



WHY CHOOSE A METAL GATE OVER WOODEN?

A Simple Guide for UK Homeowners Metal gates (especially galvanised steel with powder coating) outperform wooden ones in most practical ways—particularly in our damp, unpredictable climate. Here's why many choose metal for driveways, gardens, and side entrances.

1. Superior Durability & Longevity
 - Metal gates last 20–30+ years with proper treatment (galvanising prevents rust; powder coating adds protection).
 - Wooden gates typically last 10–20 years—even treated ones warp, crack, rot, or suffer pest damage over time.
 - UK rain and frost hit wood hard—metal shrugs it off.
2. Much Lower Maintenance
 - Metal: Occasional clean with soapy water; no annual treatments needed if galvanised + coated.
 - Wood: Requires regular staining, sealing, or painting (every 1–3 years) to prevent rot/warping—time-consuming and costly over the years.
 - Save hours and money long-term with metal.
3. Better Security & Strength
 - Metal is stronger and more rigid—harder to force, kick, or cut through.
 - Ideal for driveways or high-security needs; wooden gates can weaken or splinter if attacked.
 - Great peace of mind, especially with vehicles or valuables behind.
4. Weather Resistance in the UK
 - Galvanised/powder-coated metal resists rust, moisture, and UV fading far better than wood.
 - No swelling, shrinking, or twisting in wet winters—stays straight and functional year-round.
5. Long-Term Value & Cost Savings
 - Upfront cost: Metal can be similar or slightly higher than basic wood, but pays off quickly.
 - Lower repair/replacement bills—no frequent repainting or fixing rot.
 - Adds lasting curb appeal without ongoing hassle.

Wood has its charm for traditional or rural settings—but if you want a gate that looks good, stays strong, and requires almost no effort for decades, metal wins hands-down. At JAS Welding Services, we craft custom metal gates built for UK conditions—strong, stylish, and low-maintenance. Get in touch for advice or a free quote!