



Monumental Design | 2026

Crafted with care, created to remember.

Piddingtons
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With over 120 years experience in the industry, Piddingtons Monumental Craftsmen simplify the process of choosing, designing and installing your memorial for your loved one.

Our experienced team of monumental stonemasons, graphic designers, laser technicians & craftsmen work seamlessly to help create a lasting memorial fit to stand the test of time.

All works are created in-house from the initial consultation & the design process to the monument installation.





Our Services



Laser Etched Inscription (Black Granite Only)

Laser etched inscriptions provide modern, cost effective and highly detailed options.

Our laser removes 0.2mm of the polished finish and leaves the inscription exposed in the natural rock. After this process is completed, the exposed etching is painted in with a whitening enamel to provide a prominent contrast

With micro-millimetre accuracy, laser etching provides sharp, photo realistic details for images, logos and motifs.



Sandblasted Inscription

Offering traditional beauty, sand-blasting is the perfect way to add that historic charm to a loved one's monument.

Once the design has been masked off, sand is blasted at the surface which removes up to 2mm of stone. This allows for processes such as gold gilding or paint inlay letters or motifs.



Monument Restorations

Piddingtons provide a complete renovation and restoration service for tired, worn or broken memorials and graves.

Our team will survey a memorial and provide a written report detailing the best method to restore it's former glory. We offer cleaning, revival of old inscriptions, add-on inscriptions, levelling and can supply a selection of granite chippings and polished pebbles for graves.



Piddingtons have been producing our own laser & sandblasted monuments since 2017.

A mix of sandblasting and laser etching can be combined on a single monument to create a fusion of traditional charm with modern precision.

All services can be performed on our range of granite headstones, panels and slopers.



**“A well designed monument
can be the perfect tribute and
memorial for your loved one.”**

The Design Process

At Piddingtons, the process of creating a personalised memorial or monument for your loved one is a uncomplicated one.

Our team works meticulously with you to produce timeless monuments that suit your inscription ideas, imagery, wording and size requirements.

1 Initial consultation with our monumental team to discuss your ideas, costs, sizes, logistics and inscription details.

2 Our design team commence drafting your requests. The design team will send you samples. Once you have approved the design, we progress to the next step.

3 Our on-site monumental masons can commence the laser etching/sandblasting, after which, the construction and installation phase can begin to complete the job.

Headstone Terminology

Side Profiles

Looking from the side of a monument, you'll notice how many can be different thicknesses, slopes and finished around the edges.



Desk Headstone

This refers to the headstone being wider at the base than the top.



Plate Headstone

This refers to the headstone being the one thickness from top to base.



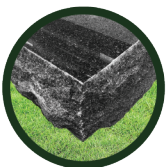
Slopers

Like a desk headstone, this lies flat with a slope towards the viewer. This selection is perfect for beam monuments.



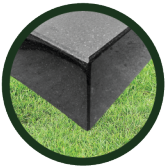
Panels

Panels are a uniform depth and come in 3 different thicknesses, 10, 20 & 30mm. Panels are then mounted to bases, slopers or headstones.



Rock edge

Showcasing the natural look of the granite. You can choose to have sides only or optional, back and sides with rock edge finish.

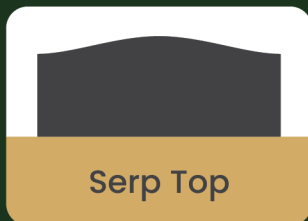


Polished edge

This refers to the entire monument being polished. All sides have been polished to mirror finish.

Face Profiles

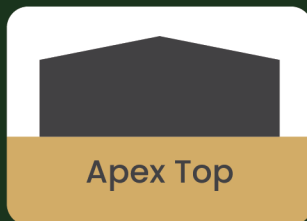
Choose from some examples of our range of headstone top construction. We keep many in stock at most times, however we can order custom granite for you.



Serp Top



Rounded Corner Serp Top



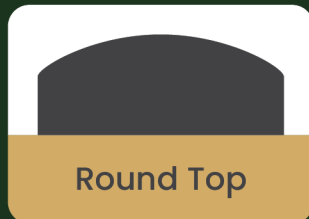
Apex Top



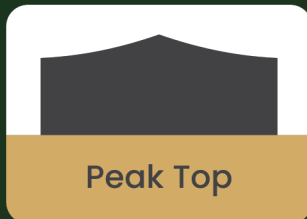
Heart Top



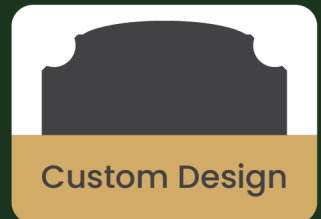
Split Serp Top



Round Top



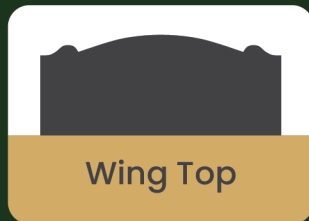
Peak Top



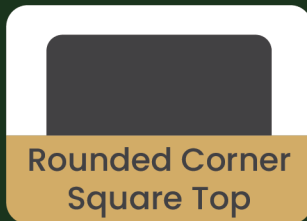
Custom Design



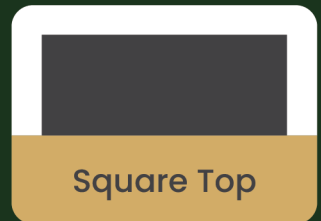
Scalloped Shoulder



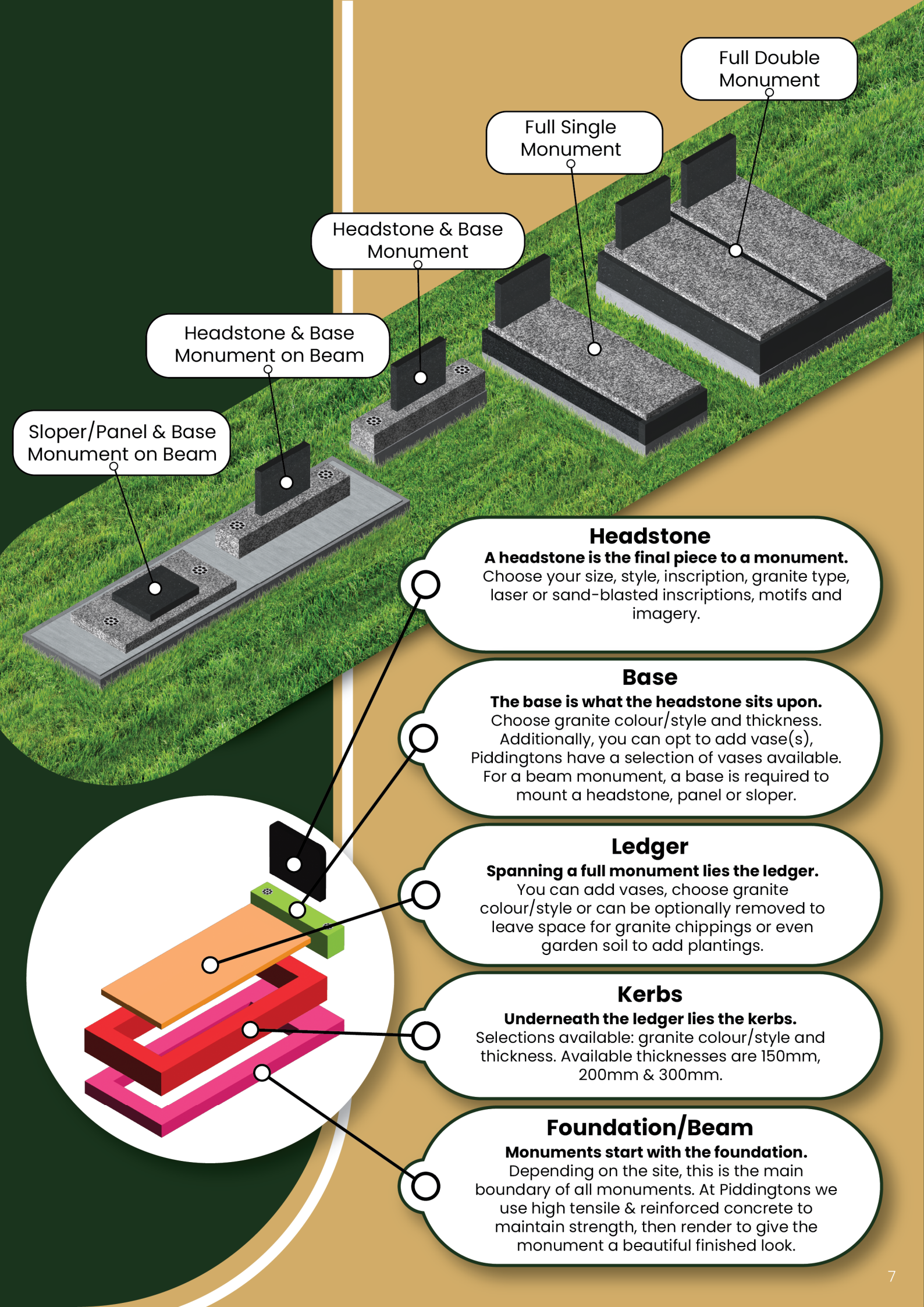
Wing Top



Rounded Corner Square Top



Square Top



Full Double Monument

Full Single Monument

Headstone & Base Monument

Headstone & Base Monument on Beam

Sloper/Panel & Base Monument on Beam

Headstone

A headstone is the final piece to a monument. Choose your size, style, inscription, granite type, laser or sand-blasted inscriptions, motifs and imagery.

Base

The base is what the headstone sits upon. Choose granite colour/style and thickness. Additionally, you can opt to add vase(s), Piddingtons have a selection of vases available. For a beam monument, a base is required to mount a headstone, panel or sloper.

Ledger

Spanning a full monument lies the ledger. You can add vases, choose granite colour/style or can be optionally removed to leave space for granite chippings or even garden soil to add plantings.

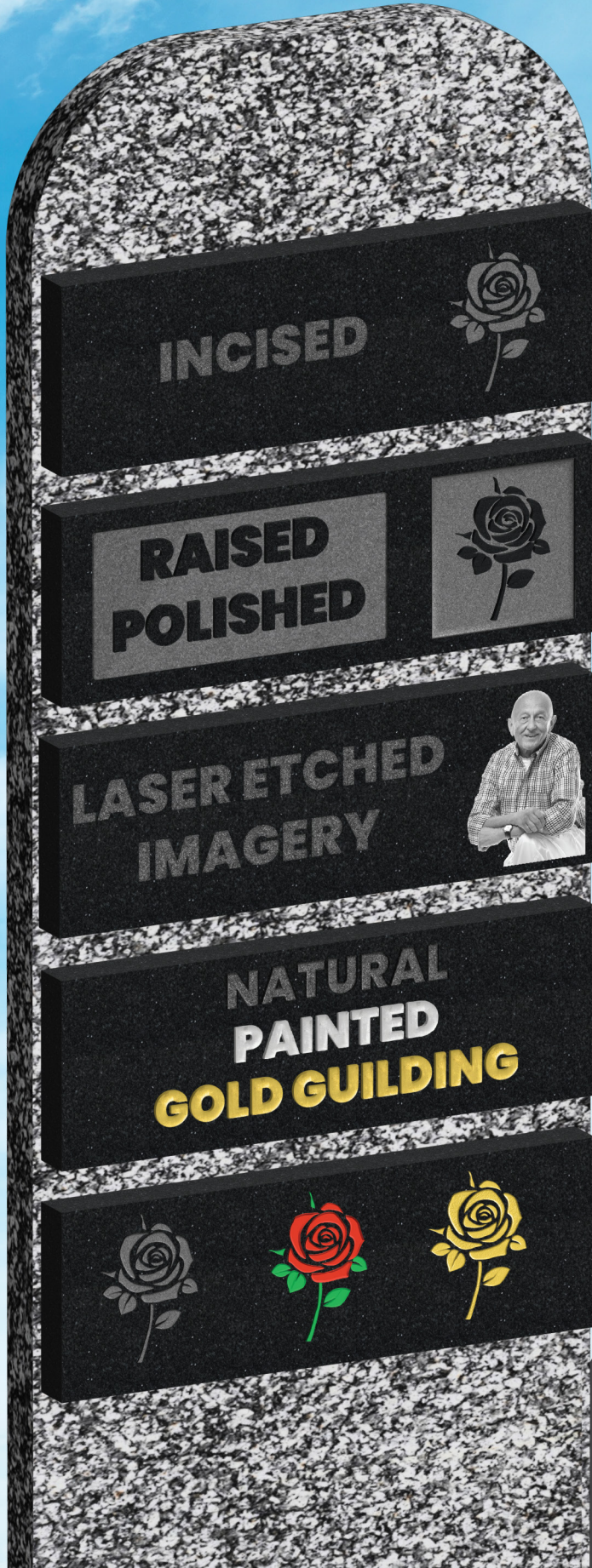
Kerbs

Underneath the ledger lies the kerbs. Selections available: granite colour/style and thickness. Available thicknesses are 150mm, 200mm & 300mm.

Foundation/Beam

Monuments start with the foundation. Depending on the site, this is the main boundary of all monuments. At Piddingtons we use high tensile & reinforced concrete to maintain strength, then render to give the monument a beautiful finished look.

Laser Etching & Sandblasting



There are a range of inscription methods and styles available including:

Incised:

This inscription is made by etching away only the inscription.

This is available for:

Sandblasting/Laser Etching

Raised Polished:

Displays the text or motifs as polished with the background being etched away, exposing the natural stone below.

This is available for:

Sandblasting/Laser Etching

Laser Etch Imagery:

Almost any image, logo or picture can be etched into granite with pinpoint accuracy.

This is available for:

Laser Etching – Black Granite Only

Natural:

As the name suggests, the etched inscription is left natural, exposing the natural stone.

This is available for:

Sandblasting/Laser Etching

Painted:

Once sandblasted, a coloured epoxy enamel is added to make the inscription have a greater contrast. You can even fill in sandblasted motifs with colour.

This is available for:

Sandblasting only

Gold Gilding:

By adding 24ct gold leaf to the sandblasted inscriptions gives the headstone a beautiful and timeless look.

This is available for:

Sandblasting only



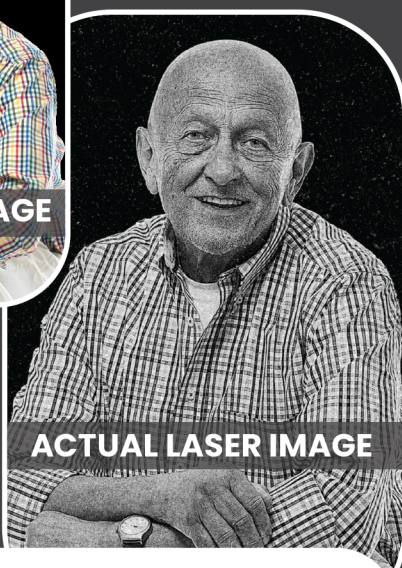
Laser Etching Technology

Unleash the full potential of our advanced monumental laser to create a timeless tribute for your cherished loved one.

With our powerful 150w laser, we can bring your vision to life with unparalleled precision and detail. Whether it's a cherished photo, an intricate design, or a special message, our laser technology allows us to etch almost anything you could imagine onto stone, ensuring a truly unique and personalised memorial.



SAMPLE IMAGE



ACTUAL LASER IMAGE

Etch cherished memories on to granite with our powerful laser, capable of inscribing any image or motif with precision and detail.

Sandblasting Technology

Elevate the beauty and elegance of your memorial with our unique blend of traditional techniques and modern technology.

Our expert craftsmen use the latest laser cutting technology to define and outline the intricate details of your design, before delicately sandblasting the granite to reveal the final product. The result is a timeless and traditional look that is both refined and sophisticated, yet created with the speed, accuracy, and efficiency of the most advanced technology. Our goal is to ensure that the memory of your loved one is honored with a lasting and beautiful tribute.



LASER CUTTING



MASK REMOVAL



SAND BLASTING



FINAL SANDBLASTING

Granite Selection

At Piddingtons, we select only top quality granite and marble from around the world. We keep a large selection in house, if it's something we don't have, we'll order it in, custom made for your order.

For laser etching on headstones, we recommend that you only use black granite (Glory, Galaxy & Indian), as this gives good contrast.

Sandblasting will be visible on any of the below options.





How do I decide on a style?

Choosing a style can seem daunting, however, with a little help from our team, we'll find something fitting for your loved one.

We suggest visiting your local cemetery and getting some ideas. Or take some images or notes on what styles or options you'd like us to use.

When you feel you're ready, we will arrange a meeting with our staff to begin the design phase and discuss costs and other options.

Memorials are not just built of stone alone, they are constructed from the love and memories of those who remember.



Monument Design

Discover our wide range of monument options, available in different sizes, shapes, and custom designs. You can choose from various granite types and headstone shapes (see page 6), each carefully crafted to honor your loved one's memory.

Our caring team is here to guide you in creating a meaningful tribute. We'll take the time to understand your vision and preferences, making sure your monument fits within local council and site regulations.

After visiting the site and discussing your ideas, we'll provide a personalised quote that reflects your choices.

Understanding Costs

Each monument is unique, just like the memories it represents. Our pricing is flexible, with options to suit different budgets. Whether you're looking for something simple or more elaborate, we're here to help you find the right fit.

Let us assist you in creating the perfect memorial. Schedule a meeting with us today to begin this important journey.

Headstone & Base Installations

A fitting choice for beam monuments, our offerings are centered around your preferred headstone and base. Should your chosen memorial not be placed on a concrete beam, rest assured, our team will craft a foundation to provide a sturdy base for your monument. Your tribute will stand strong and dignified, a reflection of your cherished memories.



Full Monument Installations

Our monumental craftsmen create full monuments with your selected granite and optional extras. A full monument can be for one or more people and include inscriptions on the headstone, base, and/or ledger. You can also choose to inter ashes in the monument later date or for family members.



Full Single Monument

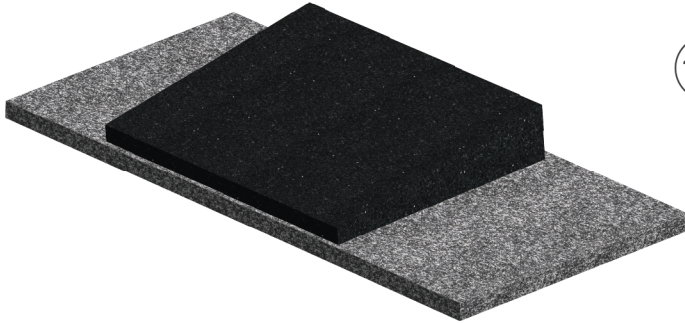


Full Double Monument

*Not all local council cemeteries locations allow for headstones on beams and/or full monument installations, our team will check and advise on your local council's regulations.

Sloper Selection

Large Lawn Sloper & Base



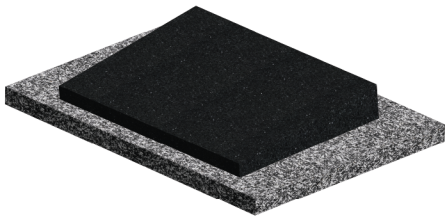
Sloper

660mm x 490mm

Base

1200mm x 590mm

Small Lawn Sloper & Base



Sloper

510mm x 340mm

Base

660mm x 490mm

Small Sloper

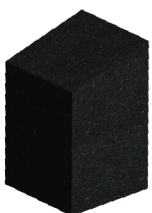


Sloper

500mm x 300mm

Home & Pet Memorials

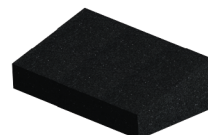
Tall Pillar



**150mm x 130mm x
240mm x 200mm**

Includes cavity for ashes

Short Pillar



**275mm x 150mm x
80mm x 40mm**

Includes cavity for ashes

Monument Restorations

Can I have a monument revived?

We understand the significance of preserving the memories of your loved ones. We handle all types of restorations & renovations.

What services does Piddingtons offer?

Cleaning: Gently removing years of wear and tear, our meticulous cleaning process rejuvenates the monument's surface, revealing it's original beauty. We also offer repolishing, repainting and gold gilding.

Structural: Repairing sunken footings, renewing mortar joins or refastening of loose parts. Piddingtons offer granite for adding new bases & kerbs to existing graves, or providing a selection of polished pebbles or granite chipping.

Add-On Inscriptions: We can add inscriptions to existing headstone, matching the previous style.

What is the restoration process?

Personal Consultation

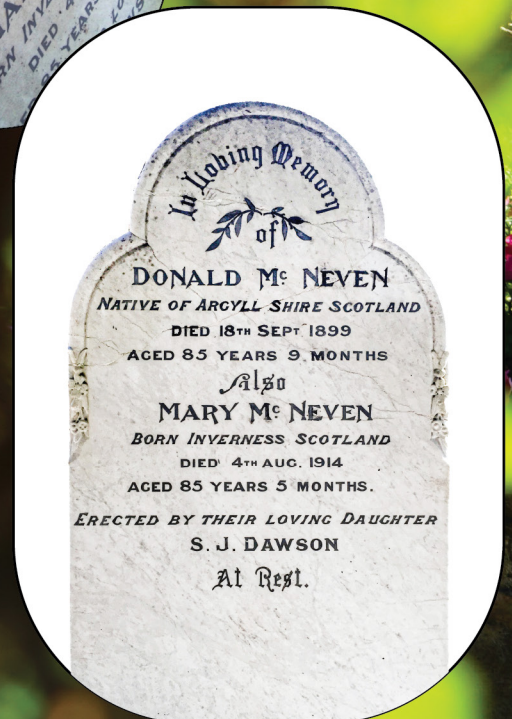
Our team will meet with you to understand your wishes and conduct a thorough inspection of the monument site.

Restoration Options

Based on our evaluation, we will present you with a free quotation tailored to your specific needs and budget.



Before



After

In the hands of our skilled artisans, we meticulously revive a monument's legacy to preserve it's historical significance with utmost respect.

Start the Process



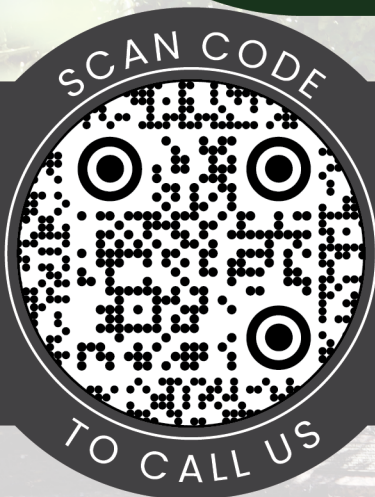
Piddingtons Monumental

Meet the friendly face that will help guide your monument ideas into stone.

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Get in Contact

Want to talk to someone about the options available or to make an appointment? Scan this QR code to get in touch with one of our friendly staff in our monumental department.

Headstone Inspiration

Need some more ideas? Want to see what we can do? Scan this QR code to see some examples of our work. [Click here to see more.](#)



Inscription Application

Made some decisions? Jump straight into creating your inscription application now. Just scan the QR code and enter your details.

for family.

Losing someone is hard.

For the extended family of relatives, loved ones, friends and colleagues, it's a deeply personal and often overwhelming experience. At Piddingtons, we support you and your family, as we have across the New England community since 1899.

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