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GABION CLADDING & WALLING

Max. Height: 3.7m Total Length: 35.4m Total Area: 125.9m²

Introduction: The Parish Council for Beckley and Stowood embarked on a project to replace an ageing pre-fabricated village hall that had faithfully served its community for over three decades. The vision of the new building was clear: it had to be a versatile space that could accommodate a range of community activities while ensuring low maintenance and operational costs. Furthermore, the design needed to embrace the rural surroundings and draw inspiration from the natural landscape.

Designing the Perfect Solution: The final construction of Beckley Village Hall successfully met all these criteria, thanks to the collaborative efforts of Kingerlee Ltd, Hy-Ten Gabion Solutions and Retaining solutions Ltd. The exterior cladding was a crucial element of the project, and the design team at Hy-Ten played a pivotal role in conceptualizing the ideal solution.



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Gabion Cladding Selection: Western Red Cedar and Limestone-filled gabions were chosen as the primary materials for the building's external cladding. This selection was made to ensure that the structure blended harmoniously with its rural surroundings. The combination of these materials created a unique aesthetic, marrying rustic and contemporary elements.

Aesthetic Appeal and Functionality: The gabion cladding at Beckley Village Hall successfully brings a rustic and contemporary feel to this modern community building. It serves as a testament to how design innovation and expert installation can transform a structure. The hall now seamlessly integrates with its natural surroundings, providing a space for diverse community activities. The building stands as a beacon of community spirt and rural harmony.

Conclusion: The Beckley Village Hall gabion cladding project exemplifies the successful integration of natural materials, innovative design, and expert installation. It not only fulfils the practical requirements of a modern community building but also pays homage to the rural landscape it inhabits, and is sure to be enjoyed by the community for years to come.