



A Case Study
Country Pathway



Project Details**Brown spar gravel filled E40 grids****Client Details****Allbrite****Contractor Details****Self-install by Allbrite team**

The EcoGrid we purchased is being used to stabilise our paths in Peatlands Country Park. Quite a number of our paths take visitors across our peat bog. Although these paths are, for the most part dry, they can get quite wet underfoot during prolonged periods of rain. Given the 'fragile' nature of peat, our paths can become churned up and mushy underfoot from the constant through flow of people, especially fitness fanatics who like to run in the Park. People then avoid the mushy path and start walking along the edge of the path thereby creating increasingly wider paths.

In the wetter areas, we installed raised wooden boardwalk. This does not suit all areas of the park, is expensive to lay, is costly and time consuming to maintain and has a shelf life of 10-15 years.

We laid a small area of EcoGrid about 3 years ago. This has been very successful. It creates an invisible mat which allows the natural vegetation to grow up through. It is quick and easy to lay, is stable underfoot, maintenance free and should last for years. Again this won't suit the wetter areas of the Park but it has allowed a previously troublesome path to stabilise and naturally regenerate.

We have just laid quite a long stretch of EcoGrid from our recent consignment from you and if it performs as well as our first section, we will be very happy. Following up in 2015, we got this encouraging response:

Hello,

Thank you for your email and for your phone call this morning, it was a pleasant coincidence.

We have had a lot of success using EcoGrid on our paths within the Country Park. We initially used it to patch up sections of heavily poached paths and these sections are now dry however, the areas in between are now muddy so we are back to our original problem. We did not have the financial resources at the time to lay long stretches of EcoGrid.

The Belfast Hills Partnership have used EcoGrid across much their site which is a fragile peat bog terrain probably even wetter than ours. Jim Bradley is the partnership manager and he has a website where you can see the grid in-situ <http://belfasthills.org/visiting/virtual-visit/black-mtn-summit/>.



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