



Timber fence panels create garden at NHS spinal unit

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- Timber Venetian Hit and Miss fence panels

Background

Horatio's Garden is named after Horatio Chapple, a volunteer at the Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre in Salisbury. Realising how important gardens are as sanctuaries for patients in recovery, he came up with the idea for a garden at the centre, using questionnaires to find out what patients wanted. Tragically, Horatio was killed on an expedition at the age of 17 by a polar bear. Consequently, donations flooded in to make his dream a reality, and the first garden was created. Following the success of the first garden, the charity was set up to create the gardens at the ten other spinal injury centres in the UK.



Solution

In September 2018, the fifth garden opened in Stoke Mandeville. The garden required fencing to create a boundary and offer a peaceful environment away from the rest of the hospital. Garden designer and television personality Joe Swift chose our Venetian Hit and Miss fence panels for the garden, offering an ideal balance of aesthetics and privacy.

Venetian Hit & Miss fence panels combine the sleek, narrow slatted style of Venetian panels, with the design of our Hit & Miss panels which have alternating pales on either side. They are perfect for an application like this, as their elegant design and attractive appearance help to create a tranquil environment, while their alternating additional pales also help to protect the privacy of the patients while outdoors.

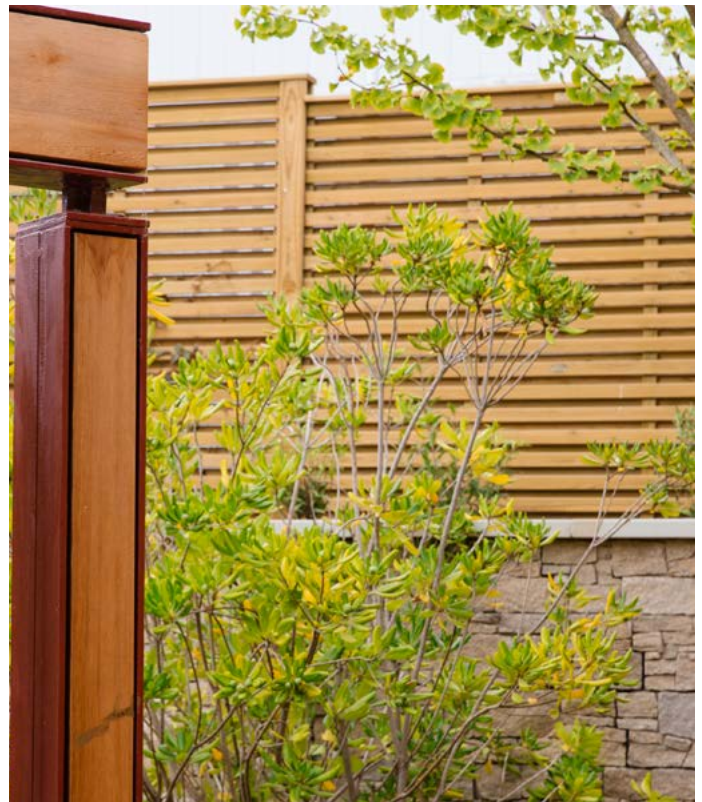
Crafted from premium Jakcure® treated softwood timber and with stainless steel fixings used throughout, panels are guaranteed for 25 years and have minimal maintenance requirements, presenting a great investment with a low lifetime cost. Due to their substantial construction, panels come in heights of 0.607m and 0.907m and are designed to be stacked for ease of installation using our slotted posts, creating a smart, seamless fence.

The gardens are so important to the patients, as they can enjoy visits from friends and family, use them for relaxation on a daily basis, and find quiet spaces away from the busy surroundings of the hospital to help their recovery process.

The garden opened on the 9th September, where Mary Berry attended to officially open the garden, along with head gardener Jacqui Martin-Lof, and Joe Swift, and has been used by many patients already. To help maintain the gardens and provide events and activities for the patients of the spinal units, you can donate to the charity [here](#).



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