



Church Road, Hitchen

Case Study

Saint Mary's Church in Hitchin, Hertfordshire is almost 1000 years old, although most of it now dates from the 14th and 15th Century when it was rebuilt, after being partially destroyed by fire. Access to the Church is still along the original medieval Church Road, which still retains many listed facades that now house modern retail, commercial and residential units.

The granite sett paving needed to be refurbished following breakdown of the traditional cement jointing mortars, due to the frequent traffic that includes heavy delivery trucks, plus mechanical road sweepers and de-icing salts in winter.

Following their previous experience in the nearby Old Market Place, the Council's Highways Engineers specified the unique **GftK Paving Joint Mortars** from **NCC Streetscape Ltd.**, as these can easily accommodate all of this exposure and loading.

As they are also fast and easy to apply, even in wet weather and low temperatures, the mortars ensured the minimum of disturbance and road closures for the residents and businesses, plus the many users and visitors to the historic church.

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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