

Natural Stone

Specialist

The only monthly magazine dedicated solely to the stone industry in the UK and Ireland
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)

2012 editorial programme

January

(advertising copy deadline: 6 January)

Materials handling

With health & safety ever important, 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

Power tools

Latest developments in power tools used by masons for cutting, polishing and carving

February

(advertising copy deadline: 3 February)

Memorials

NSS reviews some of the developments by the wholesalers to stimulate the market

Water saving

One of the reasons some stone systems do not score well in the *Green Guide* is because of the amount of water used in processing. Processors do not want to use a lot of water because it is expensive. We look at ways of managing water use.

March

(advertising copy deadline: 9 March)

State of trade

An analysis of what the recession has meant to the stone industry and the signs of improvement ahead

Hand tools

The latest developments for cutting, shaping and polishing stone

Diamond tooling

The latest developments in sawing and polishing from the diamond tool processors

April

(advertising copy deadline: 5 April)

The greening of stone

Up-date on moves by the stone industry to establish its green credentials to customers increasingly concerned about the environmental impact of the materials they use

Consumables

Sealants for worktops and floors, consolidants for conservation, anti-graffiti applications for exteriors, maintenance products for consumers and cleaners.

May

(advertising copy deadline: 4 May)

Hard landscaping

With council budgets under pressure, urban renewal programmes are becoming harder to fund. NSS discovers the moves being made by suppliers to stimulate the market

Tiles

The phenomenal growth in stone tiles in the interiors sector has been one of stone's success stories. First there was Chinese slate, then travertine. What next?

June

(advertising copy deadline: 8 June)

Conservation

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

Training

As the new academic year approaches, a look at some of the training available

July

(advertising copy deadline: 6 July)

Traditional masonry

Cantilevered staircases, mouldings, capitals... traditional masonry always receives the admiration of those who view it. We will feature some of the latest examples of it.

Wholesalers

Highlighting the latest moves by the wholesalers to help stone companies increase their market share and maintain their margins

August

(advertising copy deadline: 3 August)

Engineered stone

Latest moves in a market still finding plenty of interest in worktops but also spreading out into bathrooms and on to walls and floors

Offsite manufacture

How companies are finding ways to assemble off-site in order to reduce the time they spend on-site

September

(advertising copy deadline: 7 September)

Annual Machinery Review

A detailed review of the latest developments in the machinery on offer to increase the efficiency of stonemasonry companies, including a preview of some of the launches at the Marmomacc stone exhibition in Verona, Italy.

October

(advertising copy deadline: 5 October)

Interiors

We examine the latest trends in the fashion end of the stone industry as the sector picks up

Health & Safety

The Health & Safety Executive continue to tighten up on workshop and site safety. We take a look at the latest developments in health & safety and highlight equipment available to masonry companies to protect employees

November

(advertising copy deadline: 9 November)

Housing

The market has remained subdued but is there now a pent-up demand that can improve the fortunes of the sector?

Cleaning

New products and systems for cleaning stone inside and out continue to be developed. We review the latest developments

December

(advertising copy deadline: 30 November)

Looking forward

We ask some of those in the industry how they expect the stone industry in the UK and Ireland to develop in the years ahead.

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An index of the subjects and companies featured in Natural Stone Specialist in 2011.

Supplement: Natural Stone Awards

Featuring all the projects honoured in the Stone Federation's two yearly Natural Stone Awards

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

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