



**Project:**

## National Trust, Stackpole

**Location:**

**Flooring Material:**

**Design Reference:**

Stackpole, Pembrokeshire

Bespoke digitally printed vinyl, Flotex HD Vector and Classic Montana, Westbond Flex, Surestep Star, Coral Duo  
Bespoke digitally printed vinyl, Flotex Vector quartz 540013, Flotex Montana indigo 296016, Westbond Flex tutti frutti NF92165, Surestep Star snow 171082, Coral Duo luna pearl 9710



## A life of leisure at the National Trust with Forbo Flooring Systems

When the National Trust inherited an old building in Pembrokeshire, the plan to create an outdoor activity centre meant a major refurbishment to include extra facilities. As a part of this, choosing the right furnishings were crucial to ensure the decor was brought into the 21st century, as well as being practical and durable. Therefore, a range of floor coverings from Forbo Flooring Systems, including Flotex, Westbond, Bespoke digitally printed vinyl and Surestep were specified as they ticked all the right boxes.

The vision for the inherited building involved a large outdoor centre where schools could attend for a week, with pupils taking part in activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and walking. Kelvin Gillard Business Area Manager at Forbo Flooring said: "With pupils using and staying in the facilities week upon week, the furnishings had to be able to withstand a daily onslaught of foot and wheeled traffic, as well as being hygienic.

"Another key objective of the flooring was that it had to be suitable for wet cleaning, because the children would be bringing in mud and dirt from their outdoor activities, so the centre required a soft textured floor covering that was also very easy to clean."

The tough and hardwearing benefits of Forbo Flooring System's Flotex collection of flocked hybrid floor coverings, make it an ideal choice for this project, particularly with its supreme hygienic properties and added tactile comfort of a carpet. As a result, over 500m<sup>2</sup> from the HD and Classic ranges was installed in the corridors and public access areas.

Combining the practical elements of a resilient flooring with the slip resistant, soft finish and acoustic properties usually associated with textiles, Flotex provides a warm, comfortable and hygienic floor covering that is suitable for any public building.

300m<sup>2</sup> of Flotex HD Vector in Quartz – a muted combination of chalk, grey and deep maroon striped segments on a dark background, was installed in the corridor areas in combination with 200m<sup>2</sup> of Flotex Classic Montana in the indigo shade. The unique composition of Flotex offers the hard wearing and washable characteristics of a resilient floor.

Part of the National Trust building is listed and to bridge the gap between the heritage of the site and the new contemporary décor being introduced, a map of the old estate and buildings was installed in the visitor information centre on printed vinyl floor.

As the only product in the world to offer state-of-the-art bespoke digital printing capabilities in a durable, commercial grade vinyl, Forbo offers unlimited possibilities to create unique and inspiring flooring designs, using graphics, high-resolution photography, maps or logos.

Also within the refurbishment, 350m<sup>2</sup> of Forbo's Westbond Flex carpet tiles in Tutti Frutti was specified for the sleeping accommodation within the centre, thanks to its ability to create a truly unique and bespoke look. The Flex patterning concept provides end users with the potential to combine up to four colours to create a bespoke colour.

A slip resistant yet durable product was also required, for the bathroom and washroom areas. Forbo was able to recommend its Surestep Star, a heterogenous safety vinyl that combines an R10 slip resistance with its unique PUR Pearl, resulting in easy maintenance.

To complete the refurbishment Forbo's Coral Duo entrance matting system was installed in the entrance areas of the centre. With its unrivalled dirt and moisture removal, which ultimately helps to protect the interior floor coverings, Coral Duo was the perfect solution for the shorter entrance areas around the centre.

