



Church Road, Hitchin

Case Study

Hertfordshire Highways have recently completed the refurbishment of approximately 250m² of granite sett paving along the historic Church Road, Hitchin, using **GftK's vdw 855 Paving Joint Mortar** from **NCC Streetscape** – specifically designed to take frequent and heavy traffic loads.

Church Road is the location of many listed buildings and runs from The Old Market Place to the historic St Mary's Church in Central Hitchin. The Old Market Place granite sett paving was refurbished in November 2009, in time for Christmas celebrations, using **GftK's Paving Joint Mortars** because they can be applied quickly, even in low temperatures and driving rainfall, to provide a durable surface that is also fully resistant to mechanical street cleaning machines and freeze thaw cycling.

Church Road not only provides access to the Church, but also to many retail shops and other businesses in the historic buildings, including popular pubs and restaurants. This means it is subject to frequent heavy traffic including articulated delivery lorries and brewery drays and **vdw 855 paving joint mortar** provided the ideal solution to complete the paving and rapidly reopen the road to traffic, with only minimal closure time and disruption to the church and local businesses.

Historic and Heritage

Client:

Hertfordshire County Council /
NHDC / Hitchin Town Council

Consultant Engineers

Hertfordshire County Council

Paving Contractor:

Hertfordshire Highways (Amey)

Products Used:

GftK vdw 855 mortar

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