

CASE STUDY: **Working In The Vicinity Of Wildlife**

Project: The Valley Of Stone

Dealing with ecological challenges, working in the vicinity of wildlife

Client: Lancashire County Council

Procurement: Open Tender

Location: Bacup, Lancashire

Date Undertaken: September, 2017

PROJECT OUTLINE:

This extensive project required the construction of a shared usage bridleway using our recycled, porous surfacing process 'nu-flex'. The work provided an excellent facility for walkers, horse riders and cyclists through a disused railway line which had fallen into disrepair.

The project was particularly sensitive from an ecological viewpoint due to the presence of wildlife, including amphibians, and nesting birds. The bridleway was also located directly over a viaduct which had been identified as having high bat roost potential and therefore a precautionary approach was required.

PROJECT CHALLENGES:

Environmental – Protection of the environment from possible spillages of binder and materials during the mixing process.

Engineering – The integrity of the structure was in doubt and had been identified as potentially weak.

Operational – Our standard methodology needed to be amended in particular relating to the type of plant and equipment, how best to access the site and our potential productivity. Operational practices ensured disturbance was significantly minimised, including mixing away from the site and undertaking a first cut to allow animals to move away prior to work commencing and ensuring all excavations are covered.

*Nuphalt Contracting work with ecological sensitivity to ensure our animal friends are not disturbed.
Yet another successful project delivered!*

The Client:

'A number of the sites we had Nuphalt working on were ecologically sensitive and there were a range of issues to deal with including protected species. Nuphalt worked closely with us to agree suitable method statements and the associated working practices. We were also very impressed by their approach to health and safety. They had a great attention to detail which inspired confidence in their ability to work on sites that are heavily used by the general public.'

Tony Lund, Senior Environmental Project Officer



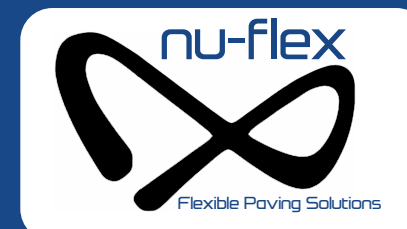
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