

## PRESS CUTTING

### Manufacturers

Highland Galvanisers  
Manufacturer of the Year

Highland Galvanisers is a private company formed by Geoff Crowley 30 years ago. From an initial base in Elgin it has since expanded with a second plant in Cumbernauld to cater for the central Scotland market, which accounts for half of the company's work.

The galvanizing process takes steel and protects it, extending its lifespan up to 10 fold. Highland Galvanisers however has taken this process a stage further with its colourgalv technique, this consists of a new coating which combines the corrosion protection of galvanising with the colour and flexibility of powder coating. Colourgalv is available in a range of colours and textures, including a new highly durable 'anti-graffiti' coating. This low maintenance coating can be guaranteed for up to 25 years. Highland run the only plant in Scotland which can apply this technology, Crowley is a passionate advocate for the technique, in particular he is keen to convey three key messages:

Not protecting steel is irresponsible. Why not add a dash of colour? Why be restricted to greys? And why spend more money? Colourgalv is of equivalent cost to competitor solutions.

Crowley is almost evangelical in his passion for galvanising as a solution to decay and is perplexed by clients who do not take advantage of the benefits on offer: 'Despite an increased awareness of issues relating to sustainability, construction specifiers are still failing to adequately protect steel from corrosion, and one of our biggest challenges to date has been getting specifiers to appreciate the significance of what we actually do.' 'Specifiers don't realise how important it is to specify the correct coating and as a result, 50% of all the steel produced in the world is used to replace corroded steel. This could easily be addressed if people made informed decisions at the early stages of the design process.'