English Heritage





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