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## Introduction:

Folkestone Rugby Club transformed its traditional clubhouse into a modern sports and social facility, complete with balcony viewing area.

## The customer:

Founded in 1973, Folkestone Rugby Club is considered to be one of the best amateur club sites in the country and is rated as having the best ground and facilities in southeast Kent. Currently playing in the London and southeast league 3, the club also fields a 2nd, 3rd and 4th team, as well as ladies and veteran teams. The rugby club also boasts strong junior and mini sections.

## The project:

The Kent rugby club began its latest redevelopment in 2007 and, with the support of the RFU, its facilities have grown to now include four pitches, eight changing rooms and an extended clubhouse, with a raised viewing platform. The aim was to create a modern clubhouse with a safe and stylish balcony, offering a vantage point for spectators and players.

## The balustrade:

Approximately 40 metres of FUSION® Commercial outdoor balustrade were installed on the perimeter of the new balcony to provide an essential safety barrier. The glass panel system enhanced the sense of space, with minimal disruption to views of the pitch. The club's logo was etched into the glass panels to add a bespoke finishing touch.



“This redevelopment is the result of a lot of hard work by everybody associated with the club, so we wanted to make sure the result lived up to expectations. The FUSION® Commercial system not only created a contemporary finish that looks great but it also gave us the option of putting our own unique stamp on the clubhouse design. The team and community ethos within the club has always played a key part in our success and having the club logo on the glass panel reinforces this team spirit, as well as being a real stand out feature.”

**Andy Dagger, Project Team Leader for Folkestone Rugby Club**

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distinctive by design

## Key features of the FUSION® Commercial Outdoor System

- Tested by FIRA to British Standards to withstand loadings of 1.5kN/m
- Compliant with UK Building Regulations
- Approved for use on domestic balconies and raised or ground level decks
- Available with glass panels, hardwood timber balusters or hardwood slatted panels
- Glass panels available in two sizes for greater flexibility
- Toughened glass, manufactured to EN12150-2
- Bracket fixings and newel post support bar provide structural strength
- Suitable for use on concrete surfaces or timber boards
- All brackets powder coated with Fusion Powder Coatings Silver 03
- Easy to install, delivering labour, time and cost savings
- Available ex-stock



# We're Here To Help

To find out more about our Commercial range of products please visit our website at [www.richardburbidge.com](http://www.richardburbidge.com) or to be put in contact with an area sales manager please call +44 (0) 1691 678268.

## DECKPLANNER™

This is the unique and easy way to plan your balustrade requirements for external areas such as decks and balconies. DECKPLANNER™ calculates all the parts you require by asking a series of questions such as strength category, range and spindle or panel design you wish to use.

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## Bespoke Planning Service

Our Technical Team offer a bespoke planning service to help at all stages of your project, from the parts you need, where to purchase, to how to install and finish. Available from 8.30 - 17.30 weekdays.

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## Specifying Outdoors

When specifying outdoors it is important to select the right balustrade system for your needs. We have systems available to suit all applications, from ground level domestic settings, and raised level requirements to heavy commercial use.

Ground Level Domestic Settings – domestic decks up to 600mm above ground level.

Raised Level Domestic Settings – domestic decks over 600mm above ground level. Balustrade systems tested to raised level domestic requirements are equally suitable for use in ground level domestic settings.

Light Commercial Settings – public areas which are used to move people through and not susceptible to overcrowding including stairs, landings, corridors, external balconies & ramps. Balustrade systems tested to light commercial requirements are equally suitable for use in raised level domestic settings.

Heavy Commercial Settings – public areas with tables or fixed seating where people may congregate and are not susceptible to overcrowding. Balustrade systems tested to heavy commercial requirements are equally suitable for use in light commercial settings.

Building regulation requirements to be noted:

Minimum handrail heights within a domestic deck are; 900mm for both stairs and horizontal balustrade, on decks at ground level and up to 600mm above ground level.

For decks raised over 600mm above ground level; minimum handrail heights must be 900mm for stairs and 1100mm for horizontal balustrade.

Minimum handrail heights within any commercial setting; must be 900mm for stairs and 1100mm for horizontal balustrade.

