

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEMORIAL MASONS

State of the industry Survey



NAMM is the only trade association representing UK craft memorial masons and invites you to complete the following questionnaire to assist NAMM in raising relevant agendas and initiatives to help support the long term viability of our trade. .

Whether you are a NAMM member or not NAMM works hard to maintain and protect the necessary skills and fair access to work which is essential to ensure a viable UK based memorial industry exists.

There is no obligation to return or to even complete every section of the questionnaire, but the more information accumulated the more NAMM can support the memorial masons best interest.

Please support this initiative by providing your input and returning this questionnaire to enquiries@namm.org.uk **Please note; Your company details will be kept in strict confidence.**

Name of company.

Questions.

How long have you traded as a memorial mason.

Number of employees on the payroll.

What percentage of each of the following materials do you generally retail as finished memorials.

Granite %

Limestone %

Sandstone %

Slate &

Other %

What percentage of each of the following production methods do you use.

Grit blast %

Hand cut %

Other %

What percentage of each of the following types of memorials do you generally supply.

Tablet %

Lawn memorial %

Monolith %

Full grave / kerb surround %

Other %

What percentage of your work is carried out in

Local authority cemeteries %

Diocesan Churchyards %

Other %

Do you employ qualified memorial fixers.

What fixing qualifications do they hold.

Are your fixers registered with an accreditation scheme, if yes please name the scheme/s.

If your fixers are registered with more than one scheme was this double registration voluntary.

If, despite already being registered you were required to join another registration scheme to gain access to work in a cemetery please name 1/ the scheme you were required to join and 2/ the local authorities that required it.

1/ Scheme

2/ Local authorities

Some cemeteries run their own scheme and list their approved masons, do you think this option should be available in all local authority burial grounds.

If yes, why.

Have you ever been prevented from working in a cemetery or churchyard.

If yes what was the reason.

Are there any private cemeteries in your working area?

If yes how has this affected your business.

Do you have any burial authorities selling memorial products in your area ?

If yes how has this affected your business.

Over the last 20 years has your confidence in the long-term sustainability of the memorial industry

Improved.

Remained the same

Declined.

In your opinion what will be the main challenges facing your businesses and the memorial industry as a whole over the next 10 years.

What sort of training would you consider beneficial to help improve your business and your employees trade and customer service skills.

What do you consider could be done or initiated to help safeguard the future of your business.

Any other comments.

Date

**On behalf of NAMM I thank you for your valued feedback and contribution.
Please return your response to enquiries@namm.org.uk**

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