



THE PERFECT DRIVEWAY

YOUR FREE GUIDE TO
GIVING YOUR HOME
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**DIAMOND
DRIVEWAYS**

The Driveway & Patio Professionals



THE CHECKLIST TO GETTING YOUR DRIVEWAY RIGHT

A new driveway or patio is sure to enhance the value of your home. With a significant investment involved, we've created this guide to help make sure you get it right first time. Remember, the cheapest option is not necessarily the best.

✔ **Be Inspired**

Do research online for design and product information. www.pavingexpert.com is a respected independent resource.

✔ **Find a professional, accredited contractor**

A good starting point is making sure they are members of BALI or FeRFA.

✔ **Check the company is independently verified**

Checktrader, TrustaTrader and Which? are great sites to read previous customer reviews.

✔ **View previous work**

Ask to see a few projects or speak to previous customers for their feedback.

✔ **Test your contractor's knowledge**

Do they know the benefits and limitations of different surfacing options? Have they fully explained the process including the excavation, preparation and sub-base works involved? Remember that the decorative layer is only a small part of each project and most of the hard work and future-proofing goes under the surface.

✔ **Make sure the company is approved**

Only employ contractors who are approved installers by the well established surfacing suppliers such as Brett. These products will carry a manufacturer's warranty.

✔ **Workmanship guarantees**

Make sure that your contractor offers a workmanship guarantee and that their teams are properly insured. If in doubt, ask to see copies of their policy.

✔ **Ensure there's a formal agreement in place**

All aspects of your project should be in writing to avoid problems or disputes later down the line.

✔ **Never pay excessive deposits**

A reputable contractor will be happy to take a nominal holding deposit prior to full site survey.

✔ **Make sure you fully understand**

Before you proceed make sure you understand what's involved to maintain your driveway and patio and look for contractors that offer advice and aftercare options.

CHOOSE THE DRIVEWAY TO SUIT THE CHARACTER OF YOUR HOME

The trick to creating your perfect driveway is to balance functionality with design. Whichever type of driveway you are looking for there are things you must consider. Namely how you want to use your driveway, which material you favour and the design you desire.



CONTEMPORARY

Contemporary paving is made up of products that offer clean, crisp lines, edges and stylish surfaces.

A contemporary finish typically works well with modern properties - but can also work wonderfully with older, period properties, creating a spectacular contrast!



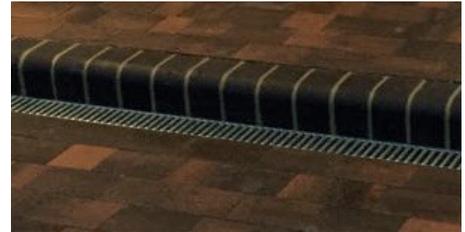
TRADITIONAL

The traditional paving range incorporates products that offer softer, aged lines and riven surfaces designed to help recreate a more rustic appearance - but with all the qualities of modern paving so you don't have to sacrifice form for function.

These products work best with older properties - however, you'll also see some examples where they have been used to create a great contrast.



Our creative director Steven Lewis has explored some of the options to help you narrow down your choice and bring your vision to life.



COLOUR

Choosing the driveway colour that best suits your home, garden and taste is probably the most significant of the aesthetic decisions you'll make and you'll want to consider this carefully.

Obtain your first impression through photos but always choose from actual samples.

There's no substitute for looking at the 'real thing' so if you're investing in a new driveway or patio, make your final choices from real product samples.

DRIVEWAY MATERIALS

RESIN BOUND

We're finding the use of resin bound surfacing for domestic driveways increasingly popular for a number of reasons.

Resin driveways are highly decorative, slip resistant and durable. They are also UV stable meaning that they do not discolour over time in the sun and a versatile alternative to more traditional paving systems. The system we use is permeable, comes in varying colours and is a flexible surfacing material which is highly resistant to cracking.

Resin Bound materials are a mixture of aggregate stones and resin which are used to pave driveways, pathways, patios, footpaths, walkways, pavements & car parks.



Highly flexible to create a driveway that is totally unique to you and your property



CHOICE OF COLOURS



The appearance of samples and materials are dependent on the colour, shade and grading of individual aggregates supplied to Diamond Driveways by its suppliers. Being largely natural aggregates, the appearance may be variable within batches and from batch to batch and uniformity of appearance should not be expected. Darker aggregate blends are less likely to show tyre marks. Diamond Resin Bound Surfacing is hand finished with a steel float and some variation in finished levels is to be expected. Levels variation may be accentuated in certain natural and artificial light conditions, such as at sunrise or sunset or when lighting is set into the surfacing.

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We are proud to be accredited by Brett.

Brett Landscaping are one of the UK's leading manufacturers of high quality paving products, including concrete block paving, natural stone and porcelain.

Using a Brett Approved Installer means you can be confident that your patio, driveway, garden, flag or block paving will be completed to the highest standard with a free 5-Year Installation Guarantee from your contractor and free 10-Year Product Guarantee from Brett Landscaping.

DRIVEWAY MATERIALS **BLOCK PAVING**

Block Paving is one of the most beautiful, practical and durable ways to pave your driveway, patio or pathway. It is available in a wide range of different colours, sizes and finishes to ensure you find the right product to suit your house type.

Whether you have a traditional home or something more contemporary there is a block paving style for you.

The block paving range we supply includes additional features such as channels, circles, kerbs and edging to personalise your design making it unique to you.

You can also mix different sized paving blocks to create interesting patterns.



Recent block paving project
by Diamond Driveways

DRIVEWAY MATERIALS

OTHER CHOICES



NATURAL STONE

Paving stones offer crisp, clean lines and come in polished, textured and flamed finishes. Natural stone paving also offers unique features to add interest to your patio. Circles with Corner Kits, Planks, Veneers and Setts are all available to be integrated into your outdoor space.



CLAY PAVING

Clay pavers have been used in landscape design for hundreds of years. It continues to offer the most durable material in projects small or large; domestic and commercial. Clay paving driveways provides a wide choice of colours and finishes; allowing for both modern and traditional design requirements.



PORCELAIN

The popularity of Porcelain as a paving option is on the rise; from both a design and quality perspective. It offers incredible strength, is highly durable and easy to maintain. The range of textures (including anti-slip options) and fantastic consistency of colour makes porcelain a viable, premium material option.



SLATE

Slate paving gives a highly natural look to traditional and contemporary projects. Available in different sizes, colours and textures, you can create a design of your very own.



GRANITE

Natural Granites gives a highly modern look and feel to your property. Perfect for a more minimalist style, it is available in a range of tones and sizes.



LIMESTONE

Limestone has a unique natural 'veining' which gives any outdoor space and outstanding look and feel. In a range of shades they work equally well on modern or traditional projects.

ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

Do you offer a free quote?

Yes we do. All our quotations are offered free of charge and on a no obligation basis.

Will we need drainage for our new driveway?

Each project has its own set of requirements and will most likely need additional drainage to channel water to your existing drains. Our professional team will assess the most efficient solution for your needs, so please contact us today to arrange a site visit.

What are SUDS?

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) are a natural approach to managing drainage in and around properties and homeowners have a legal obligation to avoid surface water draining onto public highways from their property. If you are paving an area greater than 5m², you will be responsible, regardless of whether it is a new or replacement driveway. Our team are on hand to advise.

Do you guarantee your work?

Yes. Our works are covered by a 5-year workmanship guarantee and a 10-year product warranty from Brett. In addition, all the products we use comply with the latest British Standards (BS EN1339:2003).

How long will it take to get my new driveway underway?

We will do our best to respond to your enquiry on the day we receive it and then dispatch one of our professional surveyors to visit and discuss your requirements in person. Usually we're able to inspect the project within 1 - 2 days.

How long does it take to fit a driveway?

A regular size family home driveway will take between 4 - 5 days to lay, depending on the weather! Please also keep in mind that with some material options we also recommend new driveways are left to 'cure' for another few days before use.

Can you provide customer references?

We are delighted to have served hundreds and hundreds of satisfied customers who's reviews you can read via www.diamonddriveways.co.uk as well as on the likes of Checkatrade, Trustatrader and Which? If you would like more customer references or testimonials we can gladly supply.

Will we need planning permission?

Each council has slightly different regulations but as a general rule planning permission is not usually necessary when updating your driveway. In the case of a new project, if water is being diverted to public drains, the council may need to be contacted to discuss. Our team is on hand to assist in this area and will be able to introduce you to planning specialists if necessary; who can help ensure the smooth delivery of your project.

Why do driveways sink?

Driveways sink for many reasons. The main one being the area has not been excavated correctly or deep enough. Sometimes the choice of materials used are incorrect, the sand might be the wrong type or laid too deep. The edges and front are not properly kerbed or have enough concrete to hold everything in place. If your current driveway is sinking, please contact a member of the team who can help discuss the available solutions.

What is a permeable driveway?

A permeable driveway or patio is where blocks are laid with wide spacing to allow water through to soak away underneath. Resin bound surfacing is also a permeable solution.

What maintenance will my driveway need?

Usually very minimal maintenance is needed after professional installation of a new driveway or patio. An annual brush, wash and possibly replenishing sand or sealant is advisable. Diamond Driveways have a dedicated maintenance team who are able to advise on what will be required for your specific project.



THE DIAMOND DIFFERENCE

QUALITY MATERIALS. PROFESSIONAL FINISH.
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU

- ✓ 10 Year Product Guarantees
- ✓ 5 Year Workmanship Warranty
- ✓ Annually trained installation teams who deliver to exacting standards
- ✓ Thousands of satisfied Diamond Driveway clients
- ✓ Trusted reviews, case studies & referrals
- ✓ Dedicated & experienced surveyors assigned from inception to delivery
- ✓ 24/7 Support
- ✓ Close working partnerships with key manufacturers & suppliers
- ✓ Compliant with all Health & Safety requirements
- ✓ Dedicated maintenance & after care team
- ✓ Fully insured £5m Public Liability cover
- ✓ 35 Years combined experience

*subject to our terms and conditions



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BLOCK PAVING

NORTH WEST LONDON

“ I cannot speak highly enough of how professional the Diamond Driveways team were. I chose them in the first place simply because they had top reviews and it was well worth it. The whole team worked so hard and had a meticulous eye to precise finishings. ”

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RESIN BOUND SURFACE

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“ From the first visit to provide us with a quote to the last visit to check the work, Diamond Driveways were amazing! Clearly specialists in their field, the workmanship is of excellent quality. Every aspect of the project was handled with a personal yet professional, no-nonsense approach and we were kept informed every step of the way. Thank you so much for our lovely drive!” ”

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DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT.
WE HAVE 100'S OF SATISFIED CUSTOMERS

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Over 40 reviews

5/5 Rating

Checkatrade.com



Over 400 reviews

9.8/10 Rating



Over 70 reviews

4.9/5 Rating

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Brett Landscaping are proud of the long-standing relationship we have with Diamond Driveways. As a Premier Approved Installer, a status awarded to a select few of our installers, Brett are confident that Diamond Driveways continuously offer the very best in quality workmanship, client care and after service.

A partnership which shares the same values and commitment; to deliver outstanding paving solutions to our customers.

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Thank you very much for taking the time to read through our driveway guide. We are here if you have any more questions or would like an estimate from the UK's leading driveway and patio specialists.

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