



KNOLE HOUSE

Sevenoaks, Kent

Knole House near Sevenoaks is undergoing a major restoration project and part of this was the restoration of the great barn which was seriously damaged in a fire, resulting in the demolition of the stone gables. Gallagher supplied new dressed Kentish Ragstone including finials and gables to the Heritage Lottery Funded Project to transform the barn and hayloft into a new Café, a lifelong learning centre and a professional conservation studio. The main house was built of Kentish Ragstone so the stone was specified to ensure that the new facilities blended in with the original house.

Knole House was built between 1456 and 1486. It became a Royal possession during the Tudor dynasty when Henry VIII and Elizabeth I often visited the house and park for hunting. The National Trust acquired the house in 1946.

Gallagher worked closely with the architect and the sub contract specialist stonemasons to ensure our Kentish Ragstone was of the highest quality, ensuring the continued life of one of the grandest buildings in the United Kingdom.

The restoration work at Knole House was Highly Commended in the Repair and Restoration category at the 2016 Natural Stone Awards. The judges commented that it was "hard to see the interventions although they were numerous on this great barn."

MASONRY

PROPERTY

BUILDING

AGGREGATES

PROJECT DETAILS

CLIENT:
Historic Building and
Conservation Ltd

STONE SUPPLIED:
Dressed Kentish Ragstone

COMPLETION:
2016

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.