Isle of Purbeck, Dorset
NATURAL PURBECK STONE FROM THE ISLE OF PURBECK HAS BEEN USED AS A TRADITIONAL BUILDING AND PAVING MATERIAL SINCE ROMAN TIMES.

THE LOVELL QUARRIES PRODUCE A WIDE RANGE OF PURBECK STONE IN A VARIETY OF COLOURS WHICH ARE SUITABLE FOR A RANGE OF APPLICATIONS INCLUDING BUILDING, WALLING, FLOORING, PAVING, ROOF TILING, MONUMENTAL AND HARD LANDSCAPING.
Purbeck stone has been used for internal flooring since mediaeval times. The unique aesthetic qualities and unrivalled hard-wearing properties of Purbeck stone make it an ideal choice for a modern day flooring material.

Following the recent installation of a state of the art tile line Lovell Purbeck now offer natural Purbeck stone floor tiles fully calibrated. The Company processes more than 12 individual beds of Purbeck stone, each with unique colours and characteristics.

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CONSERVATION
Lovell Purbeck continue to work closely with conservation and ecclesiastical architects throughout England to offer bespoke Purbeck stone products.

Lovell Purbeck employ a team of highly skilled masons who specialise in working with Purbeck stone for conservation and restoration purposes.

ECCLESIASTICAL
Lovell Purbeck specialise in the matching and replacement of natural stone floors within Churches and Cathedrals. The Company also have significant reserves of Purbeck Marble (Viviparus) and Burr Limestone. Purbeck Marble was widely used for decorative works within Churches and Cathedrals such as Salisbury and Ely, whilst Burr limestone was used to build Corfe Castle. These materials are still required for restoration works but until now they have been difficult to obtain.
The Lovell Purbeck masons produce a wide range of architectural masonry including lintels, quoins, jambs, arches, mullions, cills, corbels, steps, thresholds, copings, piers and individual fireplaces.

Some of the beds of Purbeck stone can be polished to give a unique finish; making stunning bathroom surfaces, fireplace hearths and mantles.

ROOF TILES

Lovell Purbeck produce hand-fettled Purbeck stone roof tiles as currently supplied to the National Trust and heritage schemes.

The stone is cut into rectangular components before being flame-textured to give a natural cleaved appearance. The tile blanks are then hand-worked by our masons to give traditional fettled edges.

Available to order in any size with a nominal thickness of 15 to 25mm. Supplied per roofing square (10 x 10ft) or per linear metre.

Please contact the sales office for information regarding independent test data on Purbeck stone flame-textured roof tiles.

ARCHITECTURAL MASONRY

The new works enables Lovell Purbeck to produce a wide range of unique Purbeck stone products and surface finishes such as flame-textured.
Colours shown in standard finish

Traditional Purbeck  White-Ruff Purbeck  Blue Purbeck
BUILDING STONE

Lovell Purbeck offer building stone in a variety of colours including Traditional, White-Buff and Blue Purbeck. The stone is cropped by state of the art guillotines to create a rustic finish.

Nominal bed widths available: 125 – 150mm (approx 4 sq/m per tonne) and 100 – 125mm (approx 5 sq/m per tonne). Supplied loose or in 1 tonne bags.

Building stone with alternative bed widths or bespoke finishes such as ashlar, pitched, hammer dressed, tooled and fine dressed can also be supplied.

Burr Limestone: Lovell Purbeck has significant reserves of Burr limestone building stone available. Used to build Corfe Castle, Burr Limestone is still required for conservation and restoration projects, but until now has been difficult to obtain.

LANDSCAPING AND ORNAMENTAL

Random walling: Hand split random walling stone is produced from thinner beds of stone with one fair face making it suitable for use as traditional dry stone walling and cock and hen copings. It can also be used for retaining and boundary walls and as a mortar fixed walling stone.

Random walling stone can be supplied loose or in 1 tonne bags (approx 3sq/m per tonne).

Ornamental: The Lovell Purbeck Works produce bespoke hand carved landscaping and garden furniture including tables, seats, benches, bollards and bird baths.

Rockery stone: Feature stones and boulders suitable for use in rockeries and water features are available in a full range of Purbeck colours.
PAVING, SETTS AND STEPS

Purbeck paving is available in standard gauge widths of 200, 300 and 400mm in random lengths and standard thicknesses between 30 and 65mm. Other sizes are available to special order. Setts, Kerbs and ancillaries are also available in any size to special order. Finishes include sawn, bush-hammered, natural riven, flame textured and bespoke tooled. Other finishes are available to special order.

Following significant recent investment Lovell Purbeck now operates a state of the art sawing and processing works.
Colour and finish variations
Lovell Purbeck products are produced from natural purbeck stone and consequently will show variations in finish and colour.

Physical Properties
For technical data relating to Purbeck stone please contact the sales office.

Design Service
For design guidance please contact the sales office.

Environmental statement
Due to the nature of the quarries and the geology of Purbeck stone, the method of extraction employed by Lovell Purbeck has a very low impact on the environment, utilising efficient machinery and no blasting.

After each quarry (typically only a quarter acre) is worked it is reinstated to either its former environment or improved through the planting of mixed broad-leaf woodland.

The Lovell Purbeck quarries and sawing works are situated adjacent to each other therefore minimising traffic movements.

The works is state of the art and includes a new filter press, enabling continuous recycling of the water used within the sawing process. The masonry shop has been completely refurbished and now includes sophisticated dust extraction equipment.

All off-cuts are reprocessed to keep material wastage to a minimum.