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Rustic looking Addagrip porous resin bound pathway for historic London cemetery

Surfacing from Addagrip Terraco has provided the perfect unobtrusive pathway in London's historic Highgate Cemetery.

Opened in 1839, Highgate Cemetery is one of London's great Victorian cemeteries with historic, cultural and wildlife attractions. It is renowned for its monuments and buildings, flora and fauna and burial place for many prominent figures, including Karl Marx. It is a designated Grade I Park on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England.

In the 1970s the cemetery went into decline, becoming overgrown and suffered from vandalism to some of the monuments, but was rescued by a charity, The Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust. Trust members have carried out extensive restoration and conservation work.



As part of the ongoing restoration process, The Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust approached Addagrip regarding the company's new resin bound Terrabase Rustic system for an area of pathway that needed a low maintenance, natural rustic looking and porous finish sympathetic to the surroundings.

Ian Dungavell (Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust) explains: "The reason I went for Addagrip was that we were looking for a path that looked as natural as gravel, but was as maintenance-free as tarmac, and which would reduce run-off so we didn't have to install a drainage network as well!"

Addagrip approved contractor True Grip Ltd was invited to install an area of 90sqm of pathway using up-to-the-minute surfacing product Terrabase Rustic in an Oak blend. The 6-10mm stone size gives a rustic natural looking, low maintenance, hard-wearing finish and is fully porous. The surface was installed without the need for an invasive base build up and noisy machinery, which was important given the nature of the location.

Trust members are very pleased with the result, as Ian Dungavell says: "The path looks so good that people don't notice it! Just the thing for our historic landscape."

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