

Resources and Publications



In print, the library is exhaustive. All of our product groups have produced guides relevant to their work including:

- A series of asphalt application information sheets giving the latest advice on everything from resurfacing to specialist applications of asphalt in farming or sporting contexts.
- Data sheets on how aggregates are used in mortar, asphalt and concrete.
- Agricultural and industrial lime applications leaflets.
- Guides on European concrete standards.
- A guide to marine aggregate extraction.

Beyond product advice, the QPA offers materials designed to give more general information about how the industry works. These resources include:

- In-depth looks at best practice within the fields of Biodiversity and Geodiversity.
- Further supplements covering recycling, quarry restoration and archaeology.
- A summary of the work of the QPA and a guide to what is involved in quarrying through the 'What's in a Quarry?' guidebook and film.

- An overview of planning for minerals extraction designed to support local and regional planning authority decision makers in matters of mineral planning.
- Dedicated materials supporting the work of the QPA in Northern Ireland.

QPA members also receive a copy of the six-monthly stakeholder magazine 'Quarrying Today' which helps to give a snap-shot of good news stories from across the industry on a broad range of issues. The monthly electronic newsletter is also a vital tool to help keep members up-to-date on the Association's work, with well over 1000 readers receiving the update in their inbox every issue.

The full range of materials on offer to members can be accessed through the members' website <http://members.qpa.org> or by calling us on **020 7963 8000** to place your order. We endeavour to send your materials to you as quickly as possible.





The Quarry Products Association has an extensive library of resources serving a number of purposes. From offering technical advice for particular products, to best practice in health and safety, materials to help develop relationships with local communities and even a virtual quarry to help kids understand the industry and the effect it has on their lives. The majority of the QPA's raft of resources is available for free to our members.

We also duplicate many of the documents on our websites. With new content and features being added to these online sites every week, they act as an instant-access library for the membership.

Here we take a look at just a few of the documents and resources available to QPA members.

Online...



The QPA has four dedicated websites serving the public and the membership in different ways. The public website, www.qpa.org, was extensively redesigned and re-launched during 2006 and enjoys nearly 20,000 visits every month. The site features the latest news from the industry, a portal to access relevant stories from across the media updated daily and even a cinema featuring industry videos filmed for the Association. The public site also serves the purpose of giving an introduction to why society needs quarrying and some top-level information on the kinds of products our members produce. The content is all steered towards helping the public, our opinion formers and stakeholders to make the link between the built environment and quarrying. The site also gives access to product-specific micro sites run by the various product groups within QPA.

Alongside the public site, we also offer a members-only website that offers more detail on the big issues and topics for the industry. Accessed through a password system at <http://members.qpa.org>, the secure resource takes a more technical look at the business of the quarrying industry. It features a one-stop-shop for members to find out about the initiatives on which their Association is currently focusing through the QPA's Key Issues service. The site has a searchable database allowing visitors to find out what operations are in their area and what products they supply. There is also a wealth of QPA documents, guides and resources that can be downloaded as PDF files.

Catering specifically for school children and the hub for all the QPA's educational materials is www.virtualquarry.co.uk. The website is the result of an Aggregates Levy Sustainability Funded project that sought to produce some dedicated teaching materials based around the salient topics of the industry. The lynchpin of the site is the fully 3D tour around a virtual rock quarry, with a host of animated quarry characters on hand to talk visitors through the process of producing and transporting aggregates. The award-winning site is once again all about making the link between the buildings in which we live and work and our industry.

The top priority for QPA members is the welfare of its workforce. The Association's Health and Safety materials are well known amongst the membership, with awareness increased every year by the Health and Safety Best Practice Awards. With such emphasis on improving our safety record, the QPA was again successful in securing Aggregates Levy Sustainability Funding to produce a dedicated website tackling the major health and safety issues. Launched in 2006 with huge input from across the QPA membership, the www.safequarry.com website offers users the

ability to gain advice on best practice across the full range of health and safety issues. The searchable database of toolbox talks and case studies is constantly being updated and improved to offer the industry an indispensable guide to improving its safety performance.

The QPA's constituent associations also have product-specific websites, all of which are accessible through the QPA's overarching website www.qpa.org.

...in print and on screen

The QPA's library of resources is too long to list here, but members have access to a wealth of documents and materials covering all corners of the industry.

On screen we offer a number of tools including safety films to encourage schoolchildren not to enter quarries uninited. We have videos created specifically to support our Make the Link campaign telling the story of how aggregates are all around us and how we rely on them every day, often without realising it. We also have DVDs and CD Roms with best practice videos from our recent Health and Safety Awards. Increasingly we are replicating our video resources on the websites to make them easier to access for our members.