

# Rattee and Kett

## KETT CODESTONE

While natural stone has always enjoyed a special place in English architecture the cost of carving individual items has sometimes been prohibitively high. Concrete based substitutes have been used, but none of these have come close to the original. Rattee and Kett have introduced and developed a number of techniques which bind stone particles together and reproduce the natural quality and warmth of stone. Capable of subtle variations in appearance and strength, a close match with almost any stone

can be achieved. Where a carved or moulded item is repeated and costs are crucial, Codestone provides the perfect alternative to natural stone.

With an experienced team of designers, draughtsmen and carvers, a project can be taken from an initial idea to the finished item. Past commissions have ranged from balustrading and urns, to sculpture and the reproduction of an elaborately carved fountain from Versailles.

## THE LANDSCAPE ORNAMENT COMPANY

To meet the demand for high quality reproductions of furniture and sculpture for the house and garden, Rattee and Kett have joined with the Landscape Ornament Company to produce a range of classic designs. The L.O.C. will respond to your particular landscaping or interior design requirements and help create a setting of

real distinction. For further information, contact:

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## WIDE RANGE OF SKILLS

While this article has concentrated on the masonry side of Rattee and Kett's activities and some of the new techniques available, there are a number of other important trades and skills which complete the conservation package.

### TIMBER PRESERVATION

The preservation of timber buildings, with the elimination of rot and beetle infestation, is one of the services provided. Repair or replacement of original timberwork is carried out by specialist carpenters, with carvers adding the fine detail.

### SPECIALISED JOINERY

Combining traditional skills with the production facilities of modern fully equipped workshops, Rattee and Kett produce high quality structural, decorative and functional joinery.

### BRICKWORK

Specialist bricklayers have experience in working with traditional forms of brickwork and bonding patterns. Flintwork and cobbling is also undertaken.

### CARVING

A team of master sculptors and carvers undertake a wide range of work and are at home in most mediums. Letter cutting is one aspect of the carver's work and a design service is available for foundation stones and memorials.

### LEAD AND COPPER WORK

Rattee and Kett's team are noted for their work on metal roofs and rainwater disposal systems. Purpose-made items in lead and repairs to lead pieces are carried out in the workshops.

### PAINTING AND DECORATING

A specialist painting and decorating department caters for highly specialised interior decoration finishes as well as straightforward contracting.



*A small part of the range of sculpture and garden furniture produced in Kett Codestone for the Landscape Ornament Company.*

## CARING FOR THE PAST – BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

With bases in Yorkshire and London in addition to their main offices in Cambridge, Rattee and Kett's activities cover most of England. Whether the job involves the conservation of an historic building or a new cladding scheme, Rattee and Kett can call on the combination of management skill and craftsmanship needed to carry it

out. In addition to the masonry, restoration and joinery departments, a large contracts division can undertake anything from an industrial warehouse to a new hospital building. Rattee and Kett pride themselves on caring for the architecture of the past – they also hope to be building the masterpieces of the future.



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