

# Membership Benefits

As a member of the QPA you are part of the Association that is the voice of the industry recognised by the UK Government and in Europe. By taking an active role in the Association you are contributing to the wellbeing of an essential industry for the future.

## Real Life Headlines

To get an idea of just a few of the successes the QPA has achieved for its members, here are a few recent headlines:

- 1 **MPS1** takes on board the QPA's key strategic views on retaining landbanks and averts a potential moratorium on permissions.
- 2 Successful amelioration of **minerals planning and monitoring fees** results in estimated reductions in future permitting costs of up to £7m.
- 3 Publication of the **Davidson Review** confirms QPA view on DEFRA/EA "gold plating" on inert waste regulation and paves the way to safeguarding future mineral permissions.
- 4 **Scottish Planning Policy - SPP4** - features many of QPA Scotland's lobbying demands and marks another planning success for the industry.
- 5 QPA Scotland's major role in forming **Policy Guidance on Community Engagement** brings about a better deal for industry on compulsory good neighbour agreements.
- 6 QPA Northern Ireland agrees a reduction in **mineral royalty rates** for the purposes of industrial rating with an estimated value of nearly **£900,000**.
- 7 2006's **press work** generates favorable or constructive press coverage valued at over **£125,000**, which supports members' own PR locally, regionally and nationally.
- 8 QPA lobbies Revenue and Customs to keep **aggregates levy moisture discounts** for unwashed marine aggregates saving an estimated **£250k** for members.
- 9 Cutting-edge ALSF-funded QPA project, **Sharing Good Practice**, produces latest guidance on quarry health and safety and launches innovative **www.safequarry.com**.
- 10 The QPA releases the industry's first **sector sustainability report**, the first in its annual cycle of sustainable development reporting.

And there are many more headlines to read. Visit our website at [www.qpa.org](http://www.qpa.org) to find out more or contact us on **020 7963 8000**.

Apply to become a member of the Quarry Products Association by using our application form and guidance held in this pack.



# What does it mean to be a member of the QPA?



As a member of the 2006 Trade Association of the Year, you can expect to receive professional service and support, access to valuable resources and expertise that set a benchmark for the

industry. You will also be able to contribute to the development of QPA policy positioning by participating in various committees as of right or by invitation.

Membership of the Quarry Products Association exists on two levels:

**Full membership** - granted to a company that produces quarry products.

**Associate membership** - granted to an organisation that is not a producing company as above, but supports or works with the industry in other ways.\*

\*Full QPA members are entitled to vote at the Association's Annual General Meeting and have the ability to attend any relevant committee to their operation regionally or nationally. Associate members are invited to participate in the QPA's regional committees and can attend national committees by invitation only. Refer to the Subscription Information and Membership Criteria insert for more advice.



## At a glance - benefits of membership

### Professional Support, Advice and Services

- Access to expert advice, guidance and support from the QPA officers when you need it. Members gain immediate access to the support of 30 members of QPA staff working on your behalf to protect your business interests.
- Draw upon the expertise of officers on diverse issues including environmental waste and water issues, mineral planning, health, safety, corporate social responsibility and many more vital policy areas.
- Receive regular briefing notes to explain the impact of any new Government policy decisions or other regulatory issues within hours of announcements.
- Benefit from a recognised connection and influence in Europe via our various European Trade Associations, with their own expertise on EU regulation.
- Safeguard your restoration in the unlikely event of insolvency through the QPA's established £1m Restoration Guarantee Fund which can be made available to help complete agreed restoration work.
- Ensure your views are fed into the heart of the Government's regulatory process through the QPA's dialogue with senior public sector decision-makers and attendance at key stakeholder committees.

### Information and Statistics

- Get the latest news updates straight to your inbox with our monthly newsletter, featuring up-to-the-minute advice and views on issues that affect your business.

- Access the QPA's members' website featuring the latest technical advice, useful resources to download, searchable industry site database, policy guidance and news.
- Receive free updates on UK industry production and market trends through our statistics service.
- Full access to an extensive library of regularly updated guidance literature. Take advantage of our stakeholder literature or the latest technical advice on planning, products, the environment and much more.

### Influence and Participation

- Influence QPA policy at the highest level by playing a part in the QPA's committee structure. Feed your views into strategies that have successfully lobbied UK Government, regional assemblies and the EU.
- Participate in the QPA's regional structure in England or through QPA Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. Tackle the challenges to your business at a local level with the strength of the Association behind you.
- Benefit from QPA participation in key industry bodies such as Regional Aggregate Working Parties, National Coordinating Group, QNJAC, Proskills, EPIC and many more.
- Feed data into the Association's ground-breaking Sustainable Development strategy ensuring you are represented within the industry's most vital communications tool with our regulators.

### Events and Networking

- Take advantage of booking a table at our high-profile annual showcase. Members are encouraged to bring stakeholders for the ultimate opportunity to promote understanding of industry's contribution to the economy and society.
- Benefit from participation in the QPA's Health and Safety and Restoration Award schemes and help raise your company's profile.
- Attend seminars hosted every year offering the latest advice on technical issues. Our events on mineral planning and asphalt issues are recognised as vital amongst the membership.
- Find out first about QPA events and seminars, all offering networking opportunities that bring suppliers and buyers together.

### Standards and Best Practice

- Draw upon the centralised range of best practice advice that QPA collects from across its UK membership.
- Take part in specialist briefings offering advice and guidance on new regulations such as the social dialogue agreement on respirable crystalline silica.
- Improve your safety performance by taking advantage of the extensive library of health and safety case studies - helping our members continue to reduce workplace accidents.
- Boost your corporate social responsibility effort with our support materials designed to encourage better community links with well-known initiatives such as Play Safe...Stay Safe and Make the Link.