



Paving Jointing to Withstand Frequent Jet-Washing, Dartmouth, Devon

Case Study

Heavitree Brewery redeveloped and expanded the George & Dragon Pub in Dartmouth, to include a large, natural limestone slab paved beer garden, with granite setts for the main entrance and drop kerb to the road. Unforeseen structural issues required extensive strengthening and underpinning of the rear elevation of the building, meaning the project was significantly delayed. However, the brewery still wanted to hold the VIP Opening in November 2015, to be trading for the busy Christmas period. As a result of the revised programme, and despite the cold, wet November weather, they had just 2 days to install the paving jointing and be open for access the next evening.

Fortunately, the engineers found the ideal solution from NCC Streetscape, using GftK vdw 850 plus paving jointing mortar, the only truly wet-weather paving jointing, which can be applied quickly and easily, even in the rain.

As a result, the more than 200m² of paving joints were grouted, the surfaces cleaned, and the paving was completed in less than 4 hours on a wet November morning. It then hardened overnight, ready for the VIP Opening Night to go ahead that evening!

GftK vdw 850 plus also had longer-term advantages for the owners, as in addition to producing tough, durable joints that can easily accommodate frequent traffic and spillages of food and drinks, most importantly, it can withstand frequent high pressure, jet washing. This was essential for the paving joints, as during the busy 'summer Season' this happens daily to maintain hygiene. All as evidenced in these pictures taken in July 2025, after almost 10 years in service.

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Client:

Heavitree Brewery PLC

GftK Products Used:

GftK vdw 850 plus

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