



The exterior of Quorn House.

Quorn House

A look into the history of Quorn House by **Joshua Mason**...

Our operations centred around Mountsorrel Quarry are about more than just the quarry. Together with Quorn House and the Hub, they support Tarmac's operations in supplying essential construction materials and solutions across the region and nationally. Between these three key sites we employ 332 people – and 43 of them are based at Quorn House.

Quorn House plays a central role in the smooth running of our modern-day operations, but it also has a long and fascinating history and so we wanted to tell you a little bit more about it.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

Quorn House was the seat of the Farnham family from circa 1260 when Robert de Farnham lived in a house known as Over Hall, close to where Quorn House stands today. The Farnham's were Quorn's principal family and local squires. They were generous benefactors to the village, building the Village Hall, Rawlins School and more.

The current red-brick, Welsh slate-roofed house was built in 1820 and is now a Grade II listed building. It has undergone several transformations since then.

In 1887, a detailed photographic record of the house's interior and furnishings was commissioned by William Farnham. These high-quality images now form part of the Historic England Archive – preserving a rare glimpse of the house as it once was.

In the early 1890s, William Farnham

went bankrupt and was committed to a lunatic asylum. His assets were sold and Quorn House, along with a large area of land, was purchased by the Mountsorrel Granite Company. However, the house was soon bought back by his younger brother, George Francis Farnham.



The interior of Quorn House.

A major renovation in 1962, under Edward Farnham's ownership, led to significant structural changes and modernisation of both Quorn House's interior and the surrounding buildings. However, Edward found maintaining the property increasingly difficult and so he and his wife Barbara, sold the house in 1993 and moved to Scotland, marking the end of the Farnham family's presence in Quorn.

Rosemary Conley, a successful diet and fitness expert, purchased the house from them and during the 21 years that followed, extensive restoration work was carried out. Tarmac bought Quorn House and surrounding land in 2015 and has owned it ever since.

WHAT HAPPENS AT QUORN HOUSE TODAY?

Today, Quorn House serves as the functional head office for Tarmac's Land & Natural Resources department – the team responsible for managing all of Tarmac's property assets across the UK.

As one of the country's largest landowners, the work at Quorn House is vital to supporting and growing the business, ensuring we can continue delivering essential construction materials needed to support infrastructure projects both locally and across the country.

Those who work at Quorn House specialise in a range of different areas, including real estate management, land development, planning, environmental permitting and property records. Together, these functions help secure and sustain the land and resources needed for our operations, now and into the future.

We also use Quorn House as a national meeting and training hub for business activities across the wider Tarmac business. As well as providing local employment, we try to 'buy local' – supporting nearby businesses where we can.

You can find out more about what goes on at Mountsorrel Quarry by visiting **Mountsorrel.tarmac.com**

If you would like to contact the team, please email **mountsorrelquarryfeedback@tarmac.com**

*Joshua Mason,
Senior Operations
Manager.*

