

Yennadon Stone in the Local Built Environment

This document has been produced to clarify the important role that Yennadon Quarry plays in supplying stone for building and conservation projects within Dartmoor National Park and the 'Moorland Fringes'. It supplements Appendix A6 "Yennadon Stone and the built environment: A review of the important role that stone from the quarry plays in maintaining the character and appearance of the local area" by Clifton Emery Design (June 2015).

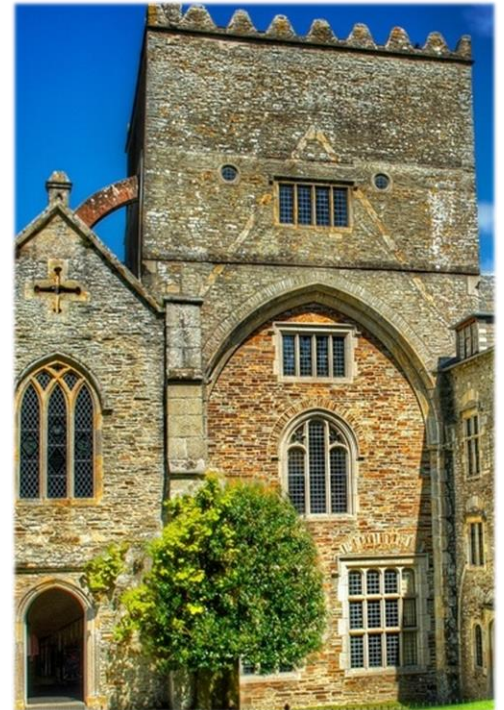
Whilst areas of the 'high moor' are mostly associated with the use of granite in the construction of buildings and other structures, the 'moorland fringe' has a legacy of utilising metamorphic stone that is more consistent with the geology of these areas. Rustic Stone from Yennadon Quarry and other old nearby quarries (now closed) have been used historically within the National Park and moorland fringes in numerous buildings, walls and other structures in local settlements including Yelverton, Meavy, Horrabridge, Dousland, Burrator, Walkhampton, Tavistock, Lydford, Mary Tavy, and Whitchurch.

The quarry continues to supply high quality Rustic Stone used in the **repair, restoration and construction** of buildings in the National Park and the moorland fringe.

Both national and regional planning policy stresses the importance of local distinctiveness in the design and construction of new development:

- Planning policy for the Dartmoor National Park encourages the use of appropriate local stone in the construction of new buildings and structures in order to maintain the distinctive local character of the moor.
- Design guidance in the adopted Dartmoor National Park Design Guide 2011 and related Conservation Area Appraisals identifies the importance of using local metamorphic stone in construction projects in 'moorland fringe' areas.
- The SHLAA for the DNPA area identifies nearly half of its sites that are available for housing in areas that have an underlying slate geology and are therefore generally appropriate for use of Yennadon Stone.

Yennadon Quarry is the only remaining source of local metamorphic stone still quarried in the National Park today and the only source within the 'metamorphic aureole'. **There are no viable alternatives sources of Rustic Stone of the same local distinctiveness (i.e. colour, shape and size, quality and type) to that supplied from Yennadon Quarry.**



*Buckland Abbey, National Trust.
Example of important historic building
constructed using local stone.*

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Horrabridge



Ford Street, Tavistock

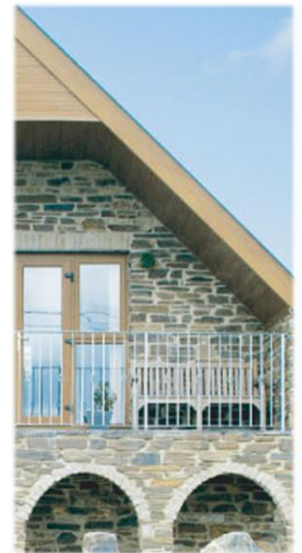


Yelverton

As discussed above, local planning policy encourages the use of locally distinctive stone in the construction of new buildings and structures. In order to demonstrate the importance of Yennadon Stone as a source of building stone, a review was conducted of the planning submissions on the planning portal in two areas, Yelverton and South Brent, both of which lie within the National Park.

In the past five years in Yelverton; there were 15 permissions for building construction, four of which specified slate building stone (others were to match existing). Of these four, one was for a single storey lean-to extension (builder sourced stone from merchant); one was for a retaining wall (supplied by Yennadon Quarry); one was for a new build (using re-cycled stone existing on site); and one was for a large housing development (Leg O Mutton Inn) where Yennadon Quarry supplied 100% of both building and walling stone.

In the past five years in South Brent, there were eight permissions, two of which specified building stone; one was for a retaining wall (granite to match existing adjacent) and one was for a housing development [0354/14] of 40 units where slate building stone was specified and 100% was supplied by Yennadon Quarry.



This brief review demonstrates that, where slate stone is specified, **Yennadon Quarry is the foremost supplier of rustic building stone in the local area.**

