

Utterly Gutterly

With Julie Gilberthorpe,
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Seamless Gutter Company



ALUMINIUM *seamless guttering*

It will not rot - as wood does - or leak and discolour like plastic. And it comes in a shade and (price) to suit any property, as residents of Southbourne Court in Dore discovered. The *Seamless Gutter Company* replaced original guttering, soffits and fascias to all three blocks of flats

It never rains but it pours. Residents of the 16 flats at Southbourne Court in Dore were fed up that their leaky wooden gutters overflowed every time there was a downpour - soaking brickwork.

They were fed up of spending money painting and repairing the guttering, which had been in place since the flats were built 30 years ago. The residents' committee decided to replace the lot, including fascias and soffits. With wood? No fear! They called the *Seamless Gutter Company*, which specialises in moulding aluminium guttering on-site

"We read about the *Seamless Gutter Company* in *Grapevine*," says committee member and Southbourne Court resident Malcolm Crehan.

"We wanted aluminium gutters because they are five inches wide, as opposed to the four-inch



Delighted with the guttering: resident Malcolm Crehan

width of plastic ones, and can therefore carry much more rainwater. This is important because our roofs are very large, and when it rains heavily a lot of water flows off them."

Aluminium guttering is available in a range of pre-painted colours, and the only maintenance they need is an occasional clear-out of leaves and debris.

Seamless Gutter Company workmen form guttering on-site, using a machine housed in the back of each van.

The gutters are in long, continuous runs,

so there is no need to worry about drips from faulty joints. Internal fixing brackets are used because they are both strong and visually appealing.

Malcolm had expected aluminium guttering to be fairly expensive. "I was surprised," he says, "that plastic and aluminium guttering are much the same in price. We obtained quotes from four other firms, but the *Seamless Gutter Company* was the most competitive."

The size and height of Southbourne Court meant scaffolding had to be erected to undertake the work, although this is not usually necessary for most properties.

Says Malcolm: "The *Seamless Gutter Company* was efficient and punctual, and completed the work with a minimum of disturbance to residents. The finished product is excellent, and certainly enhances the appearance of Southbourne Court."



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