



NATURAL STONE SALES ...

... bringing the outside in

Natural Stone Sales was founded in 1997. The business began as a sales agency for gritstone paving but has progressed into other areas of natural stone. In the early years its main operation involved marketing Yorkstone paving to major developers and local authorities.

Its successful promotion of the paving led to the establishment of production works and the purchase of specialised equipment to meet the demand for architectural masonry. As demand grew, a site was found in Rowsley and new production facilities were built.

The reputation of the company grew and there were enquiries for other types of material, including granite, limestone and marble.

The production facilities at the Rowsley site were improved and an adjacent building with more equipment was acquired. Granite and marble products such as kitchen worktops and bathrooms could then be manufactured at Rowsley.

The next stage in the company's continued growth was the purchase, in early 2001, of the Mandale Stone Company Ltd. This included a carboniferous limestone quarry, known locally as 'once-a-week quarry' because its workers were paid once-a-week as opposed to fortnightly at other local quarries.

Situated nearby in the Peak District National Park, the Mandale Quarry provided the company with a further source of material to develop building stone that is ideally suited to new build projects

and extensions to properties in the Peak District area.

However, the medium grey-coloured limestone from the quarry takes a high polish. Known locally as Sheldon Marble, it contains ivory-coloured fossils that were laid down in the sedimentary bedrock during the carboniferous period some 365 million years ago. The fossils are mainly crinoids, brachiopods and corals, although there is even an occasional shark's tooth! This local Mandale Limestone is now available for all types of applications such as flooring, vanity tops, worktops, tiles and fireplaces.

Although Natural Stone Sales prides itself on working with natural stones, in 2005 it decided to add quartz-based slabs for kitchen worktops to its range. Quartz offers a sophisticated appearance. It has the feel and weight of natural stone and can be machined in the same way as granite due to its composition of over 90 per cent natural quartz.

In 2010 Natural Stone Sales became a silver fabricator of Silestone. The Silestone brand is the world leader in quartz surfaces and can be found all around the world. It is available in over 60 colours, ensuring that there is a colour to complement every décor.

Our policy at Natural Stone Sales is to offer the highest quality of product and service that we can. This seems to work well as most of our orders come via referrals from other happy customers. If you are looking for new kitchen worktops, vanity tops or a very special fire surround, please give Natural Stone Sales a call on the number below.



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