

Natural Stone Specialist

The UK's only monthly magazine dedicated solely to the stone industry

Editorial deadline is the end of the month before the month of the issue (ie the deadline for the February issue is the end of January)

2010 editorial programme

January

(to printers 15 January)

Materials handling

With health & safety an ever-important issue we review the latest developments in workshop equipment that can help avoid strains, sprains and crush injuries and improve the flow of work through the factory

Diamond tooling

Latest developments from the toolmakers to get maximum efficiency from machinery.

February

(to printers 12 February)

Stone is green

The latest moves by the stone industry to reduce energy consumption and pollution and to promote its ecological message.

Spring clean

A look at the latest developments in stone cleaning.

March

(to printers 12 March)

Imported stone and its suppliers

A review of what the wholesalers are doing to help stone processors

April

(to printers 13 April)

Chemicals

Sealants for worktops and floors, consolidants for conservation, anti-graffiti applications for exteriors, maintenance products for consumers and cleaners. We help assess what the latest developments are and where they are leading.

Around the regions: Scotland

We begin a short series on how stone is being used around the British Isles with a visit to Scotland.

May

(to printers 14 May)

Hard landscaping

Chinese and Indian granite and sandstone have brought natural stone into the realm of most hard landscaping projects. We take a look at some of those projects and trends in the market.

Around the regions: Wales

There is more to Wales than slate.

June

(to printers 14 June)

Offsite manufacture

There is a growing use of stone on precast concrete and other off-site manufacturing techniques to achieve a quality finish that speeds up on-site progress and reduces disruption.

Around the regions: Eire

With only a small home market Eire has always looked overseas for sales.

July

(to printers 16 July)

Conservation

A report on some of the projects that are preserving the built heritage of the nation and a look at latest developments in the sector.

Around the regions: Northern Ireland

In spite of the small population, Northern Ireland has always produced some exceptional stonework.

August

(to printers 13 August)

Engineered stone

Latest moves in a market still finding plenty of interest in the worktop market but also spreading out into bathrooms and even exteriors.

Training

As the new academic year approaches, a look at some of the courses available in stonemasonry and conservation.

From the East

A look at some of the latest developments to come from China and India.

September

(to printers 13 September)

Annual Equipment Review

A detailed review of the latest developments in the machinery on offer to increase the productivity of stonemasonry companies and a preview of some of what will be featured at the Marmomacc stone exhibition in Verona, Italy.

October

(to printers 15 October)

Water treatment and dust suppression

The latest equipment for keeping workshops dust free and water clean and recycled.

Marmomacc

We also report back from the Marmomacc stone exhibition in Verona on the latest launches.

November

(to printers 15 November)

Interiors

This is the fashion end of the stone industry and fashion changes quickly. We examine the latest trends.

December

(to printers 10 December)

Housing

Is the worst over? Are the suppliers of walling, flooring, fireplaces and worktops ready for the revival of this sector?

Supplement: Natural Stone Awards

Details of all the projects that gained a mention in the Natural Stone Awards presented in November by Stone Federation Great Britain.

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Every issue of *Natural Stone Specialist* also carries reports of major stone projects and companies within the industry as well as news and views from the industry.

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