

Case Study

PRODUCTS:

FOREST PENNANT STREETScape
FEATURE, PAVING
& ARCHITECTURAL MASONRY

CLIENT:

BLAENAU GWENT COUNCIL

CONTRACTOR:

JIM DAVIES
CIVIL ENGINEERING LTD

DESIGNER:

BLAENAU GWENT COUNCIL



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Forming part of the regeneration of Ebbw Vale, Forest of Dean Stone Firms supplied Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (Blaenau Gwent CBC) with products from its Forest Pennant range, including a bespoke paving feature, 3600m² of assorted Pennant paving and architectural masonry.

COMPASS – THE RIGHT DIRECTION

The scheme features a six-metre compass designed by Blaenau Gwent CBC. Mixed colour and blue Forest Pennant paving forms the radial bands and central seating feature, whilst contrasting black and white granite create the North and South points. The compass is completed with stainless steel detailing.

Forest of Dean Stone Firms finalised the initial design and created a working scheme. The individual elements were then water-jet cut, with the finishing and final assembly completed by the company's in-house masonry team.

SOLE SUPPLIER EXCEEDS EXPECTATION

Blaenau Gwent CBC, working in partnership with contractors Jim Davies Civil Engineering Ltd, specified Pennant sandstone for the Church Street pedestrianised zones and features. As one of only two indigenous Pennant sources in the UK, Forest of Dean Stone Firms was appointed as sole supplier due to the company's ability and commitment to supply within a guaranteed timeframe.

Commenting on the scheme, Blaenau Gwent CBC said: "Having worked with Forest Pennant [Forest of Dean Stone Firms] on the Ebbw Vale linkages scheme we had no doubt that they would deliver a high quality, complementary paving product but the compass has exceeded our expectation, creating a real feature for the town."

TRANSFORMING EBBW VALE

The transformation of Church Street forms part of a major, £12.2 million regeneration scheme to revitalise Ebbw Vale town centre, with funding from the European Regional Development Fund, Targeted Match Fund and the Heads of the Valleys programme through the Welsh Assembly Government. Blaenau Gwent CBC and private sources have provided over £1 million of funding.

Nick Horton, Forest of Dean Stone Firms managing director, said:

"Church Street has allowed us to once again prove ourselves a reliable and efficient natural stone supplier, and showcase our skill and expertise as a masonry specialist. We are very pleased to continue our support of the regeneration of Ebbw Vale, whilst also promoting green, British products."

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