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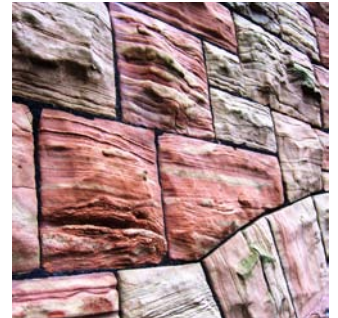
STRATEGIC STONE STUDY

England has a fantastically rich and varied architectural landscape. Much of this is due to the great variety of stones used to create this heritage; ranging from cathedrals and castles to small cottages, barns and bridges and even to walls, pavements and kerbs.



In conservation work, it is vital to obtain stone which matches the original in its mineral composition, density and porosity. If not, the new stone could hasten the decay of the original and is unlikely to weather in the same, therefore looking very different

Local authorities are now encouraged by government to safeguard important sources of building and roofing stone



The STRATEGIC STONE STUDY brings English Heritage (EH) together with the British Geological Survey (BGS), local geologists and historic building experts from every county in England to identify: the most important building stones used, representative buildings and historic quarries.

EH has commissioned BGS to expand its database of quarries, mines and mineral workings to accommodate an innovative database ENGLAND'S BUILDING STONE PITS, which will become freely available on a new GIS site called EBSPits. www.mineralsUK.com



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