

THE LAST TRAVELLING MASTER BRICK-MAKER IN THE BRITISH ISLES



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Tony Mugridge is the last itinerant (or travelling) brickmaker in the British Isles. He learned his craft in the early 1970's from former Broseley brick and tile makers, before going on to produce bricks in his own right in 1981.

An Honorary Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers of The City of London, Tony is well-known in both the UK construction industry and in academia. He is also a full member of the Brick Development Association and one of the top 150 ceramic manufacturers in the British Ceramic Confederation. In 2015 at a ceremony in the Guildhall, he received the Freedom of The City of London, where a brick made by him may be seen in the Chamberlain's Court.

Among Tony's brickwork consultancy clients are the National Trust, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Queen's University Belfast and several Shropshire Civic Societies who have used his knowledge to assist in the preservation and conservation of key heritage structures.

Tony also makes clay tobacco pipes and reproduction historic pottery. He gives visiting talks and demonstrations on the whole art and history of the built environment and under the guise of The Travelling Brickmakers, re-enacts the history of the craft from 1390 to the present day.

In his spare time he enjoys driving his restored vintage Land Rover and multiperiod living history.

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