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CED Stone products unlikely movie stars

Recently-released rom-com Last Christmas is the latest in a long line of movies where CED Stone products have deserved a credit.

The film, set in London and featuring the music of George Michael alongside stars including Emilia Clarke, Henry Golding, Michelle Yeoh and Emma Thompson, featured <u>CEDEC Silver</u> and <u>Black Basalt</u> aggregate supplied by CED's West Drayton Depot.

CED Stone has long been supplying to the movie business and over the years the teams have been challenged to find materials to portray a range of diverse landscapes. CED Stone supplied Red Sand and Red Sandstone Rockery to depict the dry barren terrain of Mars in The Last Day On Mars. When material was required for an alien planet (Alien:Prometheus) Regional Depot Director Gary Ewing travelled to the North of Scotland and sourced 300 tonnes of scree for the production. On one occasion, Operations manager Howard White hand-selected 25 tonnes of Red Sandstone Rockery for Batman's Bat Cave, and on another, casts were taken of the rocks that CED supplied, painted black, and used to build the bat cave in a subsequent Batman film.



The West Drayton team were put to the test when tasked with sourcing gravel for the film Everest. The prop buyer required gravel to match that in a photograph of a dead mountaineer at base camp. With a wide range of aggregates in stock and a sample library boasting hundreds of different materials from quarries across the country, you would think sourcing a match would have been simple. However, it proved quite tricky but eventually after several sample requests and quarry visits the perfect material was achieved by blending two different aggregates.

Reclaimed Setts from CED Stone can be seen in the Sherlock Holmes movie starring Robert Downey Junior and Jude Law, and the company's <u>boulders</u> have appeared on the big screen alongside Mel Gibson in Braveheart, and Johnny Depp in Pirates of The Caribbean. CED Stone has also supplied materials for several films in the James Bond series and even for Disney classics such as 101 Dalmatians.

In recent years, movie filming has spread from being purely London-based, to locations across the whole of Britain. This has led to new studios cropping up across the country. One such example is Wardpark Studios in Central Scotland, home to the hugely popular Outlander television series and also used for the filming of Marvel's Infinity War films. With the studios located just two miles from the CED Stone Landscape Depot in Castlecary, the team there are increasingly being visited by prop buyers looking to source stone for use in film productions. This has resulted in the supply of stone for past and upcoming episodes of the Outlander Series and materials for stonework in Netflix original The Outlaw King.



The team at CED Stone Group pride themselves on going the extra mile and whether you're looking to purchase materials for a private garden, or indeed a box office movie, the same dedicated customer service and expert knowledge will be given to make sure you take away the perfect product for the job.

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