Project Description
Saundersfoot is a much-visited seaside resort on the west coast of Wales. During the summer months it is much frequented by holidaymakers. On Westfield Road Saundersfoot’s busy health centre was accessed via a narrow lane, which was considered hazardous to pedestrians. The old English Wesleyan Chapel, built in 1892, is an historic focal point for many visitors to the town.

The Challenge
Pembrokeshire County Council’s task was to construct a footpath within a restricted area. This was done by realigning the cutting which ran alongside the chapel. It was important that the green natural appearance of the cutting was retained. The ground near the chapel sloped steeply upwards which, when cut back, required a retaining wall. It was important for the retaining wall structure to be simple and quick to erect, so as to cause minimal disruption to the general public.

The Solution
Consultants AECOM, working on behalf of the County Council, chose ABG Webwall as a major part of their solution. Webwall was rapidly constructed by contractor Alun Griffiths using the 4m x 1m panels, which were filled with re-used soil sourced from the excavation of the cutting. This negated the cost and inconvenience associated with importing additional materials to site. Upon completion, the newly built wall

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**Benefits**
- Speed of installation minimised disruption to the public
- Natural grass finish
- Manual handling suited tight site constraints

ABG Webwall

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Retaining Wall
Cutting Stabilisation, Webwall, Saundersfoot, UK

was replanted and the structure was allowed to naturally restore its green appearance. **Webwall** was in-keeping with the surrounding environment. Within a relatively short period of time it was possible to build a cost effective, environmentally-friendly retaining wall. This enabled Pembrokeshire County Council to provide safe access for pedestrians to access the health centre, whilst retaining and enhancing the natural appearance of the cutting.

**The ABG Service**
ABG assisted with design calculations and layout suggestions for this specific site based on the soil conditions and available site footprint. ABG manufactured the **Webwall which** was supplied on pallets in expandable panels and installation supervision was provided to ensure a successful construction.

Each layer of Webwall is expanded and pinned and placed 100mm back and in line with the panel beneath. The green front panels are filled with topsoil for planting and the black back panels filled with locally won soil

Topsoil strip at original profile with no footpath on this narrow and busy road.

New safe access footpath for pedestrians bordered by a vegetated retaining wall

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