



## PERIOD PROPERTY

Smarden, Kent

When a couple who live in Smarden, Kent, undertook a programme to replace a deteriorating brick-built 1920s extension with a new entrance hall and spacious kitchen, they chose Kentish Ragstone for the kitchen floor tiles.

Their home is a classic example of a 15th century Wealden Hall. The hope was that the new extension would serve to bring both the house and garden together. The principle developed for the build was to employ, as far as was possible, traditional materials and building methods that would have been used within the original medieval hall. It was important to the owners to use local materials to maintain the integrity and aesthetics of the build and ensure that the old house and new extension joined seamlessly together. They therefore selected English oak for the frame that was felled locally, bespoke bricks that were hand-clamped from Wealden clay and Kentish Ragstone flags from Gallagher's Maidstone quarry as a finishing touch to reinforce both the aesthetic and geographic integrity. The result is an attractive yet functional kitchen floor.

Gallagher's Kentish Ragstone is now available in a selection of floor and wall tiles cut and textured to suit our clients' specific requirements. The rich earthy colours of the limestone lend itself to being used in a variety of projects, internally and externally.

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## PROJECT DETAILS

CLIENT:  
Homeowner

STONE SUPPLIED:  
Kentish Ragstone floor tiles

COMPLETION:  
2017

## FACTS

Gallagher is the last remaining company still quarrying Kentish Ragstone, the most widespread building stone used throughout the South East of England.

To maintain the local character of Kent's architecture, Gallagher's Hermitage Quarry supplies building stone for restoration and new build projects.