

How To Utilise Stone In The Garden



Natural stone has been used as a decorative landscaping material from the dawn of civilisation itself. The careful selection of materials incorporating key design elements can transform a plain open space into an attractive oasis in which to relax on a beautiful summers day.

Johnsons Wellfield Quarries have supplied dry stone walling throughout Britain for over one and a half centuries. More recently we have adapted to the demands of the rapidly expanding DIY market and we now deliver our dry stone walling on both tipper wagons for bulk orders and in one tonne bags with a crane off-load service for smaller customer orders.



The benefits of using natural stone dry stone walling are the adding of a rural appearance to walls and features combined with the flexibility in design to suit the most adventurous garden designer yet maintaining the link to the products functional past.



Decorative aggregates can be added to the landscape architects colour pallet to inject dynamism and broaden the scope of design.



Incorporating a rockery into the garden can bring many benefits and can also be an attractive solution to a dark corner that requires an injection of life and colour. Laying the rockery stones with a slight backward incline will help retain rainwater and sustain rockery plant life in prolonged dry periods. Rockeries may also be used as a clever way of hiding ugly retaining walls or producing level tiers in a sloping garden.

Smaller blocks can be arranged into patterns or stacked into mock kerns. The varied sizes available make for a wide range of both aesthetic designs and practical applications.



Using a mid sized block as a mounting block for horse riders is an ideal example of how a purely functional item can blend in and be absorbed into its surroundings to become a natural part of the landscape.

Stone troughs and corn wheels add a link to our historical past and find an ideal home within the traditional or contemporised garden designs.

Patios are a wonderful way to fuse internal living space with outdoors, thereby uniting house and landscape effectively and creating outdoor living spaces. Homeowners who want a low maintenance landscape and an interesting alternative to lawns may choose the extended patio, which is simply an enlarged patio that takes up space where lawn grass would otherwise be planted.

