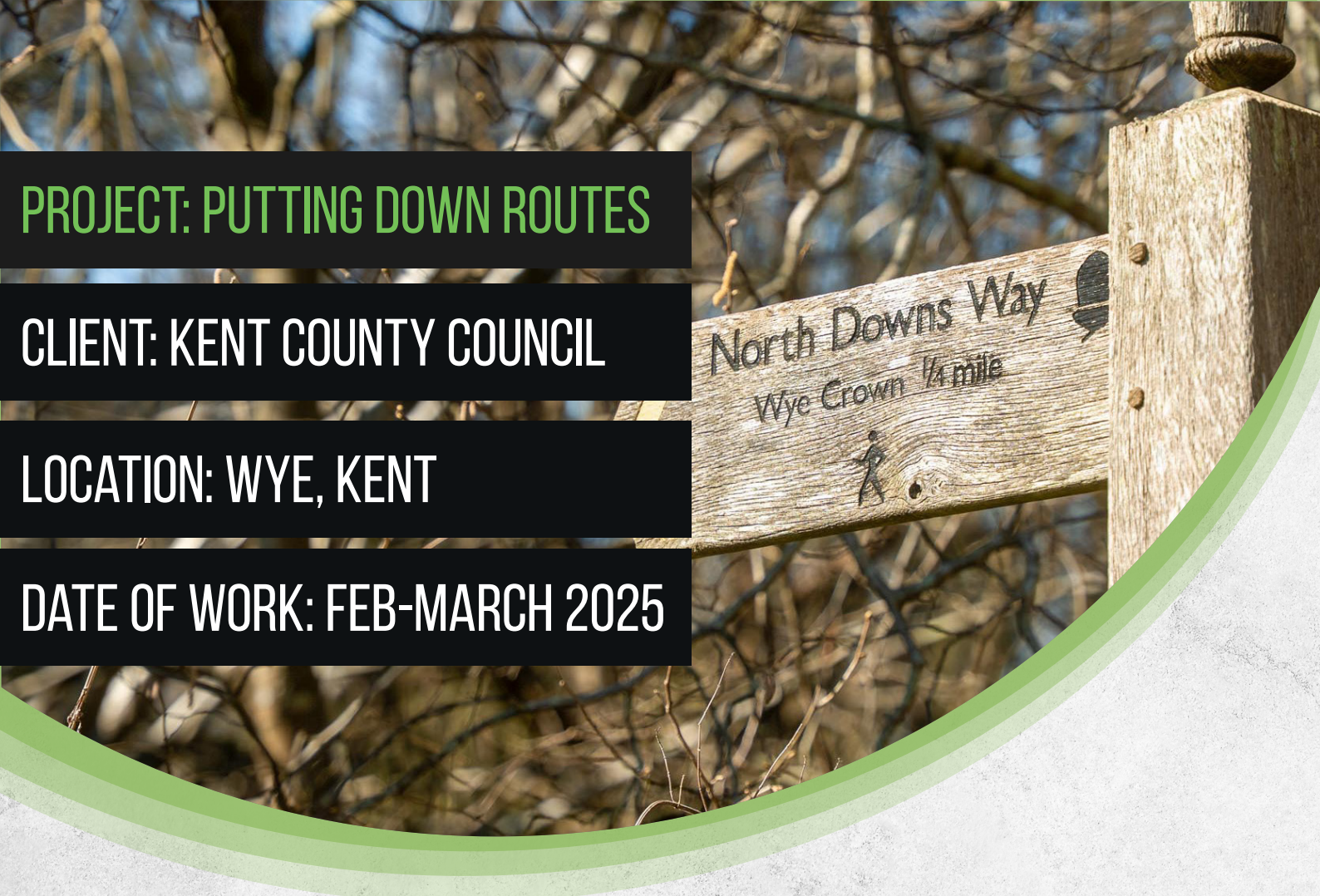




CASE STUDY

NORTH DOWNS WAY NATIONAL TRAIL



PROJECT: PUTTING DOWN ROUTES

CLIENT: KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCATION: WYE, KENT

DATE OF WORK: FEB-MARCH 2025

In partnership with the **Putting Down Routes** project, Nuphalt Contracting was proud to deliver vital accessibility improvements to the North Downs Way National Trail in Wye, Kent. Working alongside Kent County Council’s Public Rights of Way team and the Kent Downs National Landscape team, we helped restore a steep and heavily worn section of bridleway through The Junipers — a steep woodland section of the trail.

The route had become overgrown, uneven, and obstructed by exposed roots, posing a serious challenge to anyone not on foot or physically able. Our task was to make the path safer and more inclusive, especially for users with limited mobility.





OUR INNOVATIVE SOLUTION

We achieved this by laying our innovative **nu-flex** surfacing solution — a recycled, porous, and flexible material that adapts to uneven terrain and allows water to pass through, preventing the risk of puddling and frost. With its high grip and tensile strength, nu-flex is ideal for steep inclines like those at The Junipers, offering a durable, low-maintenance surface that's safer for all users, including cyclists, buggies, mobility scooters, and all-terrain wheelchairs. This created a step-free, more accessible route as part of a phased effort to improve connectivity to the Wye Downs and the broader Kent Downs National Landscape.

Nuphalt Contracting's contribution supports the Putting Down Routes project's long-term goal to open the outdoors up to more people. This can be achieved by using dynamically different materials like nu-flex to future-proof public rights of way across the region.





PROJECT OUTCOMES

- All year round access to all user groups
- Excellent grip up a steep gradient
- Safe access with no trip hazards
- Porous, freeze resistant surface
- 156 recycled tyres used
- Low maintenance
- 540m²

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