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Welcome to the latest copy of Trove, providing inspiring reviews of stone use within recent projects. Trove shares ideas and promotes the effective use of stone for project enhancement, and is a valuable source of design stimulation for architects and designers alike.

As always, our project reviews are not intended to be prescriptions for other projects, but rather a springboard for ideas. Every project is different, and the unique character of stone contributes to this. With the wider range of finishes and formations that are now possible with stone, there is definite opportunity for impressive design creativity when working with stone throughout 2010 and beyond.

At the back of this issue, two innovative products are featured that enable the successful and safety-compliant application of stone floors and walls. Be sure to take a look at these complementary products.

Trove is published by Kinorigo, the UK source of quality-assured natural and man-made stone. We welcome your interest in any particular materials and are always happy to discuss current projects, advise on suitable materials and assist in the selection process.

We hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to speaking to you soon.

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Stone type

PAVING STONE
Product range: Yorkstone buff blue
Name: Windsor
Sizes: 600mm x random x 50mm

Airport Hotel

Liverpool

An impressive stone feature, to complement minimalist bar in airport hotel.

Offering affordable but comfortable accommodation in Liverpool's busy airport, this 3-star hotel is an ideal resting place for regular commuters and business travellers. Its standard of service is reflected by the quality of decor and interior design throughout the building.

The refurbishment of this bar room is in keeping with the standard of the overall establishment and is striking with its minimalist use of contrasting colours. Against this backdrop, a central feature using natural stone, finishes a stunning yet cost-effective design. Eye-catching rectangular window slots contribute to effective operation at the bar.

The beauty and variation of natural stone set against clean and consistent blocks of colour, makes for a high-impact finish which is nonetheless easy on the eye.

Cost-effectiveness was an understandable necessity of this feature wall, with overall design having to remain within '3-star' cost levels. Working within these budgetary constraints, Kinorigo supplied Parallel natural-stone strips which provided the added appeal of real-stone character and colour.

To aid the selection process, photos were provided with initial quotes to help visualisation of proposed materials. Then sample strips were sent to the architect to enable a sample panel to be created for final approval.

The whole project was supplied on time and as required, with extra tiles quickly supplied to fulfil last-minute additional areas. Kinorigo was able to give valuable advice on sealing and maintenance to ensure long-term endurance.



Stone type

WALL STONE

Product range: **Parallel**

Name: **Bamboo**

Finish: **Riven**

Sizes: **300 x 150mm / 300 x 100mm / 300 x 50mm**



Health Spa

Hotel interior, Bath

Creative use of stone throughout this interior unites many stunning design features.

This hotel upholds high standards to maintain its impressive 5-star rating. Catering for wealthy clientele including UK and international dignitaries, its level of service and quality of finish are consistently excellent.

Recent works to extend the existing facilities with creation of a new luxury sauna and adjoining restaurant, required careful coordination to avoid disturbance of resident guests. Stringent 'silence rules' for certain times of day, governed the site throughout the schedule of works.

The building design boasted a striking blend of clean lines and tasteful curves, giving a contemporary yet welcoming appearance. An inspired floor design for the main reception areas, using contrasting stone, effectively unites all areas. Moving into the sauna itself, sandblasted stone has been used to provide a slip-resistant floor, whilst subtle contrast shows between the main wall tiling and two infill strips.

The elegant mix of stone types throughout the building has really completed an outstanding environment which is a positive delight to spend time in.

The unique 'cross-weave' design to the main reception-space floor was a crucial part of the design concept. Sample chips and full tiles were provided to assist in the material selection process, and a bespoke mock-up model was made to finalise the design proposals. Liaising closely with the architect, Kinorigo worked to ensure that the project vision was fully realised.

Other special project requirements were expertly accommodated. Wall tiles to the pool area (see overleaf) were cut to specified widths to match the local stone applied to exterior walls (see page 10). Specific tile thicknesses required for floors and walls were fulfilled to meet construction requirements. In-depth technical advice was given on slip resistance for the pool area floor.

Prompt supply of material, with some stock held at Kinorigo until site conditions were right, contributed to a punctual completion of the project. Advice on completion helped to overcome a slight construction design issue with expansion joints. The finished building remains a hallmark of tasteful stone design.



Stone type

WALL STONE - MAIN AREA

Product range: **Limestone**

Name: **Shell**

Finish: **Brushed**

Sizes: **600 x 140mm / 600 x 70mm**

WALL STONE – INSERT FEATURE

Product range: **Marble**

Name: **Crema Marfil**

Finish: **Polished**

Sizes: **600 x 200mm**



Stone type

FLOOR STONE – LIGHTER

Product range: Marble

Name: Crema Marfil

Finish: Honed

Sizes: 600 x 200mm / 900 x 200mm 400 x 200mm

FLOOR STONE – CONTRAST

Product range: Travertine

Name: Noce

Finish: Honed and filled

Sizes: 600 x 200mm





Stone type

FLOOR STONE

Product range: **Marble**
Name: **Crema Marfil**
Finish: **Sandblasted**
Sizes: **400 x 400mm**

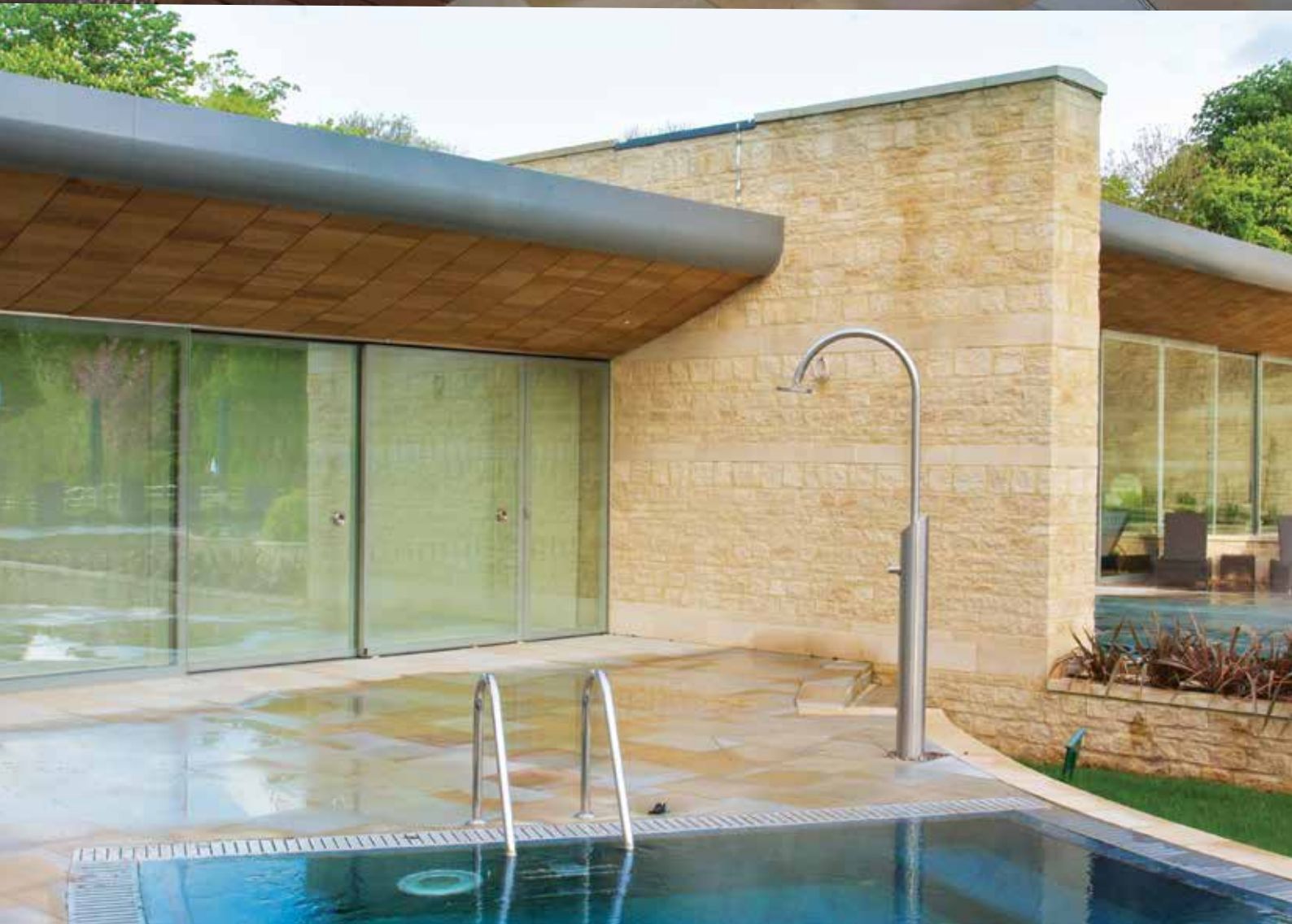
WALL STONE

Product range: **Parallel Limestone**
Name: **Shell**
Finish: **Brushed**

Sizes: **Specially cut to widths 72mm/147mm/222mm x random lengths**

WALL STONE – INSERT FEATURE

Product range: **Marble**
Name: **Crema Marfil**
Finish: **Polished**
Sizes: **600 x 200mm**



Health Spa

Hotel exterior, Bath

Complementing the stunning interiors featured on the last few pages, the exterior setting to this 5-star hotel's recent extension is equally tasteful. Creating an area of truly prestigious yet relaxing outdoor comfort, the completed project is a product of intelligent design and application of appropriate materials.

Blending skilfully with the local setting, traditional materials are used creatively to give a finish which is impressive but soothing. Yorkstone is used throughout for paving, cobbles and even bespoke larger pieces cut for benches. Bespoke curved steps give the unique touch to the garden and soften the whole appearance.

Nothing has such a calming effect upon an environment as tasteful use of traditional materials; if you can also add contemporary touches, then you have the best of both worlds.

The successful implementation of the curved steps concept was essential to the project, and involved Kinorigo working closely with the architect and contractor. Working drawings were produced using advanced CAD software, and the stone was cut straight from the drawings using CNC equipment.

The importance of getting the right stone to harmonise with the surroundings made Kinorigo's efficient sample service invaluable. Small sample chips and then full tile samples were provided, and photos accompanied the original quotation.

The finished result is as practical as it is beautiful, with the Yorkstone boasting the additional benefit of exceptional slip resistance. The success of the whole project is a tribute to the close working relationship enjoyed between parties.



Stone type

PAVING STONE

Product range: Yorkstone buff blue

Name: Windsor

Sizes: 600mm x random x 50mm

COBBLES

Product range: Yorkstone buff blue

Name: Windsor

Finish: Sawn

Sizes: 100 x 100 x 100mm

Government Offices

Weybridge

This impressive historic building has been converted to provide offices for the important Government department – DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). Occupying an extensive site, recent works looked to upgrade the exterior with tasteful but practical landscaping.

Maintaining the character of the property, traditional Yorkstone was selected for the bulk paving areas, with an appealing mix of random length pavers. The paved area extends to support regular seating benches, and granite cobbles give a pleasant contrast around the borders and in regular infill lines amongst the paving.

Yorkstone outside has provided such a timeless feel to the place; it effortlessly bridges between today and the era in which the property was built, giving a sense of stability and sustainability.

Shade of stone was important to this carefully-designed project. Once again, Kinorigo's comprehensive sampling service made it easy to reach a conclusion on colour shade, with traditional buff being the preferred choice. The added benefit of Yorkstone's superior slip resistance has also benefitted the location.

Seamless supply at the scheduled time, with special fork lift provision made available for delivery, ensured that operations were able to progress as required. The completed project reflects the effective working relationship between Kinorigo and the contractor.



Cremona

Stone type

PAVING STONE

Product range: Yorkstone buff
Finish: Sawn
Sizes: 600mm x random x 50mm

EDGING COBBLES

Product range: Granite
Name: Peppered Dark
Finish: Cropped
Sizes: 100 x 100 x 100mm



PRODUCT FOCUS

K-Grip

This revolutionary product simplifies the meeting of Health and Safety standards on stone floors. Providing a highly-effective anti-slip strip, K-Grip is a two-part silan-based resin system supplied in a dual cartridge and dispensed through a static mixing nozzle. It is quickly and easily applied and, with direct-heat drying, is ready for walking on within 20-40 minutes. Optimum hardening is achieved in 3-7 days.

The versatility of K-Grip makes it ideal for any project. As many strips can be applied as necessary to achieve the slip resistance required. Available in 14 standard colours, including translucent, photoluminescent, and 3 metallics, it can be used to fulfil colour variation required for DDA compliance.

Unit size: **220ml cartridge**



Movement Joints

These innovative channels with neoprene infills safeguard against tile damage or loosening due to floor movement. With two anchoring legs that bed into the tile adhesive, the channel is placed over construction expansion joints in floors and walls. Any subsequent movement over time is absorbed by the rubber infill which can tolerate expansion and contraction in a solid floor or wall.

Ideal for heavy-traffic areas such as airports, shopping precincts, train stations, car showrooms and other public areas, these movement joints eliminate the dangers associated with large areas of tiling on new floors or walls. They are available in a range of materials, colours and sizes, and are normally available in two working days to site.

Height: **8mm – 22.5mm**

Width: **12mm**

Colours: **Black, Grey and Stone** (other colours to order)

Metals: **Brass, Stainless Steel and Aluminium**





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