

*Professional work at
competitive prices*

Is your memorial in need of a refurbishment or professional cleaning service?

Perhaps you can't find the time to clean the memorial yourself. Then why not let us clean it professionally for you.

Maybe the memorial has suffered a spell of neglect and may have many seasons' worth of stubborn dirt and lichen on it. You've tried to make it good but a bucket and scrubbing brush has not been enough to restore the memorial. Using the correct techniques and tools we can restore the memorial for you, to its former splendour.



Has the memorial become illegible? Have leaded letters fallen out? Does the gold leaf lettering need re-gilding, or characters need replacing?

Why not give us a call and we can inspect your memorial and give you a fully itemised quote, FREE OF CHARGE. You will be under no obligation or pressure at any time, to take up the quote. Just call your local agent; names and addresses are on reverse of leaflet.

Local Agents

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**A Memorial
Maintenance
Guide**

Hints on

HOW TO KEEP YOUR MEMORIAL IMMACULATE

CLEANING

NATURAL STONE & MARBLE

Natural stone is unpolished quarried stone. This includes Nabresina, Portland, York and Purbeck and tends to be used for churchyard memorials. All natural stones have porous qualities and therefore absorb moisture and consequently will become dirty, discoloured and can be prone to mosses and lichens.

White Marble is the most widely used stone in cemeteries. Its rubbed finish has natural veins of colour, so the stone can be white to blue and grey white. Its subtle shade and permeable qualities encourage a quick build up of discolouration and grime.

The same method can be used to clean natural stone and marble. Use CLEAR bleach and a hard bristled scrubbing brush. A soft bristled brush should be used for the lettering. Spray bleach liberally over the entire memorial using the appropriate brush to remove any stubborn dirt/grime, taking care not to dislodge any of the lettering, photoplaques or ornaments. After the natural colour of the stone has reappeared and seems to be clean, the stone must then be rinsed several times with clean, cold water to wash off any excess chemicals.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- **Do** regularly spray with clear bleach.
- **Do** use soft scrubbing brush on the lettering.
- **Don't** leave fresh flowers to decay. Remove at first sign of decay as this will cause staining that can not be removed.
- **Don't** place potted plants on memorial. The soil will cause unmoveable stains to the memorial surface.
- **Don't** use a hard bristled brush on the lettering.

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GRANITE STONE

Granite is a granular crystalline rock of quartz, found in many different colours. Known as the everlasting stone, granite is a solid stone that does not have porous characteristics.

It is common for the face of the memorial to be highly polished. Polished areas are very easy to clean, as dirt can not take hold on the shiny surface. The sides and reverse of a granite memorial can be polished, honed or rustic. Rustic surfaces will collect dirt, moss and lichen due to its rough texture.

To clean the rustic or honed faces of a granite memorial use the same method used for natural stone and marble.

To clean the highly polished face of a granite memorial use a cuttle-fish. The abrasive action of rubbing the soft side of the cuttle-fish on the dirty area will clean the memorial and restore the shine. A very soft bristled brush and soapy water can be carefully used on the lettering. Never use cream cleaner, an abrasive or scourer to clean a polished granite memorial as this can permanently spoil the finish.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- **Do** use soft side of cuttle-fish to clean polished surfaces.
- **Do** use clear bleach and hard bristled brush on honed and rustic surfaces.
- **Don't** use any cream cleaners or abrasive scourers to clean polished surfaces.
- **Don't** scrub at any letters with a hard bristled brush. Use a soft brush and soapy water.

THE STONEGUARD SCHEME



Insurance cover for Memorial Stones

Of course, you will care for the grave of a loved one, but who will safeguard the memorial, and repair or replace it if it is defaced or damaged over the years?

It is a sad reflection on today's society that many memorials suffer meaningless vandalism. These attacks are not restricted to grand or elaborate monuments: often the simplest family stones are the target of malicious or accidental damage.

Whilst it's impossible to prevent this distressing possibility, Stoneguard Insurance can insure that any damage can be put right very quickly - even to total replacement of the memorial.

Stoneguard Insurance is affordable, with renewable policies on 5 year terms. For more information on this unique insurance scheme, contact your personal Funeral Director or Monumental Mason.