

Focus on **Seating in****SOUTH RIBBLE****Problem Identified**

South Ribble Borough Council had major problems with outdoor seating and benches, primarily due to vandalism. Their limited maintenance budget meant the seats were not always teak oiled frequently enough to protect the wood from weather damage. Seats were in urgent need of replacement with, at some locations, seats being damaged every weekend. The existing seats were constructed with concrete ends, which were prone to vandalism, and wooden slats which could suffer fire damage and graffiti.

**Solution**

South Ribble Borough Council contacted Glasdon UK when the seats were due for renewal and Neil Quinn, Highways Inspector, decided to trial the **Phoenix™** Seat, manufactured from tough **Enviropol®** recycled material. The Authority were immediately impressed by the heavy weight of the seat, the tamper-proof fixings and the ground fixing bolts, all of which would help to deter vandals. The Authority were also keen to use recycled materials to support their environmental policy.

**Resulting Benefits**

**Phoenix** Seats were strategically placed in different locations and were closely monitored. The results were immediately evident with vandalism levels falling considerably. **Enviropol** material is very strong, tough and solid. It cannot be etched and spray-on graffiti can be easily removed with solvents. **Phoenix** Seat's intrinsic weight and the use of ground fixings have also prevented the units from being lifted and dropped elsewhere. Local Councillors and the public have commented on the improvement and the pleasant appearance of the totally recycled new seats.



Manufactured from  
**Enviropol®**  
100% Recycled Material



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**What the Customer Says:-**

*John Richardson,  
Highways Inspector for South Ribble  
Borough Council, commented:*

***“The Phoenix Seat has proved successful for the Authority as it is very durable and maintenance-free, yet retains style and is aesthetically pleasing. The Phoenix specification is now written into the Highway Ordinary Maintenance contract for South Ribble Borough Council.”***

We are grateful to South Ribble Borough Council for the kind help given in the production of this leaflet.