

BUILDING STONES FOR USE IN DERBYSHIRE

The register below has been produced to assist those wanting to find sources of building stone for use in Derbyshire.

The County encompasses a wide variety of types of native stone. Carboniferous Limestone in the White Peak, Millstone Grit, a grainy sandstone in the Dark Peak and the central area, a finer sandstone on the Staffordshire border and on the opposite, eastern side of the County a soft sandstone found in association with the coal measures. The great Magnesian Limestone outcrop which crosses the length of Yorkshire and continues into County Durham starts just north of Nottingham and runs along the Nottinghamshire-Derbyshire border.

All these stones and numerous less significant local types have been used in Derbyshire for centuries and their particular characteristics have strongly influenced the native pattern of vernacular building and polite architecture.

Neither Magnesian Limestone nor Coal Measures Sandstone is any longer quarried for commercial building purposes within the County and alternative sources have to be drawn on.

Similarly, fissile sandstone or flagstone has not been quarried in Derbyshire for the production of roofing slates for many decades, although attempts are being made to re-open a few old quarries specifically for this purpose. These slates have been a major contributor to the vernacular building tradition of North Derbyshire for many years. For too long the only way to obtain traditional stone slates of the Derbyshire type has been through salvage. Companies and individuals who have carried out satisfactory work on stone buildings in Derbyshire can be found on the website of the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust: www.derbyshirehistoricbuildings.org.uk

There is growing recognition that quarrying for traditional building stone and slate is important to sustain sources of supply for locally distinct materials which are essential for the maintenance and repair of historic and traditional buildings. Such sources can also be important for maintaining supplies of materials for new development where it is important that this is in sympathy with the local and traditional built environment and landscape character. In a few cases, such operations represent the unbroken survival of an industry that has flourished from the Middle Ages.

The County is fortunate to be the home of the National Stone Centre, a registered charity, based at Middleton-by-Wirksworth. The organisation can carry out stone sourcing and matching and historical research relating to all sectors of the quarrying industry. The NSC has a library (accessible by prior appointment) covering geology, the minerals industry, minerals planning and a school resources section. It also has a large collection of geological material and photographs, and a small archive on quarry history: www.nationalstonecentre.org.uk

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Name of Stone	Colour/Texture/Type	Geological Classification	Quarry	Available From	Notes and Comments (see key below)
Sandstones					
Birchover Gritstone	Pink to buff medium grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous	Birchover Stanton-in-Peak	Birchover Stone Ltd Main Street Birchover Derbyshire DE4 2BN Tel: 650881 Fax: 650824 www.birchoverstone.co.uk	1, 2, 3
Bolehill	Green / grey fine grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Westphalian (Coal Measure) Wingfield Flags	Realstone Ltd Bolehill Wingerworth	Realstone Ltd Bolehill Wingerworth Chesterfield Derbyshire S42 6RG Tel: 01246 270244 Fax: 01246 220095	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 – various. Bolehill Quarry is the central works for all Realstone operations
Crosland Hill Hard York Stone	Light brown, fine to medium grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous, Coal Measures Sandstone	Various	Johnsons Wellfield Quarries Ltd Crosland Hill Huddersfield HD4 7AB Tel: 01484 652311 Fax: 01484 460007 www.johnsons-wellfield.co.uk	Myers Group
Chinley Moor	Fawn / heather, brown SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Namurian (Millstone Grit Series) Kinderscout Grit	Chinley Moor Quarry	B Merrick North View Swallow House Lane Hayfield High Peak Derbyshire SK22 2HB Tel: 07796507297 jedmerrick@tiscali.co.uk	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Dukes Gritstone	Purple with beige variations and striking dark purple bedding lines- medium grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Namurian (Millstone Grit Series) Ashover Grit	Block Stone Ltd Dukes Quarry Whatstandwell	Realstone Ltd Bolehill Wingerworth Chesterfield Derbyshire S42 6RG Tel: 01246 270244 Fax: 01246 220095	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 – various
Elland Edge	Light buff / brown fine grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous, Coal Measures	Elland	Rand & Asquith (Aceblade Ltd) Tuck Royd Quarry, Halifax Road, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, UK, HD6 2PL Tel: 01484 719263 Fax: 01484 401420 www.randandasquith.co.uk	1, 2, 3, 5 Paving, ashlar and walling stone
Fletcher Bank	Buff / Grey – medium grained to course SANDSTONE	Sandstone	Fletcher Bank Quarry	Stancliffe Stone Grangemill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4BW Tel: 01629 653000 Fax: 01629 650996 www.stancliffe.com	1, 2, 3 + 5
Halldale	Pink / buff fine – course grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Millstone Grit	Halldale Nr Matlock	Stancliffe Stone Grangemill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4BW Tel: 01629 653000 Fax: 01629 650996 www.stancliffe.com	1, 2, 3, 5 + 6
High Moor	Grey to buff with 'gold' bands and swirls SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Yorkshire Grit	Highmoor, Scouthead, Oldham	Natural Stone Sales Ltd Old Station Yard Rowsley Matlock Derbyshire DE4 2EJ Tel: 01629 735507 Fax: 01629 735508	1, 5 paving, setts and walling, high durability

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Hollington	Dull, red and mottled SANDSTONE	Permo-Triass Sherwood Sandstone Group Hollington Formation (Keuper Sandstone)	Quarry Bank Road Hollington Staffs	Staffordshire Stone (Hollington) Ltd Hollington Stoke-on-Trent ST10 4HR Tel: 01889 507435 Fax: 01889 507365	1, 2, 3, 4, 5- various
Hollington	White, salmon red, mottled SANDSTONE	Permo-Triass Sherwood Sandstone Group Hollington Formation (Keuper Sandstone)	Tearne Quarry and Great Gate Quarry, Hollington, Staffs	J Oldham & Co (Stonemasons) Ltd Tearne House Hollington Staffs ST10 4HR Tel: 01889 507353 Fax: 01889 507212	1, 2, 4, 5- various 6 white only
Kerridge: Marksend	Grey / fawn fine grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Coal Measures, Milnrow Sandstone	Marksend Rainow, Macclesfield	A M & D Earl Sycamore Quarry Windmill lane Kerridge Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 5AZ Tel & Fax: 01625 572125	
Kerridge: Sycamore	Grey / fawn fine grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous, Lower Coal Measures, Milnrow Sandstone	Sycamore, Kerridge, Macclesfield	A M & D Earl Sycamore Quarry Windmill lane Kerridge Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 5AZ Tel & Fax: 01625 572125	1, 2, 3: walling, heads, cills, paving keeps excellent arrises
Ladycross	Buff / grey durable SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Palaeozoic	Ladycross	Ladycross Quarry, Slaley, Hexham, Northumberland. NE47 0BY Tel. 01434 673302	1, 2, 3 Acceptable substitute for Derbyshire roofing slates
Lumshill Gritstone	Medium grained light buff, with light purplish bands with noticeable bedding lines SANDSTONE	Carboniferous (Millstone Grit Series) Chatsworth Grit	Brickyard	Lumshill Stone Ltd Avenue Farm North Wingfield Road Grassmoor Chesterfield S42 5EA Tel: 01246 855794 Fax: 01246 856996 www.lumshillstone.co.uk	
Peak Moor (previously known as Stanton Moor)	Predominantly buff with some pink/brown variations medium grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Namurian (Millstone Grit Series) Ashover Grit	Block Stone Ltd New Pilhough Quarry, Stanton in Peak, nr Matlock	Realstone Ltd Bolehill Wingerworth Chesterfield Derbyshire S42 6RG Tel: 01246 270244 Fax: 01246 220095	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 – various
Rainow Wimberry Moss (formerly Kerridge)	Pink, lilac medium grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous, Millstone Grit	Wimberry Moss Smith Lane Kerridge Macclesfield	A M & D Earl Sycamore Quarry Windmill lane Kerridge Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 5AZ Tel & Fax: 01625 572125	1, 2, 3: walling,
Ralph Henshall (Kerridge: Macclesfield)	Grey / fawn, fine grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous, Millstone Grit	Ralph Henshall Kerridge Macclesfield	A M & D Earl Sycamore Quarry Windmill lane Kerridge Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 5AZ Tel & Fax: 01625 572125	1, 2, 3: walling, cladding

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Stancliffe	Buff, fine grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Namurian (Millstone Grit Series) Ashover Grit	Stancliffe Darley Dale	R M H Eaton Harebell House Main Street Birchover, Matlock Derbyshire DE4 2BL Tel: 01629 636541	1, 2, 4, 5 – various
Stanton Moor	Buff with pink or gold – fine to medium grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Millstone Grit	Dale View Quarry	Stancliffe Stone Grangemill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4BW Tel: 01629 653000 Fax: 01629 650996 www.stancliffe.com	1, 2, 3 + 5
Stoke Hall	Buff – fine to medium grained SANDSTONE	Sandstone	Stoke Hall Quarry	Stancliffe Stone Grangemill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4BW Tel: 01629 653000 Fax: 01629 650996 www.stancliffe.com	1, 2, 3 + 5
Wattscliffe	Lilac, grey medium grained SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Namurian (Millstone Grit Series)	Block Stone Ltd Wattscliff Elton	Realstone Ltd Bolehill Wingerworth Chesterfield Derbyshire S42 6RG Tel: 01246 270244 Fax: 01246 220095	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 – various
York Stone	Honey colour with rust markings SANDSTONE	Carboniferous Coal Measures Sandstone	Soil Hill Quarries	Soil Hill Quarries Coal Lane Causeway Foot Halifax 01422 245356	
Limestones					
Cadeby White, Light Gold & Brown	White to cream fine grained LIMESTONE	Lower Permian Magnesian Limestone	Cadeby	Cadeby Stone Ltd Garden Lane Cadeby Doncaster DN5 7SN Tel: 01709 866628 Fax: 01709 861322 www.cadebystone.com	1, 2, 3 + walling
Cadeby (formerly White Mansfield)	Buff / white with blue veining, even grained, hard DOLOMITIC SANDSTONE	Lower Permian Magnesian Limestone series (Dolomitic Sandstone)	Cadeby *	Cadeby Stone Ltd Garden Lane Cadeby Doncaster DN5 7SN Tel: 01709 866628 Fax: 01709 861322 www.cadebystone.com	1, 2, 3 + 6 * Sole supplier of previously worked reserves
Derbyshire Fossil	Medium grey LIMESTONE with abundant fossils	Carboniferous Dinantian (Carboniferous Limestone Series)	Once-a-week Quarry, Sheldon	Lowe's Marble Works New Road Middleton by Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4NA Tel: 01629 822216 Fax: 01629 824348	Monuments, paving (internal and external)
Derbyshire Limestone	Yellow / buff / light brown LIMESTONE with abundant fossils	Carboniferous Dinantian	Various	Stancliffe Stone Grangemill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4BW Tel: 01629 653000 Fax: 01629 650996 www.stancliffe.com	1, 2, 3
Golconda	Yellow / buff / light brown LIMESTONE with abundant fossils	Carboniferous Dinantian (Carboniferous Limestone Series)	Bone Mill Quarry Ryder Point	Lowe's Marble Works New Road Middleton by Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4NA Tel: 01629 822216 Fax: 01629 824348	Monuments, paving (internal and external)

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Hampole	Honey / buff to pink Limestone	Permian Magnesian Limestone	Hazel Lane Quarry Hampole	Sawn Stone (Doncaster) Ltd Hazel Lane Quarry Hampole Wakefield Road Doncaster DN6 7EX Tel: 01302 337553 Fax: 01302 337782	1, 2, 3
Hampole	Honey / buff to pink Limestone	Permian Magnesian Limestone	Great North Road	Warmsworth Masonry Ltd 1-3 Sheffield Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN4 9QH. Tel: 01302 858617 www.warmsworthstone.co.uk	1, 2, 3 + 5
Hopton Wood	Light grey / buff / beige fine grained, hard Limestone with fossils	Carboniferous Dinantian (Carboniferous Limestone Series)	Brassington Moor Quarry	Lowe's Marble Works New Road Middleton by Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4NA Tel: 01629 822216 Fax: 01629 824348	Monuments, paving (internal and external)
Longcliffe Natural Dressed Limestone	Grey / white fine grained hard Limestone	Carboniferous Dinantian	Longcliffe	S B Coles Stone Acrer 24 Drury Lane Biggin Buxton Derbyshire SK17 0DL Tel & Fax: 01298 84445	Mainly for dry stone walling but can be dressed into courses
Mandale Limestone				Mandale Stone Co c/o Natural Stone Sales Ltd Old Station Yard Rowsley Matlock Derbyshire DE4 2EJ Tel: 01629 735507 Fax: 01629 735508	1, 2, 3
Sheldon Limestone	Yellow / buff / light brown Limestone with abundant fossils	Carboniferous Dinantian	Once-a-week Quarry, Sheldon	Natural Stone Sales Ltd Old Station Yard Rowsley Matlock Derbyshire DE4 2EJ Tel: 01629 735507 Fax: 01629 735508	1, 3 + paving
Tadcaster	Light cream / yellow, slight speckled Limestone	Permian Magnesian Limestone	Highmoor Tadcaster	Tadcaster Building Limestone Highmoor Quarry Warren Lane Tadcaster LS24 9NU Tel: 01937 833956 Fax: 01937 839234 info@tadcasterbuildinglimestone.co.uk	1, 3

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| 1 Hand and machine finishes | 4 Quarry will fix as well as supply |
| 2 Masons employed by quarry | 5 Also supply other stone – specify type |
| 3 Sawing and finishing works at quarry | 6 Limited supplies only available |