

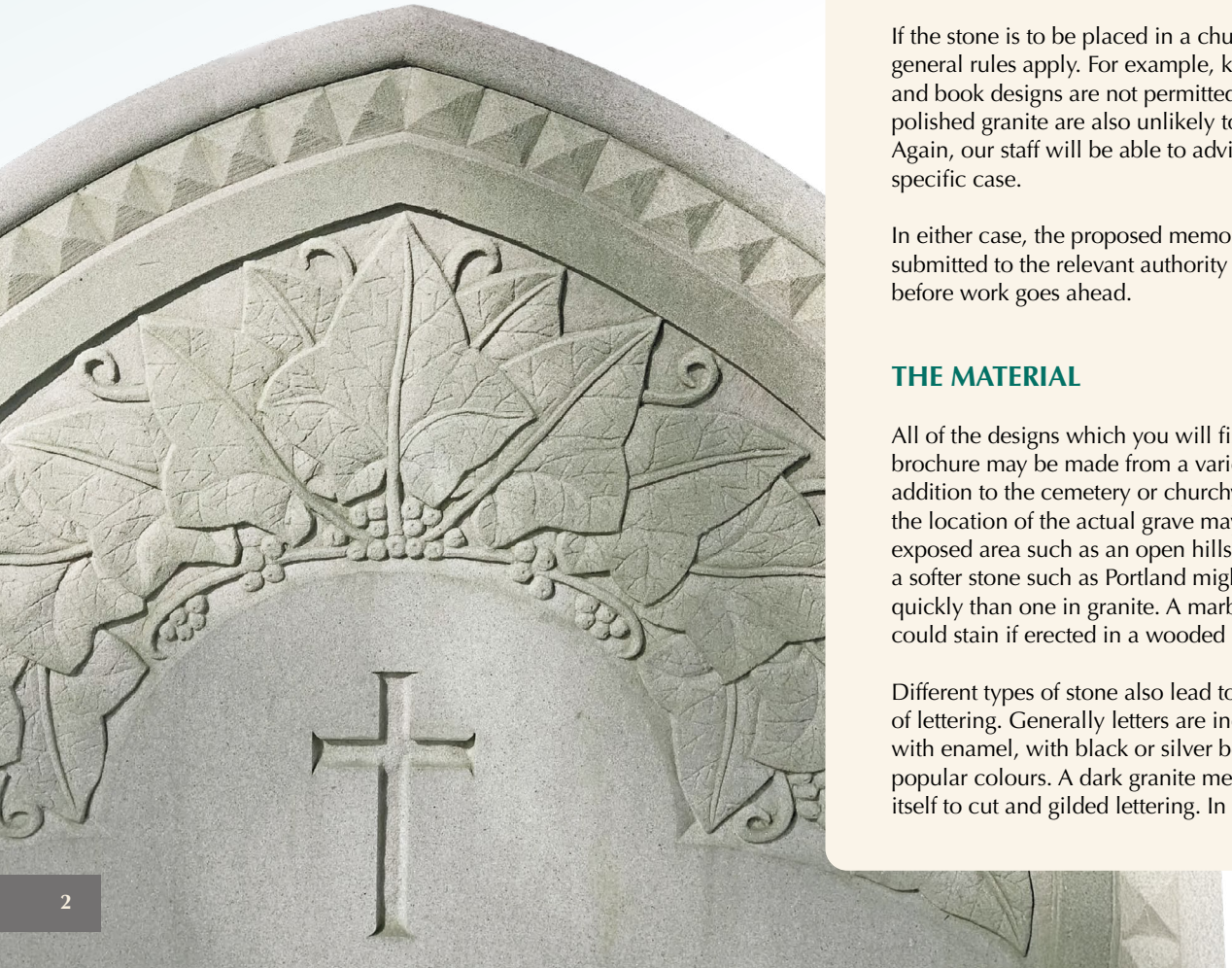
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Monumental Masons and Craftsmen in Stone

In Loving Memory

A memorial in stone is a lasting tribute to a loved one. It is important, therefore, that before making a decision you are fully informed on the various factors which might affect your choice.

Before looking at the designs which follow please take time to read these notes, which will help you in your choice. Our staff will be able to assist you with any further questions which you might have whilst selecting a memorial.



Things to Consider

THE LOCATION

Both the design of the memorial and the material from which it is made will be to some extent governed by the regulations which apply at the churchyard or cemetery in which it is to be placed.

If the stone is to be placed in a public cemetery, the local council may have provided you with an outline of the regulations when you purchased the grave. If not, either they or our staff will be able to advise you.

If the stone is to be placed in a churchyard some general rules apply. For example, kerbing, statuary and book designs are not permitted. Marble and polished granite are also unlikely to be allowed. Again, our staff will be able to advise you in each specific case.

In either case, the proposed memorial will be submitted to the relevant authority for approval before work goes ahead.

THE MATERIAL

All of the designs which you will find in this brochure may be made from a variety of materials. In addition to the cemetery or churchyard's regulations, the location of the actual grave may be a factor. In an exposed area such as an open hillside a memorial in a softer stone such as Portland might weather more quickly than one in granite. A marble memorial could stain if erected in a wooded area.

Different types of stone also lead to different types of lettering. Generally letters are incised and painted with enamel, with black or silver being the most popular colours. A dark granite memorial lends itself to cut and gilded lettering. In the case of stone memorials, letters may be cut and left natural. Lead lettering is also available. Our staff will be able to assist you with your choice.

THE WORDING

The choice of wording on a memorial can be the most personal thing of all and much thought should be given to this. A selection of texts and phrases is included at the back of this brochure, but the memorial should above all reflect your own memories and what you wish to say about your loved one.

In addition to words you might also wish to have a drawing or emblem particular to the person remembered. Our skilled craftsmen will be able to reproduce almost any design you wish according to the stone you choose to produce a truly unique memorial.

Our staff will also be able to advise you on the style of lettering for the memorial. A Roman font is a classic choice. A heading in Olde English can be very distinctive, while italics might be used for a quote from a poem or the Bible.

LOOKING AFTER THE MEMORIAL

You might also wish to consider how much time you will be able to devote to looking after the memorial. Some types of stone are harder wearing or easier to clean than others. For example, a polished granite memorial can easily be cleaned with a damp cloth. A marble memorial may in time require special treatment to restore it to its full glory. Letters carved into granite will retain their sharpness for many years. Letters carved into stone may one day require recutting.

Our Commitment

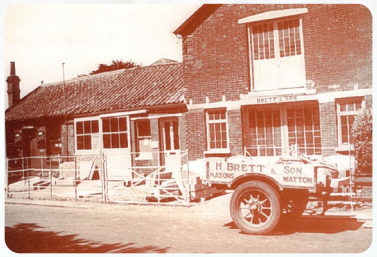
Once you have chosen a design and decided upon the wording and illustration that it should carry, our craftsmen will work to the highest standard to ensure that the materials, the artwork and engraving are the best that they can possibly be.

All our memorials are individually made and the lettering hand finished so that your memorial is a unique and fitting tribute to your loved one. We will also ensure that the stone is properly erected on a concrete foundation with due care and dignity and respect to the person which it commemorates.

Established 1921

We are a trusted local business and we pride ourselves on the quality of our work. We have 3 branches, H. Brett and Son in Watton, A.F. Holman in King's Lynn and M.B. Howell in Fakenham.

The company has continued to develop with the tremendous support of a team of masons who were fully trained by the Blake family. Ady Wood is now heading up a management team along with Daniel Jones and Simon Boutle (who is the grandson of Maynard and Eileen Brett). Between them they have served H. Brett & Son for more than 60 years. We have a very experienced and empathetic front house team across the three branches, who between them have over 30 years experience.







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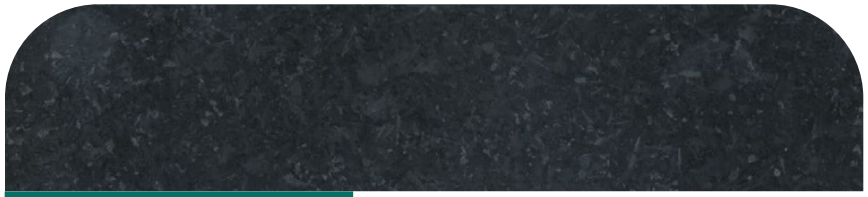
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Different Types of Stone

GRANITE

Granite is igneous rock and is the hardest of all the materials which we use. It comes in a variety of colours depending upon those minerals present at its formation. Often it's sparkly texture derives from its high quartz content. Our general range is Fine Black, Red, Blue Pearl, Dark Grey and Light Grey. Granite can be finished with a high polish or a less reflective honed finish.



BLACK GRANITE



BLUE PEARL GRANITE



RED GRANITE



LIGHT GREY GRANITE



KARIN GREY GRANITE



DARK GREY GRANITE

Different Types of Stone

STONE FOR CHURCHYARDS

Our stone memorials are specifically designed with churchyards regulations in mind. We offer these memorials in Yorkstone, which has a sandy colour and from which many older churchyard memorials are made. Portland, a lightish lime stone often used for war graves. Nabresina light, a longer wearing limestone that's a slightly lighter grain of the original Crownstone and Nabresina.



PORTLAND STONE



NABRESINA LIGHT

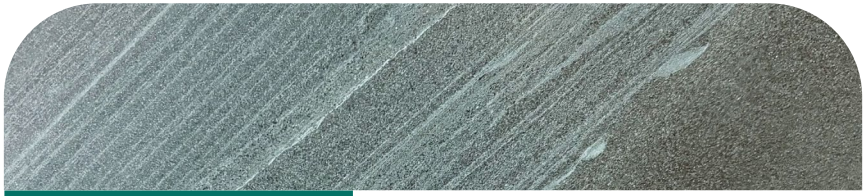


YORKSTONE

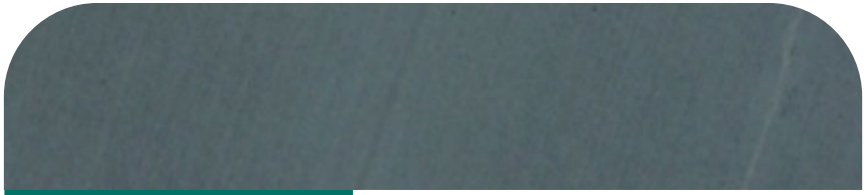
SLATE

A tough, fine-grained rock, slate has a distinctive matte finish. A familiar dark grey Welsh slate, Green slate from the Honister slate mines in the Lake District or a darker Kirkby slate from Cumbria.

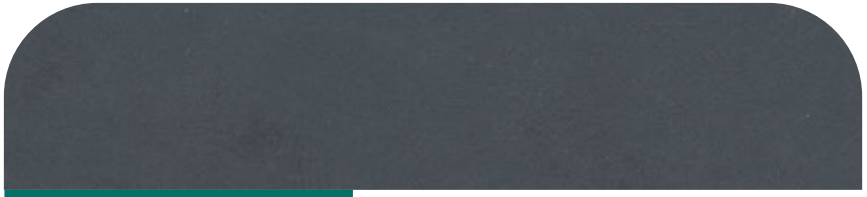
There is also a wide choice of other colours and materials available.



HONISTER SLATE



KIRKBY SLATE



WELSH SLATE

Inscriptions and Epitaphs

The inscription on a headstone can be conveyed in a number of different ways.
Names and dates, or the person's age, are given. All the memorials seen in the brochure show how this might be done. Some examples are set out here. In addition to the factual information, you might wish to express a sentiment, quote a poem or verse of scripture. Some examples of these are also shown.



EXAMPLES OF INSCRIPTIONS

TREASURED MEMORIES
OF
PATRICIA JENNIFER
GUNTON
A LOVING AND CHERISHED MOTHER
AND GRANDMOTHER
PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY
30TH JANUARY 2026
AGED 84 YEARS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EMMA M. BALDWIN
DIED 11TH APRIL 1974
AGED 83 YEARS

TREASURED MEMORIES OF
MY DEAR WIFE
PATRICIA JUNE WILSON
BORN 20TH AUGUST 1930
DIED 5TH JUNE 1978

CHERISHED MEMORIES OF
OUR DEAR SON
JOHN GRAHAM VINCENT
PASSED AWAY 5TH JANUARY 1976
AGED 21 YEARS

TO THE MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR PARENTS
RICHARD GREEN
FELL ASLEEP 10TH MARCH 1971
AND HIS WIFE
DOREEN
FELL ASLEEP 6TH NOVEMBER 1975
WALTER ALFRED BAREHAM
BORN 12TH SEPT 1902

DIED 28TH JAN 1978
MY DEAR HUSBAND

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
A DEAR HUSBAND AND FATHER
MICHAEL ROBERT VARLEY
DIED 28TH OCTOBER 1972
AGED 67

IN MEMORY OF
ERNEST WILLIAM MOORE
1900 - 1971

TO THE BEAUTIFUL MEMORY OF
ANN
DEARLY LOVED ONLY DAUGHTER
OF LOUISE AND JOHN RUST
ACCIDENTALLY KILLED
2ND DECEMBER 1968
AGED 6 YEARS

TREASURED MEMORIES OF
MY DEAR HUSBAND
GEORGE GRAYSON
DIED 10TH FEBRUARY 1974
AGED 96 YEARS

TO THE MEMORY OF
ELSIE MAY TURNER
WHO DIED 14TH JULY 1980
AGED 74 YEARS
DEARLY LOVED WIFE OF
GEORGE WILLIAM

IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF
A DEVOTED WIFE, MOTHER
AND GRANDMOTHER
JANET SMITH
13. 2. 1926 - 11. 5. 1989
Love's last gift, remembrance

EXAMPLES OF EPITAPHS

AT REST

THY WILL BE DONE REQUIESCANT IN PACE
(MAY THEY REST IN PEACE)

REST IN PEACE

AT REST WITH THE LORD

IN JESUS' KEEPING

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART FOR THEY
SHALL SEE GOD

GONE FROM US BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

ALIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT

PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE

GOD BE WITH YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

TO BE WITH CHRIST IS FAR BETTER

TILL WE SHALL MEET AND NEVER PART

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH

SLEEP, MY LITTLE ONE, SLEEP, MY PRETTY ONE

ABIDE WITH ME

REQUIESCAT IN PACE (MAY HE/SHE REST IN PEACE)

ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS

WE SHALL MEET AGAIN

FOREVER WITH THE LORD

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH

OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

GOODNIGHT BELOVED NOT FAREWELL

SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS

GOD'S FINGER TOUCHED HER AND SHE SLEPT

MAY HIS DEAR SOUL REST IN PEACE

REST AFTER WEARINESS, PEACE AFTER PAIN

JESUS CALLED A LITTLE CHILD UNTO HIM

SOMEDAY WE SHALL UNDERSTAND

WORTHY OF EVERLASTING LOVE

NO MORE SORROW, NO MORE PAIN

GRANT HIM O LORD ETERNAL REST

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU

IN THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD AND MY SONG

MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU

TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WE LOVE IS
NOT TO DIE

EXAMPLES OF FONT STYLES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
(Caxton Bold)

Cherished Memories Of
(Old English)

IN EVER LOVING MEMORY
(Times New Roman)

TREASURED MEMORIES OF
(France)

TO THE MEMORY OF
(Helvetica Bold)

Sacred to the Memory of
(Commercial Script)

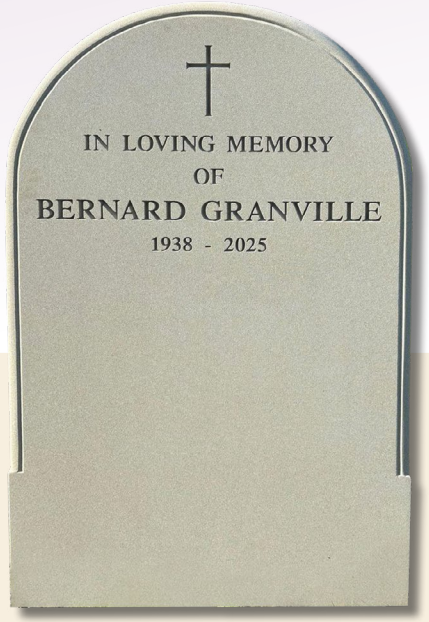


A selection of Arabic is available

Stone Memorials
for Churchyards



H 1



Yorkstone

Small: 22″ x 33″
Large: 24″ x 42″

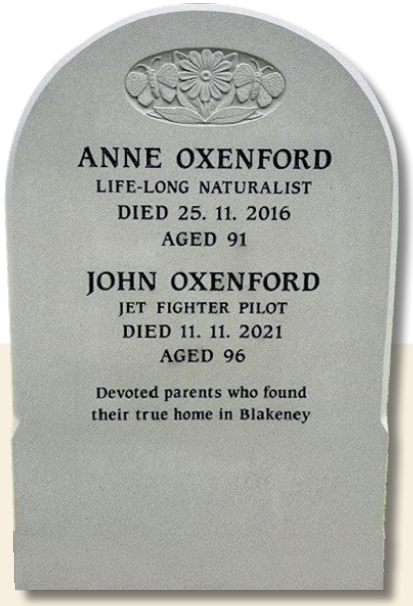
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Yorkstone

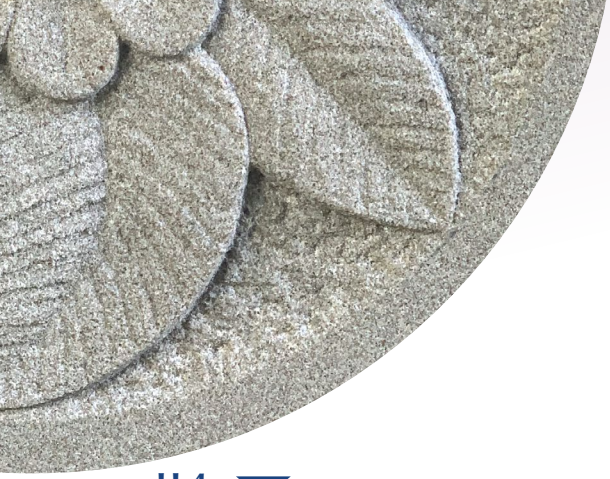
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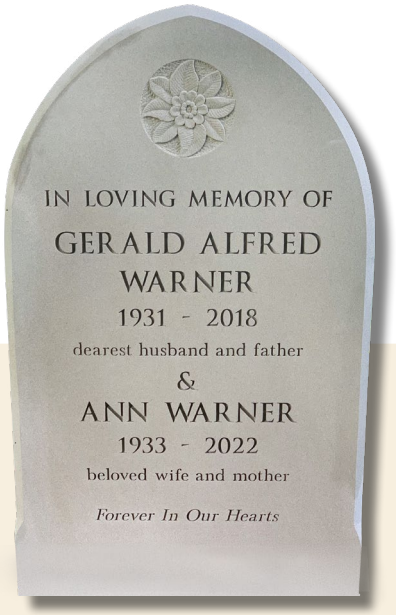
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Large: 24″ x 42″



Stone Memorials
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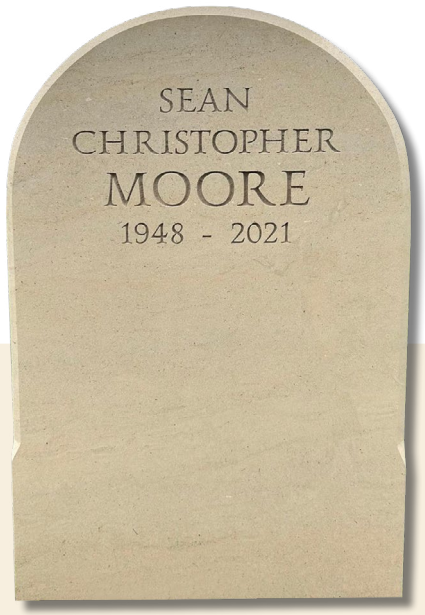
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Yorkstone

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Large: 24″ x 42″

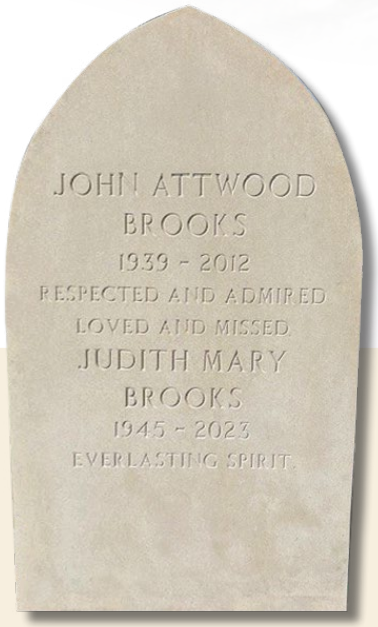
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Portland

Small: 22″ x 33″
Large: 24″ x 42″

H 6



Portland

Small: 22″ x 33″
Large: 24″ x 42″

Stone Memorials
for Churchyards



H 7



Welsh Slate

Small: 22″ x 33″ x 2″
Large: 24″ x 42″ x 2″

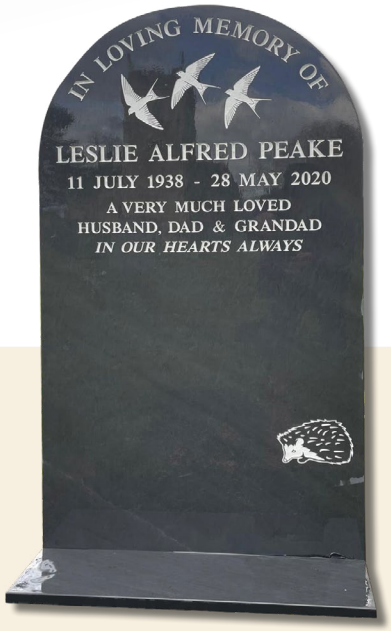
H 8



Honister Slate

Small: 22″ x 33″ x 2″
Large: 24″ x 42″ x 2″

H 9



Welsh Slate

Small: 22″ x 33″ x 2″
Large: 24″ x 42″ x 2″



Stone Memorials
for Churchyards

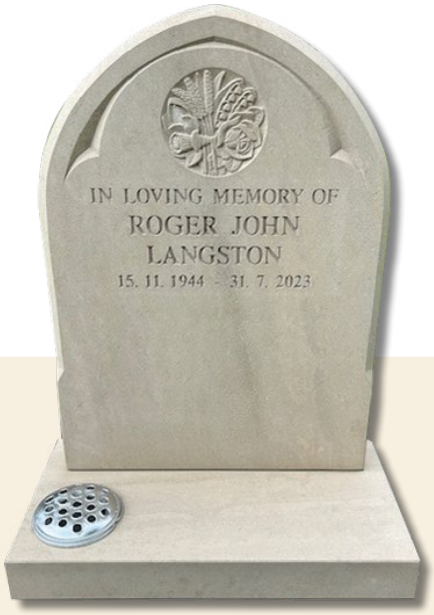
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Nabresina

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

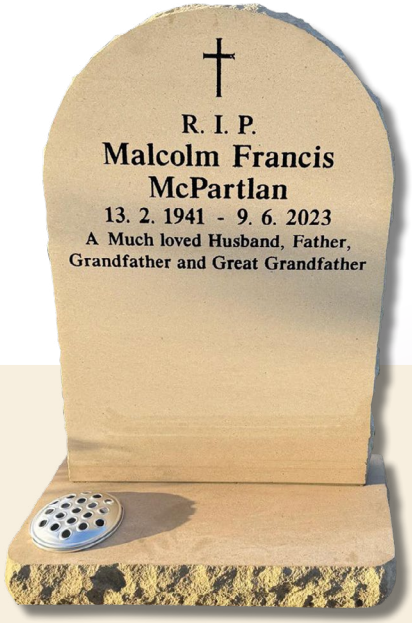
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Yorkstone

Headstone: 30″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 12



Portland Rustic

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

Stone Memorials
for Churchyards



H 13



Nabresina

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

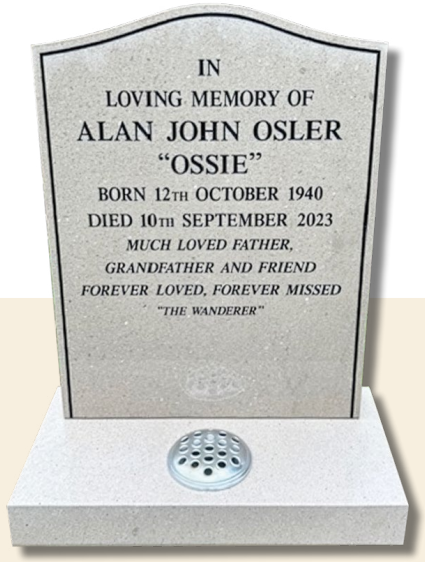
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Yorkstone

Headstone: 30″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 15



Nabresina

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″



Stone Memorials
for Churchyards

H 16



Yorkstone

Headstone: 30″ x 21″
Block Base: 24″ x 6″ x 6″

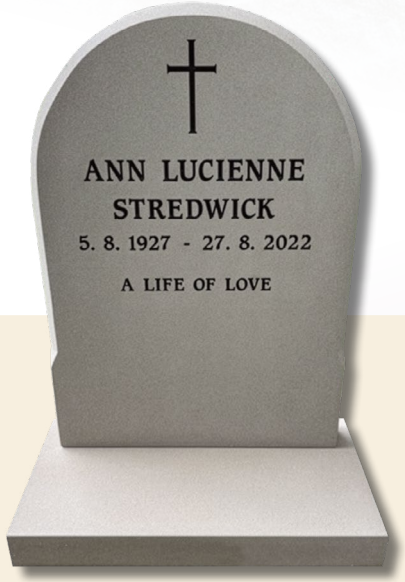
H 17



Yorkstone

Headstone: 30″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 18



Yorkstone

Headstone: 30″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

Granite Memorials
for Churchyards



H 19



Light grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 20



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 21



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″



Granite Memorials
for Churchyards

H 22



Dark grey

Headstone: 30″ x 24″
Base: 30″ x 12″

H 23



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 24



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

Granite Memorials
for Churchyards



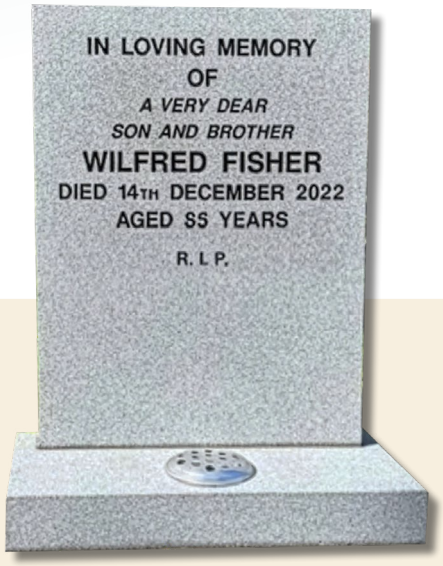
H 25



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 26



Light grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 27



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

Granite Memorials
for Churchyards

H 28



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

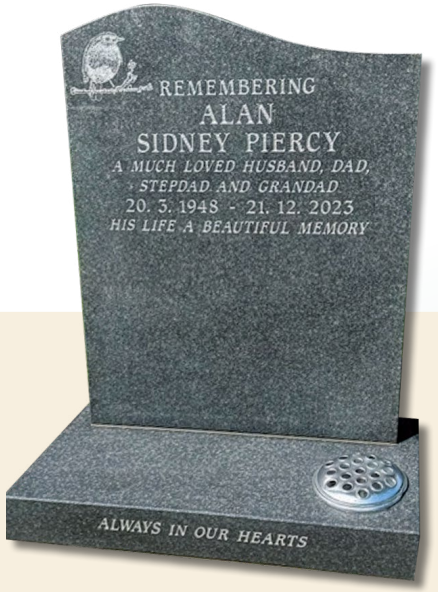
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Dark grey

Headstone: 30″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 30



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

Granite Memorials
for Cemeteries



H 31



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 32



Black granite

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 33



Black granite

Headstone: 30″ x 21″
Base: 30″ x 12″



Granite Memorials
for Cemeteries

H 34



Black granite

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 35



Black granite

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 36



Red granite

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

Granite Memorials
for Cemeteries



H 37



Light grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

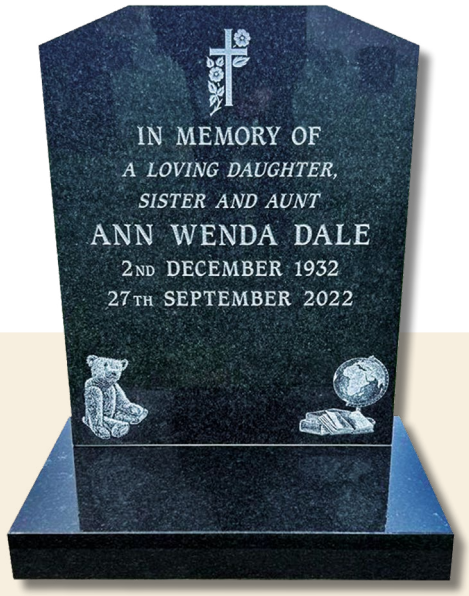
H 38



Black granite

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 39



Dark grey

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

Granite Memorials
for Cemeteries



H 40



Black granite

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 41



Blue Pearl

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″

H 42



Black granite

Headstone: 30″ x 24″
Base: 30″ x 12″

Heart Memorials



HM 1



Himalayan

Headstone: 33″ x 28″ x 4″
Base: 32″ x 15″ x 4″

HM 2



Black granite

Headstone: 33″ x 28″ x 3″
Base: 30″ x 12″ x 3″

HM 3



Black granite

Headstone: 27″ x 21″
Base: 24″ x 12″



Book Memorials

BM 1



Black granite

Book: 24″ x 18″
Base: 27″ x 15″

BM 2



Black granite

Book: 24″ x18″
Base: 27″ x 15″

BM 3



Light grey granite

Book: 24″ x 18″
Base: 27″ x 15″

Kerb Set
Memorials



K 1



Dark grey granite
37″ x 29″ x 78″

K 2



Black granite
36″ x 30″ x 78″



Kerb Set
Memorials

K 3



Dark grey granite
37″ x 30″ x 78″

K 4



Blue pearl granite
35″ x 30″ x 78″

Cremation Memorials

Flat cremation tablets can come in various sizes usually ranging between 12″ and 18″ depending on what the burial ground allows.

The memorials can often be landscape, portrait or square and can come with a flower container and design work similar to a headstone.

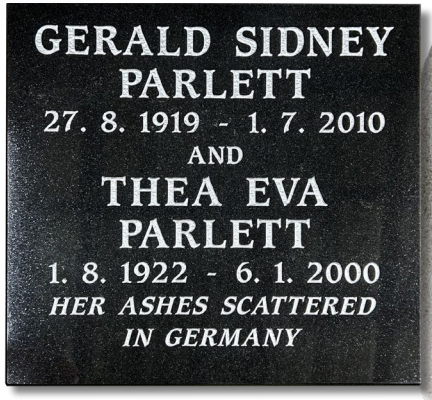
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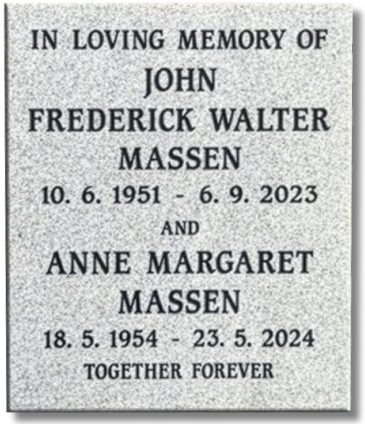
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CM 4



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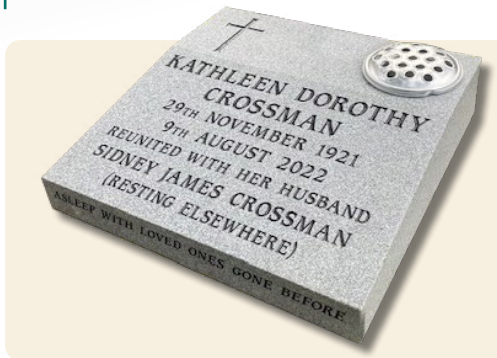
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Cremation Memorials

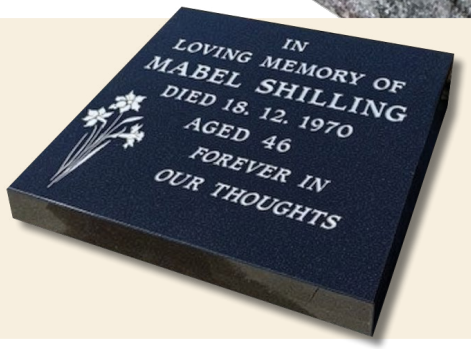
CM 7



Light grey Desk Vase Tablet

18″ x 18″

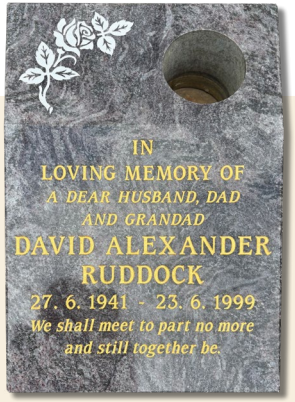
CM 8



Black granite wedge

18″ x 18″ x 4″ x 2″

CM 9



Paradiso Desk Vase Tablet

18″ x 12″

CM 10



Black granite

Tablet: 18″ x 12″ x 2″
Rest: 10″ x 9″ x 6″
Base: 20″ x 15″ x 2″

CM 11



Black granite

Headstone: 20″ x 15″ x 2″
Base: 18″ x 10″ x 2″

Memorials
for Infants



IM 1

Light grey

Heart: 12″ x 12″ x 2″
Rest: 10″ x 5″ x 8″
Base: 12″ x 12″ x 2″

IM 2



Teddy bear
Blue pearl

Headstone: 22″ x 16″ x 2″
Base: 18″ x 12″ x 2″

IM 3



Teddy and soldier
Black granite

Tablet: 18″ x 12″ x 2″
Rest: 10″ x 6″ x 9″
Base: 20″ x 14″ x 2″

IM 4



Plain headstone
Black granite

Headstone: 20″ x 15″ x 2″
Base: 18″ x 10″ x 2″

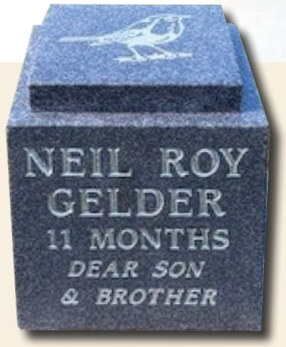
Vases

V 1



Black granite
6″ x 6″ x 6″

V 2



Dark grey with cap
6″ x 6″ x 6″

V 3



Celtic cross, Black granite
6″ x 6″ x 6″

V 4



Red granite
6″ x 6″ x 6″

V 5



Heart, Black granite
9″ x 9″ x 9″

Renovation



Time takes its toll on even the most beautiful memorial. Exposed to the elements the stone can weather, the letters can fade or the ground settles causing the stone to lean.

Our highly skilled craftsmen will carry out an inspection of your memorial and give you recommendations and an estimate for any work required to bring the memorial as near to its original condition as may be.

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Carvings

C 1



Broken Daffodil

C 2



Spitfire

C 3



Hammer and Chisel

C 4



Flower variation

C 5



Wheat

C 6



Grapes

C 7



Lily of the Valley

C 8



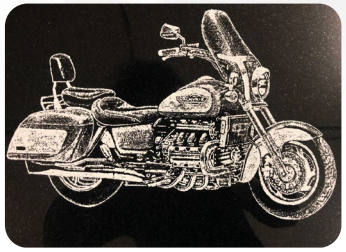
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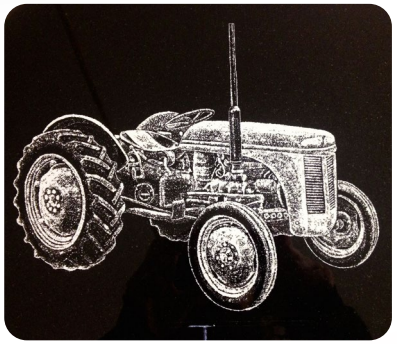
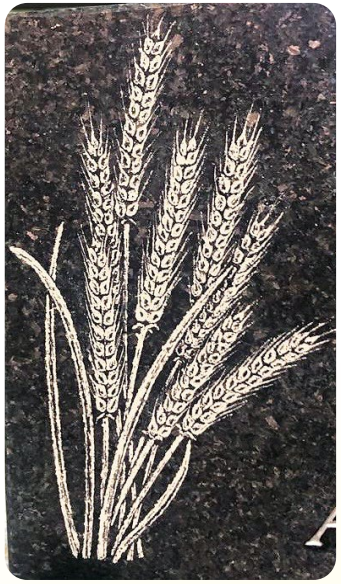
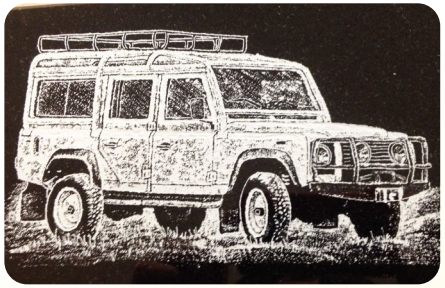
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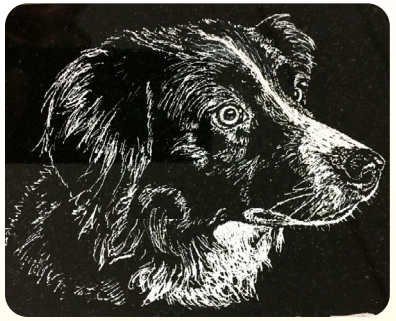




Photo Frames

PF 1



PF 2



PF 3



PF 4



Photo Plaques

PP 1



PP 2



Bronze Plaques

BP 1



BP 2



BP 3



BP 4



Stones & Chippings

RED



PINK



GREEN



TURQUOISE



COBALT



WHITE



ICE BLUE



BLACK



GREY GLASS



GREY GRANITE



PEA SHINGLE



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