

## **Broadwood Loch - Boardwalk Case Study**

Broadwood Loch, situated near Cumbernauld in North Lanarkshire, is an informal recreational area serving the local community and is used for walking, fishing etc. Owned by the Council, for some time there has been a 'missing link' in the circuit around the loch due to land contractual issues. In order to fill the gap, explains Liz Trayner, the landscape architect who designed the project, the answer was to erect a boardwalk along the edge of the loch.

It was decided that the best material to use would be recycled plastic rather than wood because it is maintenance free and will never leach chemicals into the water. After going throught the required procurement process the favoured supplier was Kacey. To quote North Lanarkshire Council "Kacey have a reputation for reliability and quick responses to customer needs, as well as being competitive. Also their materials blend well with the environment." The construction was entirely recycled plastic, from the support posts in the water to the walking



surface, through to the handrail, and the whole project was carried out by the council's own Estates Management team, who had never used the material before. However, with Kacey in support when needed, they produced a stunning result, which has received praise by all, including members of the public who now use the boardwalk on a regular basis.

North Lanarkshire Council have expressed their satisfaction that they now have a facility that will be there for forty to fifty years needing the minimum of attention and saving on future maintenance costs.



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