



Natural block stone collection



Introduction to Marshalls

Our story began in the 1890s, when Solomon Marshall started supplying stone from the heart of Yorkshire. Since then, we've grown into a group of businesses that support almost every part of the built environment.

Over the decades, our teams have supported customers with innovation and service - bringing concrete block paving to the UK, developing award-winning roofing systems and pioneering roof-integrated solar technology.

Today, we continue to push forward with lower-carbon bricks, advanced drainage and infrastructure systems and sustainable landscaping solutions. As the needs of our customers and our country have evolved, so have we.

You'll find our products in homes, schools, hospitals, workplaces, town centres and on the infrastructure that connects our communities.

What ties our history together is simple: we help customers create places that inspire today and endure for generations. Our story is still being written, by our people, and by every customer choosing us in building tomorrow's world.

Marshalls at a glance

- 1890s**
Solomon Marshall founded a company in the heart of Halifax, Yorkshire.
- 1961**
We opened our first site-based testing laboratory at Brookfoot.
- 2014**
We increased rates of pay to give our employees better lives and better futures.
- 2015**
We received our first Fair Tax accreditation, and have maintained it ever since.
- 2018**
We invested £12m in the Howley Park crushing plant.

Why choose Marshalls Natural block stone?

Marshalls has a proud heritage in quarrying, founded by Solomon Marshall in the 1890s, with its early operations based around Halifax. While we have expanded our expertise over the years, one thing that remains unchanged is our commitment to supplying premium-grade Sandstone, York Stone, and Dimensional Block nationwide-direct from our quarries in Dumfries, Whitehaven, Northumberland, Derbyshire, Lancashire, and West Yorkshire.

From quarry to project

By quarrying and supplying stone directly, we ensure complete control over quality, consistency, and supply. Our nationwide network of quarries enables us to support projects of all scales with dependable materials, expert guidance, and stone that performs for generations.



Shaped to suit your vision

1	Masonry	Suitable for a full range of masonry applications, from small detailed pieces to large structural elements.
2	Walling & Paving	Ideal for walling and paving, offering strength, durability, and a consistent aesthetic.
3	Artisanal	Perfect for bespoke artistic and architectural projects, including statues, war memorials, balusters, and other crafted features.
4	Flexible material	Provides designers, architects, and stonemasons with a flexible material that adapts beautifully to both functional and decorative uses.

Designed for performance. Defined by quality.

Our premium dimensional stone delivers exceptional strength, timeless beauty, low-maintenance and lasting value.



Built to Endure

Premium-grade indigenous dimensional natural block stone offering exceptional strength, durability, and long-term performance.



Consistent Quality, Every Block

Precisely quarried and processed to meet customer-specified dimensions, ensuring structural integrity and minimal natural defects.



Naturally Distinctive Aesthetics

Rich textures, authentic colours, and timeless character that elevate architectural and landscape designs.



Tailored to Your Vision

Block sizes and finishes available to meet project specifications



Responsibly Sourced Stone

Ethically quarried with a strong commitment to environmental and regulatory compliance.



Dependable Supply & Delivery

Scalable production and reliable logistics to support projects of any size, on schedule.

We have supplied our natural block stone to:

Premium UK sourced natural block stone

Marshalls operates a network of quarries across the UK, supplying high quality natural block stone to meet a wide range of project requirements. Our portfolio features eight distinct stone types, offering natural colours from subtle greys to rich reds.

This comprehensive range is perfect for stonemasons looking to add value through crafted products such as walling, cills, lintels, paving and bespoke masonry pieces.

Flexible supply with a global reach

Natural block stone is available for collection or can be delivered directly to sites worldwide. Whether you're working on a small development or a landmark project, our dedicated sales team is on hand to provide expert guidance and support throughout.



Basilica de la Sagrada Familia

Stone: Stanton Moor
Client: Àlex Masdéu, Producció Departament d'Edificació
Location: Barcelona



DisneyLand Paris

Stone: Scout Moor
Location: Paris
(Quarry is no longer in use)



DisneyLand Hong Kong

Stone: Scout Moor
Location: Hong Kong
(Quarry is no longer in use)



De Young Museum

Stone: Appleton
Client: Andrew Goldsworthy
Location: San Francisco



Casemates Square

Stone: Appleton
Client: Colemendi
Location: Gibraltar

We collaborate with independent stonemasons, environmental agencies, and landscapers. Our natural block stone is perfect for a wide range of applications, including walling, paving, traditional cladding, loadbearing masonry, retaining walls, river defences, architectural features and artisan stone carving.

Our Natural block stone is available for collection or direct delivery to your site, worldwide.



Our quarry locations

- 1. Appleton**
Holmfirth Road, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8BB
- 2. Doddington**
Near Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6AN
- 3. Fletcher Bank**
Fletcher Bank, Ramsbottom, Lancashire, BL0 0DD
- 4. Howley Park**
Quarry Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 7JJ
- 5. Locharbriggs**
Dumfries, Scotland, DG1 1QS
- 6. Stanton Moor**
Lees Road, Stanton in Peak, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 2LX
- 7. St Bees**
Birkhams, Sandwith, Whitehaven, CA28 9UU

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Appleton

Appleton Yorkstone offers natural high slip resistance and strength, making it ideal for pedestrian and trafficked areas. Its blue/buff colouration ensures durability and hard-wearing performance. Commonly used for paving, kerbs, tactile surfaces, and bespoke masonry items.

Specification

Colour: Blue/Buff Yorkstone

Paving and masonry grade

Block weights: typically 2-12 tonne

Bed heights: varying



Doddington

Doddington is suitable for use in construction including internal/external flooring, paving, loadbearing masonry and cladding.

Specification

Colour: Unique and consistent pale pink / lilac colouration and fine grained in appearance

Walling and masonry grade

Block weights: typically 2-12 tonne

Bed heights: varying



Howley Park

Howley Park boasts the largest mineral reserve in West Yorkshire, offering a fine to medium grained sandstone, buff/grey in colour, suitable for paving, walling, masonry, carving.

Specification

Grey masonry grade block: Fine-to-medium grained Sandstone, predominantly grey, occasional rust markings

Buff walling and masonry grade: Fine-to-medium grained Sandstone, predominantly brown / buff with a slight tonal variation throughout

Block weights: typically 2-12 tonne

Bed heights: varying



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Fletcher Bank

Fletcher Bank Sandstone has a naturally occurring variable colour marbling gives a superior look to this large stone block which would be perfectly suited to creating steps or walling. It is a coarse-grained gritstone from the Carboniferous period Buff to grey in colour.

Specification

Colour: Traditionally buff/grey/blue in colour

Masonry grade: all Buff

Walling grade: buff/Grey/Blue (prone to grey hearts)

Block weights typically 2-12 tonne

Bed heights: varying



Locharbriggs

Locharbriggs is a renowned red sandstone and has been selected for many high-profile projects. Used for masonry, walling, traditional cladding and architectural features.

Specification

Colour: Red

Masonry and walling grade: Medium grained red/pink Sandstone (prone to black fleck inclusions)

Block weights: typically 2-12 tonne

Bed heights: varying



Stanton Moor

Stanton Moor is a fine-grained sandstone suitable for Ashlar, including internal flooring, external paving, cladding, as well as retaining walls and river defence.

Specification

Masonry and walling grade

Colour: Varies from yellow buff to hints of pink

Block weights: typically 2-12 tonne

Bed heights: varying



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St Bees

St. Bees is suitable for domestic and commercial projects - masonry, walling, detailed carving, architectural features and traditional cladding.

Specification

Colour: Dark red / plum

Masonry and walling grade: Fine-to-medium grained Sandstone. Consistently textured, with occasional light and dark inclusions

Block weights: typically 2-12 tonne

Bed heights: varying



As well as delivering positive outcomes for the site itself, the local environment, and both scientific and leisure visitors, our work at Birkhams Quarry was recently recognised in 2025 with a Special Commendation in the Minerals Extractives category at the international MPA Quarries & Nature Awards, the only dimensional natural block stone quarry to feature across the entire ceremony.

We were proud to be shortlisted for this prestigious industry award and to achieve Highly Commended status in recognition of our ongoing commitment to quarry restoration. This acknowledgment reflects the depth and quality of our environmental work, and the positive, lasting outcomes delivered across our sites.

Through careful planning, close collaboration, and a long-term commitment to sustainable land management, our projects support biodiversity, enhance habitats, and create landscapes that benefit local communities alongside the wider natural environment. Being recognised in this way reinforces the value of our approach and the high standards our teams bring to every restoration initiative.





Case study

Basilica de la Sagrada Família

Client: Junta Constructora del Temple

Architect: Antonio Gaudí

Stone cutters: Àlex Masdéu, Producció Departament d'Edificació

Quarry: Dale View Quarry at Stanton Moor

Location: La Sagrada Família, Barcelona

Within the framework of the construction of the Basilica, we collaborate with the Construction Board of the Expiatory Temple of the Sagrada Família.

“It’s a testament to the success of our 2018 supply and delivery that Marshalls Minerals was chosen once again to provide Stanton Moor natural block stone for the iconic Basilica de la Sagrada Família.”

**David Smith, Operations Manager
for Natural block stone**

The challenge

La Sagrada Família is a World Heritage Site and Barcelona’s most visited landmark, attracting over three million visitors annually. Designed by Antoni Gaudí, construction began in 1882 and is expected to continue until around 2036. When Gaudí died in 1926, only a quarter of the building was complete, and sourcing suitable stone for the remaining work has become increasingly critical.

Contributing to a project of such cultural and architectural significance is a great honour for Dale View Quarry and Marshalls, with quality and consistency essential to meeting the demands of this iconic structure.

Our approach

Marshalls began supplying stone to the project in 2018, with cutting commencing in 2021. Buff sandstone from Dale View Quarry is supplied in block form, with all carving carried out by the masons and sculptors working directly on the basilica.

The stone was selected for its consistent colour, workable texture for hand carving, and resistance to frost and salt—key requirements for a structure of this scale and longevity.

The outcome

To date, approximately 2,000 tonnes of stone have been supplied, with further orders expected as construction progresses. Most of the stone will be used on the Glory Façade—the largest and final of the basilica’s three façades—symbolising humanity’s ascent to God.

It is humbling to know that stone from Dale View Quarry will form part of a monument admired by millions for generations to come. Marshalls is proud to support the ongoing creation of one of Europe’s most extraordinary architectural achievements.



Case study

Hollymount Farm

Client: Hollymount Property Developments

Architect: Hawthorn Estates Ltd

Stone cutters: Lancashire Stone Cutters

Quarry: Fletcher Bank

Location: Hollymount Lane, Greenmount, Bury, Greater Manchester, BL8 4HP

The challenge

The original Hollymount Farm had fallen into disrepair and was described as “slowly becoming an eyesore”. The brownfield site sits on a single-track lane within green belt farmland, making sensitivity to the local setting essential.

Any new development needed to reflect the rural architectural vernacular and integrate naturally with its surroundings, while improving access for residents.

Our approach

Locally sourced natural block stone and aggregates from Fletcher Bank Quarry in Ramsbottom provided an ideal solution. The quarry has supplied stone to the area since the late 19th century, with its material widely used across the local built environment.

The carboniferous sandstone combines strength with a warm, buff colour, making it well suited to high-quality new-build development that respects its setting.

By working with Fletcher Bank Quarry, Marshalls and local stone cutters, Hollymount Property Developments ensured the scheme met modern standards while blending seamlessly into the landscape.

The outcome

The planning application received strong support, with representations noting the development was in keeping with surrounding properties.

Planning permission was granted and construction is now underway, using locally sourced stone and aggregates. Short transport distances reduced carbon impact while supporting local industry and traditional stone-working skills.

“I’ve given Marshalls a first class for professional service on the development at Hollymount Farm. All timelines and quality have been outstanding. Thanks for making the construction phase run smoothly.”

Shaun from Hollymount Property Developments



Case study

Latitude red, Leeds

Architect: Allies and Morrison

Location: Latitude red, Leeds, LS1

Project summary

To construct an eight storey eye-catching office development close to Leeds City Centre. This major business development has been designed to provide headquarter office buildings which accommodate a variety of requirements designed to the highest standards. The build combines natural light and contemporary architecture to create a striking working environment.

Solution

Marshalls supplied Fletcher Bank Sandstone ashlar walling for the exterior facade of the building giving a high quality finish to the overall design. The stone was fixed off site into a specifically designed window frame system before being installed in sections directly onto the external elevation.

Stone description

A Permian sandstone from the Locharbriggs Quarry. A new red sandstone with technical properties ideal for rainscreen cladding, ashlar and masonry products.

Fletcher Bank is a distinctive fine to medium-grained sandstone from the Carboniferous-age Millstone Grit series, quarried at Fletcher Bank Quarry in Lancashire, England.

Fletcher Bank Brown sandstone is particularly striking when used on large scale cladding projects, maximizing a high quality natural blast of colour which glides effortlessly across an exterior structure.



Case study

Beith Street

Architect: Falconer Chester Hall

Location: Locharbriggs Quarry, Dumfries, -3.582448

Project summary

The £65m development consists of two 10-storey blocks designed to house 700 students. The bespoke fan-shaped radiused façade was engineered from Marshalls Locharbriggs sandstone, quarried from Dumfries and Galloway. The red to pink sandstone is used throughout Glasgow so was sourced for this project to ensure the building harmonises with the city's traditional architecture such as the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum which is situated nearby.

Solution

Marshalls provided extra-large elongated portrait panels that were mechanically fixed to a rainscreen cladding system, creating an extraordinary contemporary effect. The plan size of the rainscreen panels was selected to accommodate the building's radial exterior with the thinner width seemingly curving around the impressive structure. Marshalls also provided coping units in the same Locharbriggs sandstone.

Stone description

A Permian sandstone from the Locharbriggs Quarry in Dumfries. A new red sandstone with technical properties ideal for rainscreen cladding, ashlar and masonry products.

Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland

A Permian sandstone from the Locharbriggs Quarry in Dumfries, Scotland, Locharbriggs is one of the oldest and largest actively worked red sandstone quarries in Scotland today. Extensive reserves are readily available. Quarried since the 18th century, this red to pink medium grained sandstone is widely specified across Scotland and England.



Case study

Adagio Hotel

Architect: Ilan Murray Architects (AMA)

Stone cutters: McAleer & Rushe

Quarry: Stanton Moor Quarry

Location: Adagio Hotel, Stanton, B5 6DR

Background

As part of the £200m development of Edinburgh's historic old town, a new Accor Adagio Aparthotel was commissioned. Overlooking the characterful Royal Mile, the exterior facade of the new building had to seamlessly integrate the old with the new.

Solution

The remarkable exterior features a contemporary sandstone facade that wraps around the building. The striking colouration of Stanton Moor sandstone features a buff base with brown and gold variations, matching closely with the materials used in the historic city.

Stone Description

The stone used is a Permian sandstone from the Locharbriggs Quarry. This red sandstone has technical properties ideal for rainscreen cladding, ashlar, and masonry products.

Stanton Moor Quarry in Derbyshire, England, provides a beautiful Carboniferous sandstone, widely used across the UK for various projects, from major prestigious city centre schemes to residential developments and private homes. Stanton Moor buff sandstone is also specified in Scotland on a regular basis, providing a suitable match to Scottish blonde sandstones which are no longer available.



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Natural block stone collection & delivery

- Delivery service available, price per load available on request
- Prior notice on all collections/deliveries is required
- Various Quarries are campaigned throughout the year/product not available all-year round
- All vehicles collecting Block from our Quarries must secure their loads with chains, not straps, and carry sufficient timbers
- We do carry a limited stock of timbers that are available to purchase at £15.00 each
- Prices may vary, subject to prior agreement
- Block transported to a loading area suitable for Articulated Wagons, may incur a pre-agreed additional cost
- Marshalls make no guarantee of the colour or texture shown in photos, which are provided as a guide. Natural stone is subject to variation in colour, shade and texture, and as such, Marshalls do not provide credit or return on Block sales
- Customers are welcome to visit our Quarries, by prior arrangement, to select and mark-up their own Block
- Rip-Rap and Thin-Bedded Block is available from most of our Quarries – price and availability on application
- All material is sold subject to Marshalls' standard terms and conditions (available upon request).

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