## **Net Fixings**

Installing a net needs planning. You need to ensure you have the right size mesh for the bird species you are proofing against, that you have the right fixings to enable you to attach the net successfully to the masonry, timber, steelwork or cladding periphery and also make it as unobtrusive as possible. A wide range of fixings can be used. The majority are available in galvanised or stainless steel. The stainless steel is either 304 or 316 marine grade, and is a superior product. Galvanised material can start to corrode soon after installation and should only be used when the proofing budget will not allow for the superior stainless steel material

Installing a bird net is based on installing a wire perimeter around the area to be proofed and then attaching the net to the wire. To fix a straining wire, main fixings must first be installed every 10m and wherever the wire will change direction. Intermediate fixings should be installed at appropriate intervals for the bird species being proofed against (see page 9). Start a new run of wire from each main fixing – the wire is to be looped through the eye of the main fixing at one end and secured in place using 2 ferrules or 2 wire rope grips. At the other end, the wire should be looped through the eye of a hook/eye barrel strainer. The hook end of the strainer should then be attached to the eye of the main fixing and the wire tensioned accordingly. Tensioned cross-wires may be required for runs over 10m. To start fitting the net, first use a cable tie to attach the corner of the net to a corner fixing. From there every mesh should be hog ringed to the wire, ensuring the net is tight and square

If you require help with installation please call 01308 425100



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## Some useful measurement conversions

Feet to metres multiply by 0.3048

Metres to feet multiply by 3.281

Sq metres to sq feet multiply by 10.76

Sq feet to sq metres multiply by 0.0929