

HOW WE MAKE IT HAPPEN

The MMA will be unrelenting in presenting the sector case to Government and the Civil Service – especially to the ODPM, DTI, HM Treasury and the Scottish Executive; to social housing funders such as English Partnerships and the Housing Corporation; to trade bodies such as the Home Builders Federation and the Housing Forum; to insurers such as the ABI, NHBC and Zurich; and to all involved in advising on our future housing stock. We will do this by:

- Promoting masonry as the first choice in materials and systems
- Providing information about masonry construction
- Coordinating research
- Coordinating input into standards, codes and Building Regulations
- Regular meetings on technical issues with ODPM, HBF and the insurers
- Encouraging a skilful, healthy and better-qualified labour force
- Championing a safer, improved build process
- Channelling international masonry best practice into the UK

We aim to develop long-term stakeholder relationships to benefit future generations through the nation's housing and buildings stock. Regular newsletters will keep the MMA community informed of developments.



HOW TO PLAY A PART

MMA is not an exclusive body. It is a down-to-earth, responsive body of people with a common sense view of how the UK should build now, and in the future. Founder members include:

Aircrete Products Association: www.aircrete.co.uk

Association of Brickwork Contractors: www.brickworkcontractors.info

Brick Development Association: www.brick.org.uk

British Cement Association: www.cementindustry.co.uk

British Precast: www.britishprecast.org

Concrete Block Association: www.cba-blocks.org.uk

Mortar Industry Association: www.mia.org.uk

Precast Flooring Federation: www.pff.org.uk

The Concrete Centre: www.concretecentre.com

The Stone Federation: www.stone-federationgb.org.uk

UK Cast Stone Association: www.ukcsa.co.uk

UK Quality Ash Association: www.ukqaa.org.uk

INDUSTRY LINKS

The MMA seeks to strengthen the collective influence of all involved in masonry. We do not, and will not, replace any organisation. We invite all research, teaching and training bodies to partner with us. A full list of partners and weblinks can be found at www.modernmasonry.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome company members who share our vision and objectives. Membership is open to all at a modest cost. For details visit www.modernmasonry.co.uk

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Building for the Future with the Modern Masonry Alliance



OUR MISSION

“To improve the quality, efficiency and sustainability of masonry construction. To promote innovation in product and process. To secure masonry construction as the preferred build method for homes and other buildings in the United Kingdom”

WHAT IS THE MODERN MASONRY ALLIANCE?

The MMA is a strategic coalition of interests with a common cause in developing and promoting masonry construction – the bricks, blocks, stone and lintels; the cement and mortar which bind them together; the researchers and technicians advancing the industry; the men and women who build masonry homes, buildings and structures.

WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

We represent those involved in the manufacture of brick, block, stone and mortar in the UK, and the users of those products. In total we represent a £2 billion building materials sector and a much larger added value supply chain, responsible for the structure and cladding of over 85% of new houses in the UK. The MMA members source the vast majority of their products within our shores. Over 150,000 people are employed in the masonry manufacturing and construction processes.

WHY DO WE EXIST?

We, the MMA, passionately believe that communities deserve homes which are safe, durable and adaptable. We believe that masonry homes provide future-proofed options against likely climate and ecological changes that will occur in the next few decades. We encourage innovative development in the sector, including better quality and improved productivity. We are committed to delivering sustainable and attractive communities at affordable cost. We have come together to demonstrate the strengths of on-site construction and to drive progress on quality, safety, waste minimisation and productivity through the supply chain. We wish to position masonry construction as the core modern method of building.

WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Our members supply the construction of choice for over 85% of the UK housing industry. This means cement, bricks, blocks, stone and mortars – for foundations, floors and walls. We believe that masonry delivers quieter, more secure and more robust homes – faster and cheaper. This means that communities have comfortable, safe and desirable homes to enrich the lives of this generation and those which follow.

