



SIGNATURE COLLECTION

Mindful
MEMORIALS

*“IT’S THE STORY THAT
MATTERS, NOT JUST
THE ENDING”*

PAUL LOCKHART

INTRODUCTION

Capturing the essence of a loved one’s whole life can be daunting at the best of times. Creating a meaningful and heartfelt reminder of a life’s story is something we’ve been doing for over four generations.

We’d be honoured to help you remember your loved one with a truly fitting tribute that will stand as a testament to the person, passing on the wisdom and beauty inherent in each life.

Thank you for letting us be a small part of your family’s journey.

With love,

Anna & Adrian



ANNA & ADRIAN
BUCKLEY



SIGNATURE COLLECTION

Years of working in beautiful English churchyards, listening carefully to what our clients want and collaborating with families, funeral directors and the clergy has led to the creation of our Signature Collection.

Taking some of the most beautiful shapes, materials and carvings from churchyards and cemeteries across Britain and adding our own unique design features and expert craftsmanship combined with cutting edge technology means we are delighted to be able to offer you this new collection at exceptional value for money.

"I just want to say thank you for an absolutely lovely headstone. It's just perfect. I was so nervous to take a look, but it's just exquisite."

"Just wanted to let you know how pleased we are with dad's headstone. Just what we wanted. Thank you for your care and attentions, please pass on our thanks to the craftsmen."

"We went to see my son's headstone on Wednesday morning. We are absolutely (despite the sadness) delighted with the outcome, it just how I imagined if not better. ...My family and friends think it's an excellent choice, particularly the font and design, so very personal to us. Thank you for all your help and expertise in this delicate matter."



Celtic Cross Headstone

Headstone size (Cross): 27" x 49"

Base size: 27" x 20"

Available in stone as shown



Thornton Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone as shown





Paul applies his years of artistry to many of our headstones

BESPOKE SIGNATURE COLLECTION

“Once we saw the craftsmanship of the stone mason, Paul, we decided on a bespoke memorial. A decision that was well made as the final result is outstanding!”

All of this was made possible by the dedicated team that helped us through the various stages of the process. Our sincere thanks to Sharon, Andy, Paul, Michelle and Adrian”

Create something completely unique as a personal reminder and celebration of your loved one.

Bring your thoughts and ideas to our creative team, who will be here to support you every step of the way to ensure we craft a memorial as individual as the person it is for.

A final and fitting tribute to a unique and wonderful life.

Marshall Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate



Detail of Kelwick Headstone



Detail of Marshall Headstone



Kelwick Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone as shown



Tatterton Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate



Abblet Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate



Blanchard Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate



Ivy Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone as shown



Douthwaite Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60" (12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate





Rowley Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate



Detail of Rowley Headstone



Nesfield Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate



Farrar Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate



Durkin Headstone

Headstone size: 27" x 60"
(12" buried in the ground)

Available in stone, granite and slate



Detail of Durkin Headstone



HOME & GARDEN MEMORIALS

If your loved one has had a natural burial or cremation, but you are wanting to honour their memory with a unique memorial, we can work with you to create something beautiful and unique that can be placed in your home or garden.

Our network of artists, such as stone carvers, letter cutters, ceramicists and wood carvers allows us to combine different artistic elements into the design, and to create memorials that blend perfectly into your chosen surroundings, creating a beautiful tribute to the life and love you shared.

*“CREATING AN ARTWORK TO
COMMEMORATE A LIFE IS A HUGE
HONOUR, SOMETHING WE ARE
REALLY, REALLY PROUD OF.”*

CHARLES - STONEMASON

To help you leave a long-lasting memory, we are able to offer a personalised service for you to create a completely unique memorial for your loved one. This might be using a photograph to etch a portrait onto the stone, or to commission one of our artists to paint an image of something dear to your loved one, perhaps a place they loved to visit or an image of something meaningful to their life.

If you don't see the memorial you want in this brochure please feel free to bring in an image of what you would like, working with a multi-skilled, artisan team means we can recreate anything you might like.

To discuss a commission, please get in touch with us, via details at the back of the brochure.



Detail of Tatterton Headstone



Detail of Kelwick Headstone



Detail of Blanchard Headstone



DESIGN OPTIONS

Our full range includes the ability to add design options, making your choice as individual as the person it is for.

From the material you choose, to the unique inscription, we are also able to offer a truly personalised memorial with our optional extras such as a unique edge detail, a splayed base or the addition of a vase, plaque or kerb set, providing extra space for a favourite quote or more lettering.

All of our headstones are available in multiple sizes, so please don't hesitate to get in touch for any further questions or requirements.



Monolith example



Lawn Memorial example

One of the key design points to note, is if you require a 'monolith' headstone, or a lawn memorial.

All of our headstones come in various shapes and sizes, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.



Slate example

MATERIAL OPTIONS

We work with a wide range of materials, from limestone, sandstone and slate through to over 100 different coloured granites and most of our designs are available in all these materials, although suitability of material can vary depending on the design.

We are always on hand to advise on the appropriate material for your project and to work with you to create the perfect memorial for your loved one.

“The final result was the most amazing stone, and something that I know my parent’s would have loved. I can’t recommend this company highly enough, and when the craziness that is covid ends, I will be asking them to renovate our old family headstones.”

*Please note, due to the nature of the materials, colours may vary slightly to images provided

Material Examples:



Yorkstone



Portland Limestone



Honed Black Granite



Honed finish black granite with deep bevelled edge



Honed finish with external rebate edge detail



Honed finish, rebated with scotia mould edge



Honed finish with deep internal chamfer



Honed finish on dark grey granite



Honed finish, full bullnose edge detail on yorkstone



Part honed black granite



Part polished black granite



Polished black granite

EDGING OPTIONS

We can offer a number of different edge details and some of our more popular designs are shown on these pages.

The edge of the memorial and the back of the memorial can also sometimes provide extra space and opportunity to add more lettering or an image, where space allows.

"We are delighted with the headstone which was simple and elegant at the same time and expresses all that we wanted to say in memory of our three family members. Thank you and all your staff for fullfilling our expectations."



Rebated rustic edge on tropical green granite



Rustic edge on limestone



INSCRIPTION EXAMPLES

The inscription you choose is often one of the most difficult and poignant moments in the commissioning of the memorial.

This is very personal and can be emotional but our team are here to help in any way we can.

Here are some examples of beautiful inscription layouts kindly shared with us by some of our clients.



HAND CARVING



Designs on York Stone

The craft of the stone carver has been in much demand since the earliest human civilisations' and we are delighted to be able to offer this ancient skill to our customers in order to provide a stunning method of individualising your headstone.

If you are looking for a beautiful way to add character and meaning to your headstone, our creative team will be happy to work with you to create the perfect design for your carving.

The 'Tree of Life' designs on Portland Limsetone



ORNAMENTATION

The choice of ornamentation for the memorial is often the first step in personalising the headstone, and can be taken from a photograph, painting, drawing or any form of image.

Alternatively if you don't have an image but have an idea for what you would like, whether it is a hand carved design or hand cut lettering, or whether you are looking for a beautiful painted ornament, or sandblasted image, our designers, artists and craftspeople can help work with you to ensure we capture the spirit of your loved one in the design.



It is always a great honour to be asked to work on public commissions and war memorials. This is a memorial for the Prince of Wales's own regiment of Yorkshire in the National Arboretum.





HOW TO ORDER

At Mindful Memorials, we will hold your hand every step of the way through the process of creating a beautiful memorial for your loved one.

As a helpful 'rule of thumb', the initial information we need from you follows these two questions:

Where is the grave?

The grave could be situated in a Cemetery, Churchyard or perhaps a Natural Burial ground.

Is the memorial for a full coffin burial or cremated remains?

The sizes you are permitted for each differ, so it will help to know how you plan the memorial.

Once we have this information, we will gently guide you through the steps you need to take in order to create a memorial.

As you can see from this brochure, there is a huge range of beautiful memorials for you to choose from, with prices to suit all budgets; or you may want to create a wonderfully unique, bespoke design with us, to truly express their remarkable life in every way.

Whatever your vision for an appropriate way of honouring the memory of your loved one, our experienced team are ready to hear your ideas and will work together to not only meet but exceed your expectations.



YOUR APPOINTMENT: WHAT TO EXPECT

We strive to ensure our showroom environments are warm and welcoming and in true Yorkshire style the kettle is always on. However, we also recognise that not everyone feels comfortable in a showroom setting especially for the first appointment which can often be emotionally challenging. We therefore offer a range of alternative appointment options, for example you may feel more comfortable meandering through a beautiful old cemetery whilst talking through the ideas, thoughts and feelings you would like to incorporate within the design. Or, where it is not easy for you to get out, or if our branches are too far away to visit, we can arrange for a home visit (in the Yorkshire region) or a zoom or a telephone appointment.

A photo, a website page or even a written description can be a good starting point and these can be brought to the appointment or emailed to us in advance. It is useful to have a rough idea of budget at this stage, in order to help us to understand what materials, carving and/or other artisan/artistic elements will be suitable for your project.



BESPOKE ORDERING

With all of our bespoke work our aim is to get a drawing or sketch back to you that will then form the basis of the order, and once you are happy with the design in terms of the size, material, shape and any other detail discussed, we can then provide a quotation and ultimately progress through to placing an order.

Because of the individuality of a bespoke item of this nature, the lead time will vary depending on various factors including the availability of material and the complexity of the design. At the order stage we will give you an estimation of the time it will take to produce.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any further questions.



Before



After



RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS

With over four generations of monumental masonry experience, we are very experienced in renovating old or damaged headstones, and would love the opportunity to help you with your renovation project.

*“WOW. That is truly amazing. To say I am pleased is an under statement. Please can you let me have the name/s of all involved in this, so that I can thank them personally?
Thanks for everything.”*

“Had my father’s headstone cleaned and additional writing added, and they have done a fantastic job, really efficient and friendly too.”





SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

“This is an amazing idea, we came and met some lovely people. Sharing good and hard times with some laughter too... Great social support network. I would say to anyone feeling the blues or alone to get along and join in...”

Working with designers, artists and craftspeople to create a unique tribute can be an important part of the ritual of bereavement and we believe can also serve the important purpose of providing a focal point for the grieving process. But we also understand that you may need support in other ways, and our team can sign post you to other organisations who may be able to help.

We also work closely with our local independent bereavement charity ‘Talking About Loss’ to offer additional support groups, grief workshops, walking therapy and other events that you may find helpful, so please do have a look at our community page on the website or on facebook for more information about things that are going on locally.



“What a wonderful morning. Peace and tranquility in abundance. Mindful walk in silence was very moving.”

A fantastic experience and I can’t wait for other workshops. I can’t thank you enough.”

ABOUT US

At Mindful Memorials we understand that we all have a story to tell and that each and every life has a unique essence. We care deeply about your experience and it is our mission to listen carefully and help you create a memorial that reflects the person whose life we are celebrating.

If you haven't already, you can make an appointment at one of our branches or set up an online 'virtual appointment' to chat through some of the decisions and options available.

We would also like to invite you to share with us photos of your projects, what they mean to you, stories of your loved ones and requests for anything you would like us to create or do differently.

Whatever the reason, we would love to hear from you.

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