**X-Grid Chosen As A Recycled ‘Hero Product’ And To Be Used In The Entrance To Grand Designs Live**

The organisers of Grand Designs Live contacted [GCL Products](https://www.gclproducts.co.uk/) after discovering [X-Grid](https://www.gclproducts.co.uk/products/gravel-driveways/x-grid/), GCL’s ground reinforcement grid whilst searching online for a suitable recycled product to use within their event. The team were looking for a recycled 'hero product' to be the main feature of the entrance to the Gardens section of their event. After researching further and finding out more about GCL’s fully recycled ground reinforcement grid, they decided it would be the ideal choice for use on their entrance.

Fergus Slack, managing director of GCL Products Ltd said:

*“We are thrilled that Grand Designs Live have taken the decision to have us work alongside them in creating a decorative and recycled entrance way for the garden section of their event. It is an exciting time for our company too as X-Grid, the product we manufacture ourselves, has been recognised as a recycled hero product by such a nationally recognised television show and event.”*

Attached are design images which shows how the Grand Designs Live team are planning to use X-Grid on the entrances as well as photos from a previous years event:

**About X-Grid**

X-Grid is a permeable ground reinforcement grid, designed and manufactured here in the UK from **100% recycled plastic waste**. It is a durable, versatile, **SuDS compliant** gravel retention grid which is a suitable alternative to concrete or tarmac that can be used both domestically and commercially. Thanks to its unique formulation and design, when tested by Lloyds British, X-Grid was found to have a compressive strength of up to **428 tonnes per square metre** making it one of the strongest products available on the market today and ensures that it complies with **DIN 1072** (Road and foot bridges; design loads).

Weighing just over 5kg per square metre, X-Grid is very easy to handle and with its simple slot and peg connecting system a single person can lay up to **100m² per hour**which is an amazing amount. The fast installation also helps save time through reduced labour and money as there is less dig and fill required meaning less material is needed. Using X-Grid® on a project can  
eliminate ongoing maintenance time and costs too as gravel does not need sweeping back into place or replacing.

The open cell structure of X-Grid retains gravel and other materials much more effectively to prevent the filling from migrating to surrounding areas. The unique structure also allows water to pass through the grid and into the sub-base below. This helps to reduce surface water run-off and to reduce the effects of severe and/or sudden rainfall by locking water into the sub-base to allow it to gradually soak away, diverting water from our under pressure and flood prone sewer systems.

As well as the benefits previously mentioned, X-Grid is also a weatherproof, rot-proof and UV stable product that will not break down over time, can be used as non-slip surface, can be cut to size using a handheld saw, prevents gravel and other material migration and can last up for to 25 years!

All of the points covered make X-Grid the ideal product for a huge range of applications. It can be used for car parks, emergency access routes, golf courses, pathways, equestrian areas, shed bases, hot tub bases, patios, campsites and more!

**About Grand Designs Live**

Grand Designs Live is an event held twice a year, once in London and once in Birmingham. The aim of the event is to inspire, advise, launch new products and hold special exhibits across six project zones - Build, Gardens, Interior, Kitchens & Bathrooms, Technology and Design Arcade. Whether a person is starting their own self-build, adding the finishing touches to your home or about to take on a renovation, they will find ideas and solutions for their project at this multi-award winning event.

Throughout the event are stands and exhibits set up by companies and people who wish to share their ideas, services and products. The vendors will vary from architects, garden designers and food suppliers to tile suppliers, play equipment suppliers and security system installers. No matter the reason for visiting Grand Designs Live, everyone will be sure to find new and innovative products and companies all with a unique offerings.

As well as the stands and exhibits, there will be The Upcycling Hub, Ask an Expert, Green Finger Campaign and the Self-Build Clinic. All of these will provide hints, tips and ideas for anyone to apply to their home or garden project.

**Get Your Free Or Discounted Tickets For Grand Designs Live**

As X-Grid has been chosen to be a hero product by the Grand Designs Live team, GCL Products have been given the opportunity to offer anyone free weekday tickets and highly discounted weekend tickets to the London event. Using the discount code "GCLGDL" or by following the link below, get **free** weekday tickets or weekend tickets for just **£8** instead of the usual £15.

To book tickets for Grand Designs Live in London (4th May - 12th May) click on the following link to visit SeeTickets where GCL’s discount code is automatically applied: <https://gdllondon.seetickets.com/tour/grand-designs-live?OfferCode=GCLGDL>

**More Information**

If there are any questions or enquiries about X-Grid or how it has been used at Grand Designs Live, please do not hesitate to contact GCL Products. Leave them a message, live chat to a member of their team or call them on 01246 418144.