

Award-Winning Landscapes



UltraScape is proud to have collaborated with Wright Landscapes on the Rochdale Town Hall project, winner of a 2024 Bali National Landscape Award.

CONTRACTOR: WRIGHT LANDSCAPES

SITE: ROCHDALE TOWN HALL

MATERIALS USED: PRO-BED HS, PRO-PRIME, FLOWPOINT

Designed by William Crossland and opened in 1871, Rochdale Town Hall is celebrated as one of the UK's finest examples of Victorian Gothic architecture. Over the course of time, Rochdale Town Hall had fallen into a state of deterioration and the lack of accessibility had made it unsuitable for many visitors.

With that in mind, Gillespies set to work to reimagine this beautiful building with stunning results.

The refurbishment of Rochdale Town Hall required a paving solution that would be low maintenance for the client, while also ensuring maximum durability and a finish fitting with the prominent building.



The high strength characteristics of UltraScape's Mortar Paving System far exceed the requirements of BS 7533, which created a paving construction with a design life in excess of 40 years.



Comprising of pro-bed HS bedding mortar, pro-prime slurry primer and flowpoint flowable grout, Wright Landscapes utilised UltraScape's BS 7533 compliant mortar paving system to lay the intricate paving.

To begin, UltraScape pro-bed HS was applied to the area to produce the ultimate foundation for the paving. UltraScape pro-bed HS can be laid from 10mm – 75mm, is shrinkage compensated and can be opened to foot traffic after just 12 hours, allowing contractors to move on to the next part of the installation quickly.

On using pro-bed HS, Lee Webster, Director of Wright Landscapes, shared: **“UltraScape’s ability to supply their pro-bed HS in a 30-tonne silo significantly increased labour productivity whilst at the same**

time massively reducing packaging waste. The silo also eliminated dust caused by the mixing process, meaning site safety and cleanliness was kept at a much higher level than manual mixing.”

With pro-bed HS in place, Wright Landscapes applied a layer of pro-prime bonding mortar to the bottom of the paving to create an exceptional bond to the bed. Using a primer eliminates costly failures caused by general wear and tear and gives you confidence and peace of mind that the paving elements will not come loose.

To complete the installation, market-leading flowpoint flowable grout was used to joint the paving. With an initial set of just 15 minutes, and a walk on time of one hour, it is unsurprising that flowpoint has become synonymous with fast application, cost-effective and robust jointing.

“The application of flowpoint drastically reduced the time taken to grout the paved areas, which saved countless hours on such a large paving scheme.” Lee Webster.

The finished results speak for themselves, so much so that in 2024, the rejuvenation of Rochdale Town Hall was judged as a winner of a Bali National Award in the Hard Landscaping Construction (Non-Domestic) – over £500K category.

On working with UltraScape, Lee Webster, commented: **“The supply and installation of the paving ran smoothly. The addition of a second silo further increased productivity, reducing the risk of downtime.”**

