

Inspiring lives and
legacies in stone



**Cotswold
Natural
Stone**



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Who we are?

We are an award winning family run business supplying a range of premium natural stone products. For over 25 years, we have been producing and supplying a range of high quality, quarried, natural stone building products, hard landscaping materials, flooring and premium masonry products.

We are also a valuable source of reclaimed products. Our business comprises of a specialist team of quarry masters, knowledgeable stone merchants, highly skilled stone masons and stone specialists. Each area of the business works collaboratively to ensure the highest standards are delivered efficiently and effectively on every project.

Why choose us?

We own our quarries, our land and the minerals all of which are located within the Cotswolds. Our dedicated teams are based in Shilton, near Burford and Osney Mead, Oxford.

From our quarry to finished product our stone travels less than 36 miles. We are a business that prides ourselves on delivering exceptional craftsmanship, quality and service.



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Portland Staircase
Weybridge Cottage



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What we offer

We offer a complete service. From working alongside architects renders, to helping you choose the right stone choice for your project through to the manufacturing and installation of the architectural stonework.

We provide stone for multiple applications, ranging from bespoke architectural masonry, dry stone walling, hand finished stone flooring to handcrafted fireplaces and much more.

Proud of our excellent reputation and our award winning collaborations, we like to give each client a bespoke experience, providing individual guidance, expertise, specialist knowledge, craftsmanship, and exceptional customer service. Everyone of our clients is assigned a project manager - a trained stone specialist.

They will be on hand to help guide and bring your project to life from start to completion.



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From quarry face
to final installation

A full service

Be Inspired.

Visit our Natural Stone Gallery located in Shilton, nr Burford, Oxfordshire. Showcasing over 36 stone panels, a beautiful stone pavilion, stone flooring, stone paving, architectural masonry and much more. Our stone specialists will be on hand and we have a selection of meeting hubs and rooms for you and your clients use.

An inspirational destination to help you embark on your projects journey however large or small. We can help guide you through planning processes to ensure you get your project off the ground.

Our Quarry

See the stone at its source. We offer quarry visits to see the quality of our stone and the various types we have available. Our team of quarry masters are onsite to offer insights and share their extensive knowledge.

Selecting the right stone

On site consultations and colour matching service are part of our full service. Our experienced staff assess your needs and advise a stone or finish that is appropriate to your project.

We can stone match any stone sourced direct from our own quarries or from our extensive stock of new and reclaimed stone held in our yard.

For new build projects we can recommend blends to achieve the ultimate bespoke finish. For large scale developments we offer a standardised, quick laying product that satisfies commercial budgets.

For a unique look we will work with you to create a bespoke mix of building stone by combining different colour blends or adding a darker strain to a lighter mix.



A full service cont...

Our masonry division

Our masonry division is a highly capable manufacturing facility. This includes profiling and specialist equipment we are also pioneering new equipment to ensure we deliver the best stone masonry and products available in the market.

We have a team of highly trained stonemasons on site, who are all experienced in traditional masonry construction, including fixings and restraints, as well as sensitive restoration techniques.

Using clients and architects elevation drawings, photos and ideas, we are able to draw up detailed blueprints.

Alternatively we have onsite draughtsmen who can create original bespoke detailed drawings. From which we can manufacture high end products in our masonry division and production facility at the quarry.

It is less than 37 miles from our masonry division to our quarry. This ensures a quick turn around from quarry to finished cut product. We deliver straight to site and, if necessary, we can install it using our experienced team of stone masons. We also have a skilled team of fixer masons to ensure the finished product is fitted to a high standard.

Innovation, Research & Development

We have a dedicated team who are focussed on efficiency and productivity. We are making significant investments in developing new and innovative machinery.

Tap into our little black book

We can put you in touch with the professionals you need for your entire project - whether it's award winning architects, quality builders or dry stone wall specialists that you require.





Who we have worked with

We have worked with many clients and a variety of projects over the last 25 years. Here are some of them:

Blenheim Estates, Woodstock

Blenheim Gate, Woodstock

Green Park Road, Bath

Kingshill Meadow, Cirencester

Oxford Castle Heritage Site, Oxford City

Tusmore Park Estate, Oxfordshire

Westgate Shopping Centre, Oxford

Other accreditations

As members of the Stone Federation, Great Britain we adhere to the following criteria:

- Employ a trained and highly skilled workforce
- Work to codes of practice and high standards of work set by the Stone Federation
- Adhere to British Standards
- Have a stringent health and safety policy
- Are fully insured



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Our Stone

Exemplar oolitic limestone was formed in England during the Jurassic period over 165 million years ago and forms the Cotswold Hills, the Isle of Portland, with its famous Portland Stone, and part of the North Yorkshire Moors.

Quarried since the Roman times, this beautiful natural stone is responsible for the outstanding architectural beauty found in many Cotswold villages and cities, including the World Heritage City of Bath.

The natural limestone used in many of our products is quarried from our own Oxleaze and Grange Hill Quarries. Within each quarry, the stone varies in colour according to the seam, with colours ranging from buff, cream and grey tones.



Our Quarries

Our natural stone is sourced from our own quarries in the Cotswolds, alongside other British and European limestones and sandstones, and reclaimed products.

Having recently been awarded a 38 year excavation planning permission by our local planning authority for our Grange Hill quarry, this enables us to supply our stone for many years to come.

We have heavily invested and built a new production facility at the quarry to process our building and walling stone, giving us a much larger capability to service our growing customer base.



Our Master Craftsmen

Our stonemasons bring years of experience and craftsmanship to the process. Combining hand skills with the latest machining technology, we are able to produce just about any interior and exterior architectural limestone masonry for private and commercial clients, large or small.

From cutting of hundreds of cubic metres of limestone ashlar blocks for the shell of a new stately home, to the cutting and engraving of commemorative paperweights and everything in between.

Our full in-house service consists of our natural stone gallery, stone procurement, design, manufacture, delivery, and fixing when required. We provide a reliable and professional single point destination for clients nationally and internationally.

Our Masonry Divison

Our Masonry Division (formerly Axtell Perry & Symm - APS) has a history spanning over 200 years and is synonymous with fine stonemasonry. Our masonry team offer an extensive range of high quality, crafted stone products including bespoke masonry, ashlar cladding and traditional hand-finished one-off pieces.

We work with a variety of natural stone, including Portland stone which is very popular for London projects, Bath stone which is used for many projects in Oxford, and The Cotswolds and York stone which is often used for landscaping. We also work regularly with French limestones such as Massangis, Portuguese Moca Creme and a wide selection of other British and imported stones.





Our Natural Stone Gallery

Is a place to be truly inspired, showcasing the virtues of natural stone. We welcome architects, developers and individual customers. Our gallery has a huge range of inspiration to help you create beautiful buildings and homes in natural stone.

From large architectural installations through to stunning fireplaces and bespoke stone masonry, our team of experts and craftsmen will be on hand to help bring your dream projects to life.

Stone Pavilion
Cotswold Natural Stone Gallery

Whats on show?

Our natural stone gallery comprises of two inspirational spaces, indoor and outdoor.

Our beautifully curated gardens showcase the variety and uses of our stone products. From an extensive range of stone panelling, to outdoor paving and walling to our luxury hand-crafted stone pavilion and much more.

Sample Panels

We have a fantastic selection of stone sample panels which show the various stone mixes available. These are created at large sizes so that clients can really obtain an accurate representation of the look and feel of our stone mixes when in situ.

Facilities

Within our stone gallery we have several spaces available for hire. We have two large meeting rooms both with up to date digital conferencing facilities and a kitchen area suitable for catering to small groups. Our clients are also welcome to use our outdoors space, where we have our stone pavilion, an inspirational setting to use in the summer months.

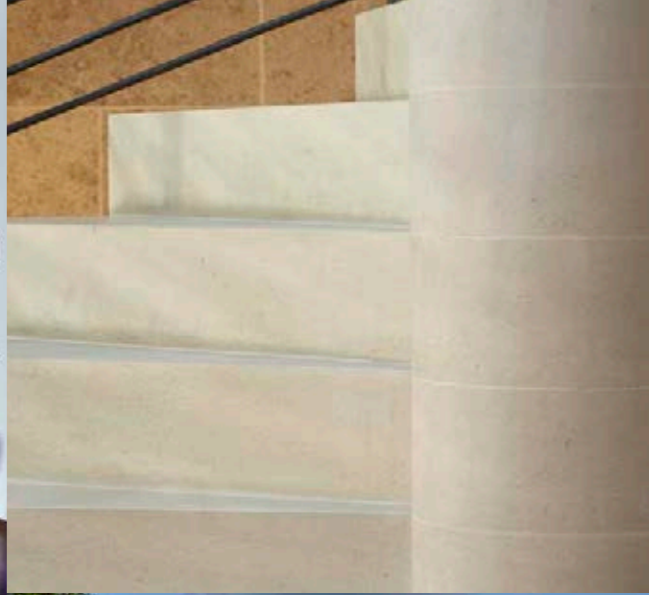
Experts on hand

We have a team of stone specialists on hand to answer any of your questions. To make an appointment please contact: enquiries@cns-group.co.uk

Imagery taken from our
Natural Stone Gallery, Shilton



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Services to the trade

We can also provide stonemasonry services for other stonemasonry and building companies. Our stone cutting and profiling equipment can be used to produce high volume stone cutting, as well as producing reproductions of decayed architectural detailing for conservation and restoration projects.

High volumes

Speedy CNC profiling can be used to produce high volume stonecutting, for example the manufacture of ashlar blocks, stone staircases, balustrading, and columns.

Installation

All stone elements can be supplied at any stage of manufacture – either shipped for finishing or finished by our own trained banker masons.



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Building Stone

We take pride in producing and supplying high quality natural stone building products straight from our quarries in the heart of the Cotswolds as well as an extensive range of British stone in stock at our Oxfordshire based stone yard.

Available in blends of buff, cream and grey tones, we take pride in supplying high quality building stone products straight from our two quarries.

Every piece of stone is unique, with distinct flecks of colour and remnants of fossils, and available in blends of buff, cream, and grey tones. They can be used on their own or combined to create a bespoke mix.

Natural stone is durable and versatile, perfect for both traditional and contemporary properties. The combination of modernity and history creates magnificent 21st century buildings that will stand the test of time.



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What can
we deliver?



Stone Restoration

The craftsmanship of our stonemasons can be seen in a number of Oxford's historic landmark buildings, through our remedial and restoration work on the weathered and pollution damaged stonework. We also work on restoration projects for a variety of private homes, churches, shops, and other buildings.

We work on projects such as decaying window mullions and other minor damage, as well as repairs to items such as garden statuary and landscaping. We can produce accurate reproductions of decayed architectural detailing for any conservation and restoration projects types.

Supply & Fix

We are able to supply an installation service for architectural and internal masonry using our own team of qualified stonemasons.

The skilled selection, workmanship and fixing of stonemasonry are all paramount in delivering a high quality product and end result. It is invaluable to have on board a highly experienced stone contractor who you can trust implicitly.



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Architectural Masonry

We offer a full in-house service of stone procurement, design, manufacture, delivery, and fixing.

All of our stonemasons are experienced in traditional masonry construction and sensitive restoration techniques.

Our masonry design and production team offer an extensive range of high quality, crafted limestone products. From bespoke masonry to ashlar cladding to traditional hand-finished one-off pieces. Our team can create dressings for the detailing of stone and brick built, traditional and modern buildings.

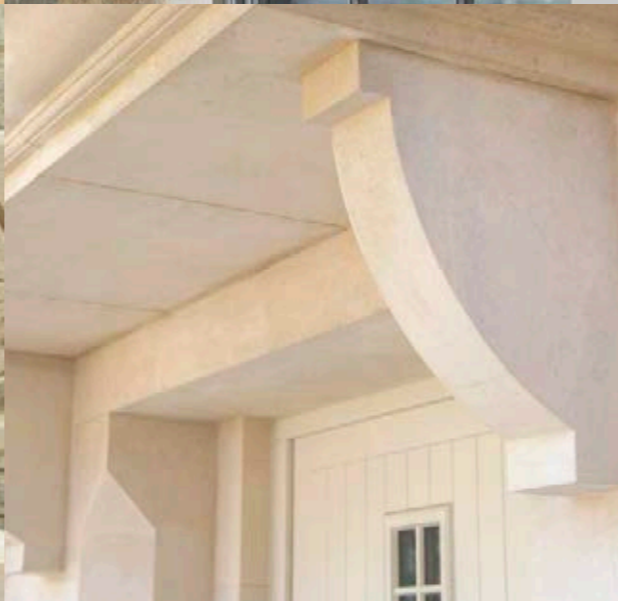
Using client's elevation drawings, photos and ideas, the detailing of the masonry is created.

The stonemasonry team work alongside the manufacturing and CAD teams to ensure all deliverables are accurate and of a high quality standard. We consult with the client every step of the way to ensure we produce the desired finished product.

Our range of architectural masonry includes ashlar blocks, copings, chimney stacks, bay windows, door and window surrounds, window heads and cills, balustrades, finials, porticos, columns, pilasters and capitals.

The finished products are supplied and installed using a team of specialist banker masons. This is to ensure that high standards are maintained and that the stone products are fitted accurately and will withstand weathering and time.





Internal Masonry

Knowledge and expertise in the use of natural stone is key when designing specialist masonry like fireplaces, staircases, and internal stonework. Our skilled team can help you every step of the way - from the choice of stone to the design and installation.

Working alongside our in-house CAD team, we offer full working drawings and on-site detailing.

Internal Flooring

The warm neutral tones and organic beauty of natural stone provides endless possibilities and versatility when it comes to interior finishes.

Our range of natural stone flooring products work in any setting, whether you are seeking tranquillity and elegance to complement classic surroundings, hoping to make a grand design statement in a contemporary space, or need robust reassurance in a commercial environment.

Our flooring range includes British, French and German limestone, Portland stone, and Reclaimed Yorkstone. Finishes include sawn, pillowed, aged and distressed, and weathered and textured. We specialise in British sawn, riven and reclaimed Yorkstone paving, as well as European sandstones.



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1 & 3 Portland Flooring
 2 & 5 Portland Fireplace
 4 Stoke Ground Base Bed Bench

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External Paving & Swimming Pool Surrounds

Whether you want a smooth, crisp, contemporary look, or a mixed colour, rustic finish, our paving is perfect for any patio, terrace, or swimming pool surround. A seamless transition from patio to poolside is key for outside living.

Our paving can be finished with a bullnose edge to create a smoother edge on steps or around the swimming pool as well as enhancing the durability of the natural stone even further.

We specialise in British Sawn, Riven and Reclaimed Yorkstone paving, however, we are able to source other European sandstone and limestone options.

Sawn York with bullnosed edge to coping



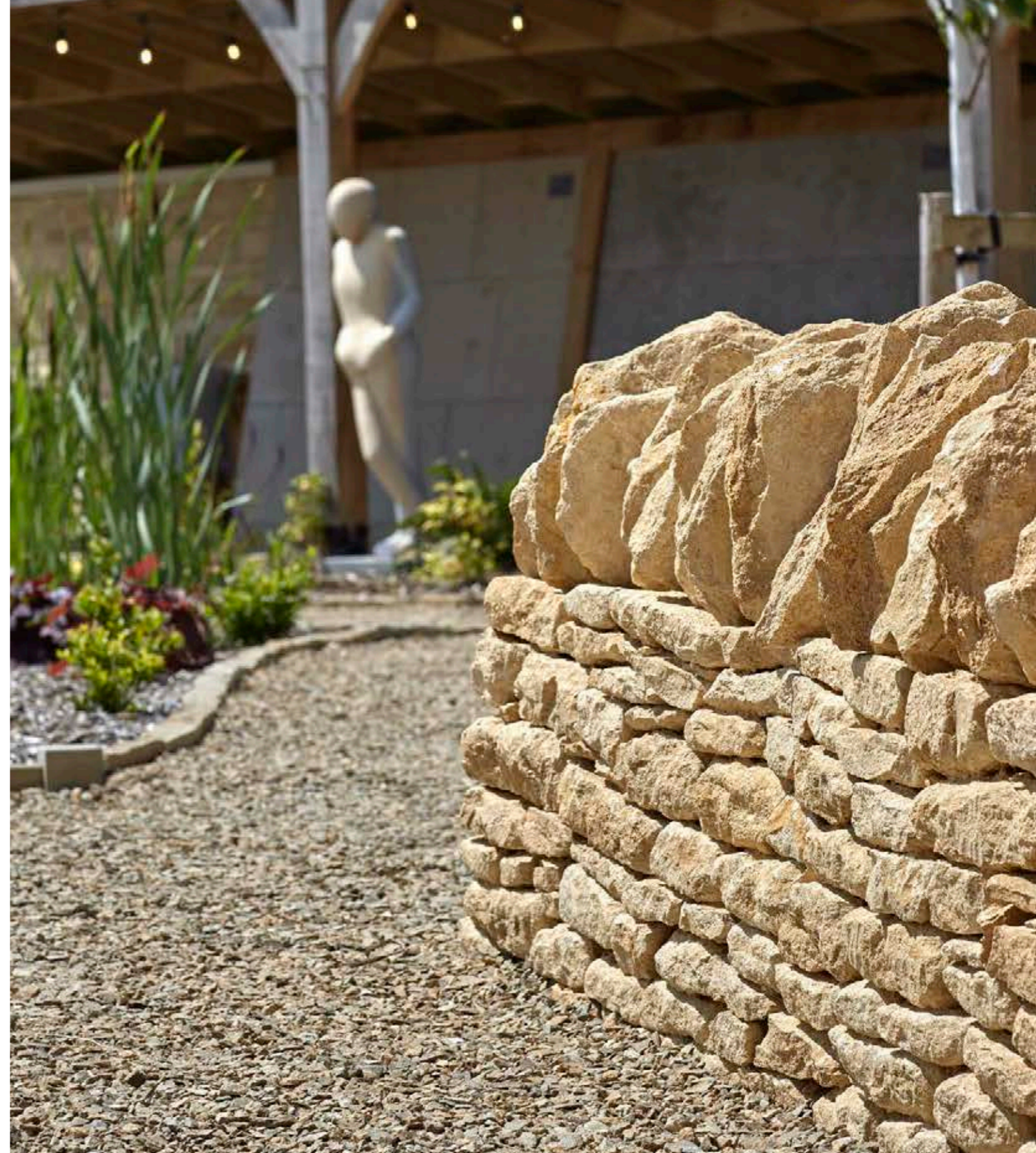
Dry Stone Walling

Dry stone walling remains as popular as ever, exuding distinct character and creating a traditional visual reference point.

The traditional method of constructing stone walls as seen throughout the Cotswolds, is without mortar in order to prevent water from puddling in the wall. Our dry walling stone is designed to be laid in this traditional fashion.

We supply our dry walling stone to a large amount of traditional, restoration and landscaping projects, as well as for more modern and contemporary projects.

We can recommend a dry stone wall specialist to suit your project requirements.



Reclaimed Yorkstone

High quality finish with timeless appeal, the use of reclaimed materials has become more popular over recent years due to its positive environmental impact. Over time Yorkstone paving becomes well-worn and weathered, transforming the surface texture from a rough finish to a smooth one and really enhancing the colours in the stone.

Colour variations range from a light buff to darker grey, with textures ranging from a rough 'Riven' Yorkstone to a smooth 'Cathedral' Yorkstone.

Perfect for instantly adding an authentic look to period properties, or for matching 'like for like' replacements in conservation areas. Yorkstone can last for centuries so it makes sense to reuse it time and time again.

Random Reclaimed York



Aggregates

Limestone Aggregates

Can be used to create a stable base layer for patios, driveways, paved areas.

MOT Type 1 Sub Base

Our MOT Type 1 sub-base aggregate is a crushed material, 0-40mm in size and made from limestone. Once compacted, it is an extremely strong and hardwearing material.

Cotswold Chippings

Cotswold stone chippings are great for creating a feature in your garden, for example drives and paths, as well as dressings for pots and planters. Our Cotswold chippings come in angular shapes with a buff colour.

Delivery

Both our MOT Type 1 sub-base and Cotswold chippings are available loose or bagged, and can be collected or delivered.

A delivery charge will apply.



Don't just take our word for it!

When searching for stone for our new house we visited a number of quarries but it quickly became clear that Cotswold Natural Stone were producing the best product.

Mr David Owen, Turweston Flight Centre

We added our swimming pool about a year after finishing the patio. We were so pleased with the finished edge around the pool and how the new and existing paving all matched up.

NC, Oxfordshire

Having made the decision to build our own house we wanted the materials to all come from one source. Cotswold Natural Stone was the obvious choice.

Shaun Aris

Cotswold Natural Stone have created a really unique space showing the beauty and versatility of stone, and what a beautiful place it is.

Clare Howcutt-Kelly, Digital Editor The QMJ Group

Cotswold Natural Stone exceeded our expectations. Their wide choice of blends and mixes allowed us to achieve exactly the effect and match we wanted.

Steve Johnson, SMJ Project Services Ltd

The new stone gallery is well worth a visit. WOW! Beautifully done. I'm looking forward to meeting and indulging clients there and be inspired by all things stone. Great to see so many large sample panels to help define & refine choices. Bravo, First Class! Great work on your journey to net zero too!

Richard Hawkes, Hawkes Architecture

Very impressive premises, it was a pleasure to attend. So nice to see a growing company with vision and passion of what we do, certainly a visual WOW! factor with what can be achieved with natural stone, and the passion and vision for growth shines through!

Dean Harris

As developers of unique luxury homes we needed to be sure that we were using a professional and capable company. Cotswold Natural Stone seemed to be the one company who could offer this bespoke service.

Mr David Rymer, Willowmead

The quality of CNS's materials and also their ability to produce the architectural features we require make them a supplier we can rely on. If anyone asks us who to get building stone from, we always recommend CNS.

Messrs Henry & Philip Chopping, Oxford Homes

I just wanted to thank you for a lovely morning at the most impressive stone gallery I have ever seen! Congratulations on such a beautiful space.

Sharon Rich, Stone Sculptor



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