



Breedon invests £4m in new Northumberland asphalt plant amid increasing demand

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Essential construction materials provider [Breedon Group plc](#) has announced a £4m investment in a new asphalt plant in Northumberland, in response to growing demand from customers across the region.

The new plant at Cragmill Quarry in Belford brings asphalt production back to the site for the first time in more than a decade, replacing a previous plant that had been decommissioned by the quarry's former operator.

The works, which took place over a 12-month period, involved demolishing the original plant, reconfiguring the site and constructing a modern new facility.

Following initial accreditation, the plant is now fully operational and expects to produce 50,000 tonnes of asphalt per year. The plant has been designed to manufacture a full suite of asphalt materials, including Breedon Performance Asphalt. The new facility runs on LPG for a cleaner fuel burn and reduced carbon output, as well as being WMA and RAP-enabled, allowing Recycled Asphalt Planings (RAP) recovered from existing roads to be incorporated into new asphalt mixes.

It also has 120 tonnes worth of mixed material storage allowing quicker turnaround of materials for our customers and reduced waiting time at the plant for our haulage.

James Macintosh, Area Director at Breedon, said: "Bringing asphalt production back to Cragmill significantly strengthens our ability to supply customers across Northumberland and the Scottish Borders, giving us greater capacity and flexibility in this part of the region."

“The location means we can provide a strong service to customers, while also supporting our Surfacing Solutions teams with the materials they need to deliver projects across the region.”

“Importantly, the new plant also gives us room to scale. We can increase production as demand grows and continue to broaden the range of materials available from Cragmill over time.”

Located close to the Scottish border, the new plant will serve customers across Northumberland, extending south towards Newcastle and north into the Scottish Borders. With both collection and delivery available, alongside the capability to operate 24/7, the facility will provide greater flexibility and product availability for customers across the region.

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About Breedon Group

Breedon Group plc, a leading vertically-integrated construction materials group in Great Britain, Ireland and the United States delivers essential products to the construction sector. Breedon holds 1.5bn tonnes of mineral reserves and resources with long reserve life, supplying value-added products and services, including specialty materials, surfacing and highway maintenance operations, to a broad range of customers through its extensive local network of quarries, ready-mixed concrete and asphalt plants.

The Group's two well-invested cement plants are actively engaged in a number of carbon reduction practices, which include utilising alternative raw materials and lower carbon fuels. Breedon's 4,900 colleagues embody our commitment to 'Make a Material Difference' as the Group continues to execute its strategy to create sustainable value for all stakeholders, delivering growth through organic improvement and acquisition in the heavyside construction materials market. Breedon shares (BREE) are traded on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange, with Breedon a constituent of the FTSE 250 index.