There are some things about Country Manor Bricks that might surprise you.

For instance, did you know that we can supply ‘handmade special-shaped’ bricks to suit your own unique design? Did you know that we can match any brick type and that we’re experts in blending old bricks with new? From the wonderful Butterley Brick, London Brick and Kempston Brick to the equally stunning Desimpel, and Kempische, whatever type of brick you want (or can imagine) we’ve got it.

No job is ever too big, too small or too fussy.

In fact, we like a challenge!
We don’t put a limit on the variety of bricks we produce...

So you don’t have to put a limit on your imagination.

Can’t find what you’re looking for?

With a range of over 500 types of bricks our customers usually find what they are looking for. At Country Manor Bricks we realise that every build is unique and we understand that there are times when you have a particular type of brick in mind that we may not have readily available in our range. This is the type of challenge that we love as our team thrives on creating new types of bricks that they know will add enduring beauty to your property.

We want to see things the way you do...

All you need to do is talk to us and explain what type of look you are trying to achieve. Working together we can then mix together various types of bricks to produce the exact look you need, giving you a personal and unique brick blend that you can be proud of. It doesn’t matter how big or small the job, we believe everyone has the right to create their vision.

It’s all in the detail

We often forget that mortar accounts for 20% of a brick wall surface and can hugely affect the look of your property. Perhaps we pay little attention to it because when we think of mortar we usually only see grey. At Country Manor Bricks we have a range of colour mortar that you can use for much more than simply bonding bricks.

Colour mortar is used to enhance architectural elements and to heighten brickwork detail. It is also used to contrast with your chosen brick colour breaking up large areas of brickwork.

But you don’t have to be in the process of a build or replacing bricks to think about working with colour mortar. For a simple and cost efficient way to change the look of your house, and enhance the beauty of the bricks currently in place, colour mortar is the ideal medium to use. We can offer advice on which colour mortar would work best for your property and take you through all the different options available.

Endless possibilities, enduring beauty. What our business is all about.
Which style suits you?

**Reclaimed bricks**
We offer a range of reclaimed bricks, which have been salvaged from mature buildings to be used to recreate genuine old world charm. We strongly advise that you consult your architect or engineer prior to using this product as it is not suitable for all structures. We can supply unlimited quantities of reclaimed bricks, making no job too big or too small.

**Handmade bricks**
Handmade bricks are specially designed to give buildings an attractive, aged appearance, oozing old world charm. Made by hand by skilled craftsmen, each brick is unique with a distinctive style. Since the production process is so specialised, handmade bricks tend to be the more expensive option.

**Engineering bricks**
Engineering bricks are all about performance. They are most suitable in situations where strength and resistance to frost attack and water are the most important factor, for example, civil engineering works and retaining walls. They can also be used as a damp proof course (DPC) brick.

**Stock bricks**
Stock bricks are a product of soft mud moulding. Their characteristic irregular shape can help to create a very effective ‘handmade brick’ appearance, without the price of a handmade, which is why they are one of the most popular choices among our self-build customers. Ask any member of our specialised sales team about our wide range of colours, textures, styles and competitive prices.

**Tumbled or Retro bricks**
Tumbled or Retro bricks offer the discerning customer a way to achieve stylish, old world charm otherwise only achieved through using reclaimed bricks. Put through an ageing process by way of tumbling them, these bricks help to achieve classic and contemporary styles and are fully guaranteed to last.

**Wire cut facing bricks**
Wire cut facing bricks are wonderfully textured and suitable for almost any type of construction, home or building. First cut by wire from a long column of clay, they are then textured to finish. Country Manor Bricks offer a vast choice of colours and textures giving you the opportunity to be as individualistic and creative as you want to be.
Special Services

Our Specials Division was established in 1995 to satisfy the growing demand for special shaped bricks. We can offer a complete range of standard specials, both manufactured and cut and bonded to compliment our extensive brick range. Our highly trained staff will be delighted to discuss any plans you may have. They are more than happy to offer a specialised self-build advice service. For advice on colours, textures and prices simply speak to one of our specialist sales team who will be more than happy to provide samples to take away with you.

Special shaped bricks
If you would like to include decorative designs in your brickwork, we can help. By providing contrasting coloured and shaped bricks, your bricklayer should then be able to achieve the unique design you have in mind. From plinths, arches and cills to angle doglegs for bay windows, we can help you create the individual style you envisage for your home or building.

Cut and bonded specials
Any special shaped bricks that conform to brick dimensions can be produced at the Country Manor Bricks Brick Craft Shop. This service enables us to cut and bond standard bricks into the design you require (in working quantities) within 5 working days, helping to ensure that your project stays on track and with no loss of time.

Brick blending
If you can’t find the brick of your dreams or match an existing brick in our extensive range of over 500 brick types, we at Country Manor Bricks offer a specialised service where we will mix together different brick types of your choice to create your own personal and unique blend. No order is too big or too small for this service.

Just imagine what the neighbours will say when they hear that those beautiful bricks are your own unique blend, designed by you!

Brick matching services
Are you renovating or extending your property? Are you having difficulty finding a brick to match your existing brickwork? If so we will send one of our highly experienced representatives to view your brickwork and identify your brick type or suggest the closest match.
Making a difference... is now easier than ever.

**Glass blocks**
When it’s a modern look you’re after, glass is key for achieving the combination of minimalism and a clean finish. Most often seen in bathrooms as shower walls, glass blocks can be used in bedrooms or living areas as dividing walls to offer privacy without losing light or sacrificing the ‘open plan’ feel. They are also ideal for feature windows in bathrooms, hallways or landings and offer a striking contrast when used alongside clay facing bricks. Available in a wide range of colours and finishes, our glass blocks will help give your property the contemporary style you have in mind.

At Country Manor Bricks we are pleased to be able to offer a vast range of glass blocks. Just talk to one of our team about your requirements and then we can take you through the best options.

*From time to time changes to the façade of a property may require planning permission. We therefore advise that you seek advice from an architect prior to using brick slips to alter the look of your house.*

**Brick Slips**
We think nothing of refreshing internal walls with paint or wallpaper yet when it comes to external walls we assume we’re stuck with what’s there. Not so! Using brick slips you can completely change the look of your external walls*. These slips are so easy to use and with a choice of over 500 colours and finishes you can give the entire house a face-lift with very little fuss. One of our team will happily take you through the options and show you how simple they are to work with. You could be finished the outside of your house in less time then it would take to do the wallpapering or painting inside!

And if you’ve always wanted to use brick for an internal wall these bricks slips are ideal. As they can be cut from any size (25mm minimum) they don’t take from the room size they are used in and can create a dramatic effect for any room but are particularly suited to fireplace surrounds or as feature walls in kitchens and living rooms.

**Glazed bricks**
Want to add some flair and colour to your property? With a wide range of colours and finishes, Glazed bricks are becoming a popular choice for those looking for something a little different. These bricks can be used internally or externally and can help achieve a visually stunning effect in bathrooms, kitchens or for use as a feature wall, around fireplaces or even swimming pools. And not only are they beautiful to look at, they are functional too. The only upkeep these bricks require is a simple wipe with a cloth to keep them looking their best. **Stylish and practical!**
Brick Tips

Brick Bonding/Brick Patterns
For the past 30-40 years in Ireland when laying bricks we have traditionally used what’s known as the stretched bond (as seen below). Prior to that, in more traditional times we were more creative with how we set out our brick bonds (patterns). As you can see from the illustrations below the stretcher bond is not the only way to set out your brickwork.

Stretcher Bond

Header Bond

Flemish Bond

Flemish Garden Wall Bond

English Bond

English Garden Wall Bond

Good site practice
Once your bricks arrive on site there are some very important things you need to be aware of. In order to care for your bricks and ensure you get the finished bricks you have in mind please take time to read the following:

Storing your bricks
Make sure you inspect your bricks as soon as they are delivered. They should be unloaded directly onto a dry level area and protected from the weather. Care should be taken when moving or handling on site to reduce chipping.

How to handle mortar
The mortar should be correctly proportioned and thoroughly mixed. Nothing but clean water should be added later and mortar should NOT be ‘knocked up’ after it has started to set.
Achieving the right appearance
In order to achieve a uniform appearance throughout the building, and to avoid the possibility of patches or bands of differing shades, bricks should be used from a minimum of 3 packs at the same time. Placing all the bricks from one pack to one part of the wall should be avoided.

Using colour mortar
Coloured mortar is much more than the medium for bonding bricks. It can also be an architectural tool, accentuating or subduing brick colours and textures. They can make the most of clever brick patterns or bring relief to large areas of brickwork. While one colour can be chosen to harmonise with the brick, another offers a contrast.

Protect your walls
When work stops, all walls and brickwork must be covered as rain (on new work) can cause all kinds of damage, for instance, colour change of mortar, saturation, lime stains and efflorescence.

What is efflorescence?
Efflorescence is a white salty deposit that may appear on the face of brickwork. It can occur when brickwork has become saturated during the building process. However, it’s only a temporary problem and is best cured by the effects of time and weather. It usually disappears within a few weeks, being washed away by normal rainfall. Efflorescence usually occurs in the spring as a result of the drying out of brickwork built during the wet winter months.

Customer Care
Our very specialised in-house technical support team are here to advise you on a wide range of technical queries, including practical on-site advice. To speak to a member of our team, just call 00 353 1 8421277
Trends

In recent years bricks have become an essential fashion accessory for dressing the exterior of your home or development. We now put careful thought and consideration into choosing these vital ingredients, even as much (or more) than we would the wallpaper in our livingroom or the tiles on the kitchen floor. Bricks are like furniture or clothing and can be used to express our personalities, they can be bold, modern, olde world, gothic, retro, funky, classy and sophisticated.

Bricks alone will not complete the desired effect for the exterior of your home/development, every little detail counts. The colour windows you select, the facia and soffit board, the colour of the hall door, the type of driveway etc. all play a huge part in this.

In recent years the Benelux countries could be classed as innovators in the art of finishing brickwork. So as to achieve the most fashionable and unique finish to their homes they are continually pushing the boundaries beyond our wildest imagination. They have even begun trends which would make any builder frown... paint new brickwork! As horrid as this may sound they’ve actually made this an art and some of the finest and most beautiful homes to be found in the Benelux will have part or all of their brickwork painted in white or off-white shades.

Also in the Benelux choosing the right mortar is considered to be as big a decision as choosing the actual brick. When laying bricks they use a process where the Bricky builds the bricks with a natural grey mortar and recessed mortar joint.

When this is completed careful consideration is given to select a coloured mortar to complete the design and a team are appointed to carefully finish the brickwork with the selected mortar.

These are just some of the many things to consider when selecting your brick and our highly trained staff are here to assist and advise you about the these trends.
Technical Stuff you need to know.

There are standards in the UK and Europe that all clay bricks, and all clay brick suppliers/specifiers, must adhere to. These standards are detailed in the quality standard documents known as BS 3921:1985 (British Standard) and EN 771-1 (European). Requirements include, among other things, compressive strength, water absorption, durability, size and soluble salt content. Always make sure any bricks you purchase comply with these standards.

**Compressive strength**
The compressive strength of a brick is usually only applicable when building high rise developments. Brick strength is related to the raw materials and to the forming and firing process used in manufacturing the brick. Bricks are available in compressive strengths ranging from 5N/mm² to greater than 70N/mm² (Newtons per mm²).

**Water absorption**
This is expressed as a percentage increase in weight. Water absorption has no relationship to the durability of clay bricks.

**Designation**  | **Frost Resistance**  | **Soluble Salt Content**
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FL (F2)  | Frost Resistance (F)  | Low (L)
FN (F2)  | Frost Resistance (F)  | Normal (N)
ML (F1)  | Moderate Frost Resistance (M)  | Low (L)
MN (F1)  | Moderate Frost Resistance (M)  | Normal (N)

Frost resistant products are suitable for use in all normal building situations of exposure; those classified as Moderately Frost Resistant can be used in most situations but not where they will be subject to prolonged saturation, e.g. copings/cappings, cills and below ground level damp proof course (DPC).

**Size tolerance**
Clay bricks must fall within specific size tolerances, an overall measurement of 24 bricks is used to ensure compliance.

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Buffs & Yellows

Countryside Multibuff
Brick Type: Wirecut
Format: Perforated
Durability: FL
CS: >30N/mm²
Water Absorption: <22%

Cygnet Blend
Brick Type: Tumbled
Format: Perforated
Durability: FN
CS: >25N/mm²
Water Absorption: <22%

Danehill Yellow
Brick Type: Stock
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >26N/mm²
Water Absorption: <17%

Dutch Buff
Brick Type: Stock
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >19N/mm²
Water Absorption: <13%

Hampton Autumn
Brick Type: Wirecut
Format: Perforated
Durability: FN
CS: >45N/mm²
Water Absorption: <11%

Heidebloem
Brick Type: Handmade
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >15N/mm²
Water Absorption: <18%

Ingleborough Buff Multi
Brick Type: Wirecut
Format: Perforated
Durability: FL
CS: >45N/mm²
Water Absorption: <11%

Kelloway Yellow
Brick Type: Tumbled
Format: Perforated
Durability: FN
CS: >25N/mm²
Water Absorption: <22%

CS = Compressive Strength
### Buffs & Yellows

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## Reds

### Balmoral
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: $>15 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<18\%$

### Barok
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: $>35 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<11\%$
- **Other sizes**: 50mm

### Barry Smooth Red
- **Brick Type**: Wirecut
- **Format**: Perforated
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: $>65 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<7\%$
- **Other sizes**: Imperial

### Bemmel Red
- **Brick Type**: Stock
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: $>17 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<15\%$

### Capel Dark
- **Brick Type**: Stock
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FN
- **CS**: $>15 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<16\%$

### Chesire Red
- **Brick Type**: Wirecut
- **Format**: Perforated
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: $>35 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<17\%$

### Cumbrian Red
- **Brick Type**: Tumbled
- **Format**: Perforated
- **Durability**: FN
- **CS**: $>25 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<20\%$

### FLB 1st Quality
- **Brick Type**: Stock
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: $>26 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<17\%$

### Herfstbont
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: $>10 \text{N/mm}^2$
- **Water Absorption**: $<12\%$

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**Reds**

**Heritage Blend**
- **Brick Type**: Stock
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >15N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <14%

**Irish Rose**
- **Brick Type**: Stock
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >17N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <15%

**Jewel**
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >15N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <15%

**Kingsdown Regal**
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FN
- **CS**: >15N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <18%

**Marlow Red Multi**
- **Brick Type**: Wirecut
- **Format**: Perforated
- **Durability**: FN
- **CS**: >25N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <20%

**Marquis**
- **Brick Type**: Stock
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >17N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <18%

**Measham Red**
- **Brick Type**: Stock
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >17N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <16%

**Medium Surrey**
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >15N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <14%

**Nevada Dark**
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >15N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <14%

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**Reds**

**Northumbrian Dark Blend**
- **Brick Type**: Tumbled
- **Format**: Perforated
- **Durability**: FN
- **CS**: >25N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <17%

**Nottingham Red Rustic**
- **Brick Type**: Wirecut
- **Format**: Perforated
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >30N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <16%

**Old English Brindled Red**
- **Brick Type**: Wirecut
- **Format**: Perforated
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >35N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <17%

**Old York Blend**
- **Brick Type**: Tumbled
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >10N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <14%

**Oud Elst**
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >10N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <12%

**Oud Maasland**
- **Brick Type**: Tumbled
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >30N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: >15%

**Primula**
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >35N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <13%
- **Other Sizes**: 50mm

**Purple Rose**
- **Brick Type**: Stock
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: <20N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <12%

**Rangemoor**
- **Brick Type**: Handmade
- **Format**: Frogged
- **Durability**: FL
- **CS**: >15N/mm²
- **Water Absorption**: <12%

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Reds

Brick Selections

Rose des Alpes
Brick Type: Stock
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >30N/mm²
Water Absorption: <15%
Other Sizes: 50mm

Scala
Brick Type: Handmade
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >30N/mm²
Water Absorption: <14%
Other Sizes: 50mm

Sherwood Red
Brick Type: Wired
Format: Perforated
Durability: FL
CS: >30N/mm²
Water Absorption: <18%

Timmintiek
Brick Type: Handmade
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >10N/mm²
Water Absorption: <12%

Tacana
Brick Type: Handmade
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >20N/mm²
Water Absorption: <14%

Topaas
Brick Type: Handmade
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >20N/mm²
Water Absorption: <14%

Village Sunglow
Brick Type: Wirecut
Format: Perforated
Durability: FL
CS: >30N/mm²
Water Absorption: <18%

Viola
Brick Type: Handmade
Format: Frogged
Durability: FL
CS: >35N/mm²
Water Absorption: <11%
Other Sizes: 50mm

Smooth Red Multi
Brick Type: Wirecut
Format: Perforated
Durability: FL
CS: >40N/mm²
Water Absorption: <14%
Other Sizes: Imperial

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**Reds**

**Viscount**
- Brick Type: Stock
- Format: Frogged
- Durability: FL
- CS: >15N/mm²
- Water Absorption: <16%

**Vulcano**
- Brick Type: Handmade
- Format: Frogged
- Durability: FL
- CS: >17N/mm²
- Water Absorption: <12%

**Weatherfield Red Multi**
- Brick Type: Wirecut
- Format: Perforated
- Durability: FL
- CS: >55N/mm²
- Water Absorption: <8%

**Wentworth Mixture**
- Brick Type: Wirecut
- Format: Perforated
- Durability: FL
- CS: >40N/mm²
- Water Absorption: <11%

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Old English Russet
Brick Type  Wirecut
Format  Perforated
Durability  FL
CS  >25N/mm²
Water Absorption  <22%

Orient Gold
Brick Type  Stock
Format  Frogged
Durability  FL
CS  >20N/mm²
Water Absorption  <16%

Staffordshire Smooth Blue
Brick Type  Wirecut
Format  Solid or Perforated
Durability  FL
CS  >70N/mm²
Water Absorption  <5%

Aubusson
Brick Type  Stock
Format  Frogged
Durability  FL
CS  >20N/mm²
Water Absorption  <16%

Kingsfold Multi
Brick Type  Wirecut
Format  Frogged
Durability  FN
CS  >15N/mm²
Water Absorption  <16%

Leicestershire Russet
Brick Type  Wired
Format  Perforated
Durability  FL
CS  >25N/mm²
Water Absorption  <22%

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