

CASE STUDY

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN Hyde Park, London

Project:	Remediation work to surrounds and construction of footpaths
Client:	Royal Parks
Contract Supervisors:	TurfTrax Group Limited
Design:	TurfTrax Group Limited and Gustafson Porter



White Horse Contractors were delighted to be involved in this auspicious contract. The overwhelming popularity of the feature in itself led to the problems that the company was employed to remediate.

The works required the replacement of the entire upper soil profiles surrounding the feature. A complex network of drainage was installed, over which a specially manufactured rootzone layer was laid and finally, the finished surface was turfed with a synthetically reinforced natural turf system.

Combined with a fully automated irrigation system, the specification for the grass surrounds is similar to that which may be found on a premiership football pitch.

The construction profile has been designed to assist the turf culture, thereby combining the qualities of a structurally sound surface for pedestrians, as well as the ability to grow quality grass. The site is now equipped to withstand the rigours of both the best and worst of English weather.

A revolutionary footpath system, designed by Gustafson Porter, was constructed, a resin bound, porous surface was laid over a fully permeable formation and inter connected to the drainage system. This non-slip surface will allow public access to the principle areas of the memorial fountain at all times, regardless of prevailing conditions.