

BRITISH BRICK SOCIETY
Brickworks Meeting
Saturday 18 September 2015
YORK HANDMADE BRICK COMPANY LIMITED,
FOREST LANE, ALNE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

York Handmade's products are individually handmade bricks for truly unique buildings. The handmade bricks are of both standard and non-standard sizes. Specials are made for restoration and new-build work along with terracotta floor tiles and landscape products.

York Handmade Brick was established in 1988 on a brickworks site in use since the early 1930s. Bricks are made to the customer's specification. The company produces about 3 to 4 million bricks per year with 30 employees. York Handmade's bricks have been used in heritage projects such as the Belvedere at Dumfries House, Scotland, and in Yorkshire at York Racecourse redevelopment and Scampston Walled Garden near Malton. Francis Johnson, a Hull-based architect used them on several buildings he designed, and whilst homeowners wanting an individual house include building firm and building magazine directors; footballers Alan Shearer and Phil Jones; and Keith Richard of the Rolling Stones. From the contemporary range, York Handmade bricks are used at the Cheetham School of Music, Manchester, and in London at both the redevelopment of Highbury (the Arsenal football ground) and in The Shard, where 70,000 bricks were used in the first three floors. Gonville and Caius College is one of several Cambridge colleges where York Handmade bricks have been used; these utilise our Williamson Cliff clay source.

An afternoon visit is proposed to the nearby Beningborough Hall, a brick house of seventeenth-century origins. National Trust property.

Please contact the organiser of the visit, Mike Chapman:
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Joining Instructions:

Please arrive for coffee at 10.30 am for an 11.00 a.m. start to the visit.

Forest Lane, Alne is the turning off the York to Thirsk Road (the A19) at Far Shires and is signposted Alne. The brickworks is approximately 200 yards west from the turning.

The bus from Thirsk Market Place to York Rail Station travels along the A19, as for Alne stop. Contact David Kennett [kennett1945@gmail](mailto:kennett1945@gmail.com) for bus details.

A map for getting from Alne brickworks to Beningborough Hall will be issued on the day.