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#### # DRY STONE WALLING

Heritage Masonry is one of just a handful of DSWA (Dry Stone Walling Association) approved contractors in the UK. We use traditional techniques that have been handed down over centuries, in order to produce a continue to complete stunning restoration projects time 100% authentic finish.

We are based in Skipton which is known as 'the Gateway to the Dales' and much of the countryside around us has fields with dry stone boundary walls. Many of the residential homes also incorporate dry stone walls into their landscape designs. Dry stone walling is synonymous with Yorkshire and the region provides the best wallers in the country.

## # LANDSCAPES

As well as stone masonry, we undertake landscaping projects, particularly where stonework is a key feature within the garden, including steps, walls, copings, water features, bespoke stone features and paved areas. We will undertake any landscape project from a private garden wall to an extensive city centre regeneration programme.

#### # RESTORATION

We have a specialist team of tradesmen who undertake all of our restoration work. These highly skilled men have learnt their trade using age-old traditional methods and and time again, from churches to listed buildings and weirs to castles.

#### # CONSERVATION

We have worked on many conservation projects throughout the UK earning ourselves a very good name for our work. Our recent Grade 2 Listed weir restoration project is a perfect example of the complexity of work that we are able to undertake. The project received a commendation and award from English Heritage.



#### # BESPOKE STONE MASONRY

We offer a Bespoke Stone Masonry service to customers who are looking for something specific or unique. We have worked on a large number of these types of projects, mostly involving the new build or restoration of stately homes, halls and mansions. These are typically built using ashlar stone and incorporate intricate and bespoke detailing to items such as the architrave, frieze, dentil, cornice, heads and sills. Our stone masons create the most detailed and intricate of design using traditional methods that have been used for centuries.

# # STONE MASONRY

We undertake a wide and varied range of stone masonry work, from simple stone features and cladding, to new build projects and restoration. Operating a nationwide service, we have become one of the leading stone mason companies in our sector with an expanding portfolio of projects for clients throughout the UK. Retaining walls, boundary walls, new build homes, city centre street scene projects, restoration and conservation projects are just a selection of our experience.

## YORKSHIRE STONE SUPPLIES



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## THIMBLEBY HALL

Client: Simpsons of York

**Project:** New build extension and all masonry external works.

This Grade 2 Listed building looks out over an ornamental lake and parkland towards Thimbleby village. It is set in nearly 2000 acres of sporting woodland and also incorporates several formal lawned gardens. The Hall is built from natural stone ashlar blocks with intricate bespoke stone masonry details to the cornice, frieze and dentil courses and stone pillars to the entrances.

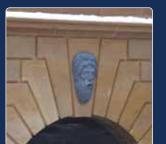




We were tasked by Simpsons of York to undertake the new build of an extension to the rear of the Hall. The work included a complete re build incorporating the original design and style of the hall and encompassing a feature rich façade. The rear entrance included a canopy roof set on a stone portico. A water feature with seating area and a courtyard with stone pillars was added to the project. Landscaping around the hall included ornate steps leading to the walkway complete with a natural stone balustrade.

The whole project was completed by our own Master Craftsmen who are specialists in new builds which are in-keeping with historical features using traditional building methods and materials. The result was a restoration and extension that does justice to the majesty of the original building.











#### COWESBY HALL

Client: William Birch

Project: Restoration to front façade of hall and adjoining building. External works which included tiered walled terraces, large spine wall, water feature and paving.



Cowesby Hall is set in wonderful wooded grounds on the outskirts of Thirsk.

William Birch and Sons Ltd approached us with a package for all the stone masonry work. The project comprised of all the external works and some restoration work to the main hall. The lower part of the garden was designed to create dry stone walled garden terraces with a large flight of stone steps leading to the water feature. A large spine wall was built that stretches from the swimming pool towards the house, complimented with chamfered stone copings. Set against the new turf it gives a striking appearance which is aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

The boundary walls were constructed using dry stone walling methods and traditional mortar walling using a lime mortar mix. All the mortar walls were capped with ornate, stone copings which were chamfered to create a coping that not only looked stunning but alleviated any rain water issues by directing the flow into the soiled areas. Numerous styles of coping were used with varying depths and shapes, where the two different copings meet, our skilled banker mason shaped the two differing stones to match perfectly. The work to the main hall included an ashlar stone wall to the base of the orangery and a new build to several main walls which formed the offices that stood adjacent to the hall. The front façade of the hall had new ashlar stone replaced where the existing stone had become dilapidated due to inclement weather and old age.

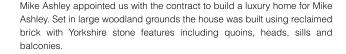
# **PROJECTS**

## LONDON

Client: Mike Ashley, retail entrepreneur and owner of Newcastle Football Club

**Project**: New build of a large luxury house and all external stone work.





On completion of the build, we were asked to undertake the external works. This included a large paved forecourt which was built using tumbled sets to create a circular pattern as designed by the client's architect. Due to the complexity of producing the planned design it was considered by many not possible as the radius of the pattern was too acute. We appointed our expert external works masons to complete the project within the timescale and to an exceptionally high standard.

Our sister company Yorkshire Stone Supplies provided all the stone for the project, delivering three articulated wagon loads every week over 12 months.



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# GARY NEVILLE, MANCHESTER

Client: Gary Neville, footballer

Project: All external works to include dry stone boundary wall, circular viewing platform, wall design, paved area and stonework to front of home.



We were recommended to Gary Neville by an architect we had previously worked with, the brief was to create a new landscaped area and stonework to the front façade of his home. After several meetings with the client we designed a folly, a circular wall with a paved viewing area that can be accessed via the paved walkway. This would provide the client with a unique and attractive outdoor feature.

A dry stone boundary wall was built around the property which included an arched stone inlay feature made from reclaimed, professionally cleaned and restored stone which was bedded into the boundary wall. The front façade of the home was rebuilt with new bespoke stone masonry features to the door and window surrounds.



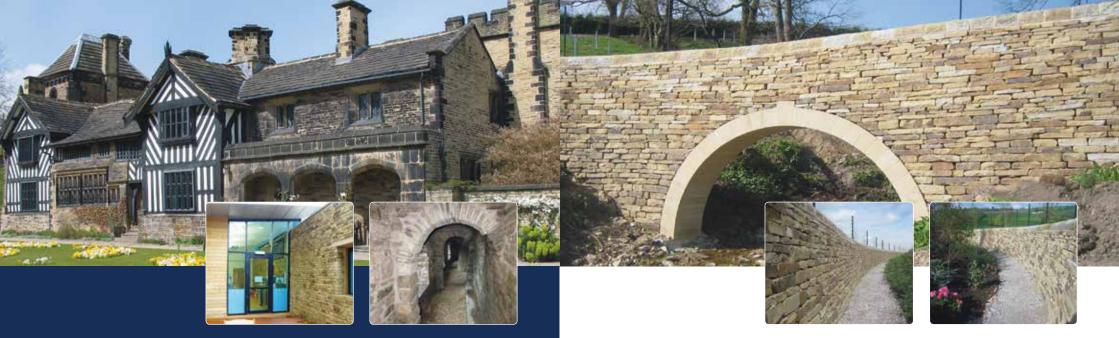




The driveway and parking area to the front of his home was constructed using Tegula blocks.



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## SHIBDEN HALL PARK

Client: English Heritage

Project: Reinstating of the network of tunnels that run underneath the gardens of Shibden Hall. Building of a spine wall that run externally and internally of Shibden Hall visitor centre.



Shibden Hall, set in 37 hectares of the Shibden valley, is a 600 year old medieval timber-framed manor house. This Grade 2 Listed 15th century house is one of England's oldest and was built in 1420, five years after the Battle of Agincourt. For the past decade Shibden Hall Park and its many attractions have been part of a huge Lottery funded restoration project with the gardens, boating lake, tunnels and visitor centre all being fully restored.

Below the front garden is a network of tunnels that were originally built for the servants and gardener to link up their quarters to Shibden Hall. The stonework was in a very poor state with much of the tunnels' structural integrity compromised. We were tasked with reinstating the network of tunnels and their entrances back to a fully functional part of Shibden Hall's visitor attractions. Before any work commenced, the existing stonework was numbered and logged to ensure the finished project was an exact restoration of the existing tunnel.

We were also asked to build a spine wall in the café/visitor centre. The wall was to take on the appearance of a dry stone wall which commenced externally alongside the seating area, continuing internally to form the gable end of the café area. To create the look of a dry stone wall, the stonework was back bedded with mortar with just the front leading edge of each stone being left "dry".

The stonework for the spine wall was supplied by our sister company Yorkshire Stone Supplies.

## **PROJECTS**

## SAWLEY HALL ESTATE

**Project:** Dry stone boundary wall with half round copings and a stream bridge.

Heritage Masonry were asked to build a dry stone boundary wall around the clients property, 660 metres long and 2 metres high. The wall was to be capped with specially made half round stone copings, bedded onto the wall and pointed, along the top of the entire length of the wall a security fence was to be erected. We had to incorporate metal fence posts into the wall and secure with concrete at designated intervals along the boundary wall. The client requested that all of the copings be the same length and did not want us to have to cut any copings to make them sit flush against the security fencing posts, to overcome this we core drilled copings and simply slotted them over the top of the posts and bedded onto the wall.



Where the boundary wall and stream meet, the client asked if we could design a structure that would bridge the stream and also be aesthetically pleasing. To construct the bridge we had to take into consideration the force which the wall would endure due to adverse weather causing high water level and flooding. The foundations of the wing walls were constructed with a concrete toe wall with reinforced starter bars and mesh, the dry stone wall itself was built with a concrete core surrounding the reinforcement.

To build the arch we first installed a pre-cut wooden template on which the bridge was constructed, first starting with the ashlar course to form the arch then achieving the correct height with dry stone wall and copings.

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# TENNANTS AUCTION ROOMS

Client: Tennants

**Project:** Build of a large extension to the side and rear of Tennants Auction in Leyburn



Tennants Auction is a well-established auction room in Leyburn, built using locally sourced natural stone. We were awarded part of the Tennants' expansion project to build a large extension to the side and rear of the building that was in-keeping with the original structure.

The stone was supplied by our sister company Yorkshire Stone Supplies and the build was carried out by our Master Craftsmen who created an extension that blends perfectly into the original building.





# **PROJECTS**

## **TRAVELODGE**

Client: Team Northern Construction Ltd

**Project:** New build of a hotel using natural Yorkshire stone.



Heritage Masonry were approached by Team Northern Construction with a view to building a new Travelodge in Kendal. The design had to be in-keeping with the surrounding area, using natural limestone. The client wanted the building to look as though it was built using a dry stone walling method, to achieve the desired effect the stone was back bedded, the stone being bedded on mortar with the leading edge slightly raked back.

The stone heads and sills were quarried, cut and dressed by our stone masons from our sister company Yorkshire Stone Supplies.



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# SHEFFIELD AMPHITHEATRE

Client: G F Tomlinson

**Project:** Construction of a tiered seating area from large stone copings anchored on top of dry stone walling.



In 2005, Sheffield City Council spoke to local residents about their vision to create a series of quality open spaces in the city centre stretching from Park Square to Norfolk Place which was to be called Sheaf Valley Park. The residents suggested that the land adjacent to the train station was turned into a communal area with seating that could act as a venue for outdoor events.

This idea is what you now see as Sheffield Amphitheatre when arriving into the city from the train station. We were appointed with creating several tiered and curved stone seating areas on a sloped area which incorporated landscaping. The tiers were built using traditional dry stone walling with copings placed on top to form seating. The clients concerns regarding the copings being stolen or dislodged and causing injury to the public were eradicated by core drilling holes into each coping and inserting a metal dowel fastened with epoxy resin. They were then concreted into the dry stone wall.

The result is a stunning public space that has helped to put Sheffield on the map as a cultural hub.

## **PROJECTS**

#### CALVER WEIR

Client: English Heritage

**Project:** Restoration of Calver Weir and the overflow channel.



In 2004, a local community group set out to save the Calver Weir, an ancient monument on the River Derwent built to power the Calver Mill at the height of the industrial revolution. At serious risk of being lost, the Calver Weir Restoration Project enlisted the services of Barker Langham to help them make an application for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund to ensure the survival of this heritage asset.

We were tasked with reinstating the weir to its former, fully-functional and working state and to build an engineered channel to the side of the weir to act as a salmon run, which was specifically requested by local fishermen and The Environment Agency. To enable this project to work, an inflatable dam was placed directly upstream of the weir, a section at a time. The gradient of the weir was retained and a new 900mm deep concrete raft was anchored with dowels to the existing bed and the original sets laid on top.

The majority of the stone used was from the existing weir, with our sister company Yorkshire Stone Supplies providing the remainder to complete the project.

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ILKLEY, GARDEN WALL

Client: Mr and Mrs Smithurst

Project: Design, build and supply of a garden feature.



We were contacted by a homeowner in Ilkley to help them utilise a sloped area on a steep gradient to the rear of their property on which they wanted a summer house. In order to make the space useable and ensure that it was possible to walk from the top of the garden to the bottom, we dug out the earth to form a tiered, level area and retained the earth with a dry stone wall, building some step for access.

The stone was provided by our sister company Yorkshire Stone Supplies and the result was a stunning outside space that can be used by all the family as an extension of their home.



#### HEALTH AND SAFETY

Heritage Masonry is dedicated to providing a safe working environment for all of its employees and any visitors. We appreciate the importance of health and safety and instil a safe working practice on any projects where we are working as either a main or sub-contractor.

All of our employees are CSCS card registered and undertake regular safety training and product training when new plant or hand tools are purchased. Every project is managed by one of our own site managers, who each hold the SMSTS accreditation as well as First Aid. When the need for heavy plant vehicles arises, all of our drivers are time served operators and also hold the NVQ Level 2 Accreditation (CPCS).

It is Heritage Masonry's aim to operate a zero tolerance policy to unsafe work. Every project has a Risk Assessment and Method Statement which is discussed with all employees before any work commences. This is reviewed on a weekly basis and amended as and when needed.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

All employees for Heritage Masonry Ltd adhere to our environmental policy. We are dedicated to sustaining a clean and healthy environment, our policy can be viewed upon request.

## **CLIENTS**































































#### **ACCREDITATIONS**















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