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CASE STUDY: Fabweld Steel Products provides anti slip access covers in Glastonbury

MHHA (Methodist Homes Housing Association) is one of the most respected providers in the care sector providing a range of services for older people around the UK.

MHHA were renovating their residential site in Glastonbury, which included replacing the access covers. These covers were damaged, badly cracked and posed a serious slip and trip hazard. Concerns were validated when several residents slipped over on some of the access covers when they became wet. HSE statistics identified more than 15,000 fatalities per year as a result of slips and trips by senior citizens. It was top of MHHA's priorities to ensure the access covers were replaced with units which would eliminate this problem.

Fabweld was approached for a solution to the problem, and proposed a cover from the FAB GRIP S20 range. FAB GRIP, specially developed for its anti-slip qualities, has a Polished Slip Resistance Value in excess of 65 ensuring an extremely low possibility for slipping. FAB GRIP's performance stays consistent, even in wet and icy conditions, unlike standard manhole covers which can become extremely hazardous.

Fabweld provided MHHA with 3-D CAD drawings and technical information to demonstrate suitability of the FAB GRIP product for their applications.

MHHA requested that the FAB GRIP cover was manufactured in the buff colour option for a visually aesthetic finish.

Julie Whitehead the Manager of the Glastonbury site commented

“The covers supplied by Fabweld not only look great, but they have helped us to make Wilcox Close a safer place for our residents due to special anti slip properties the covers possess. Since the covers have been installed there have been zero instances of slips even during the terrible wet weather we have been experienced recently proving that the anti slip solution really works”



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