

# COARSE STUFF

## 1. Identification

### 1.1 Introduction

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* is a traditional 3:1 ratio (aggregate to lime) mortar mix using non-hydraulic (fat or pure) lime, well-graded sharp sand and soft sand. Coarse Stuff is delivered as a wet mix.

Coarse Stuff is available in 1 tonne or ½ tonne IBC's and 25kg bags.

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* is suitable for repairs to historic buildings, blocklaying, bricklaying, stonemasonry and as a backing or final coat render/plaster.

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* is manufactured using non-hydraulic lime derived from high calcium quicklime (CaO) slaked and stored for a minimum of 30 days.

### 1.2 Authority

Materials used conform to the following standards:

Sand BS EN 13139: 2002  
Building Lime BS 890:1995/EN459

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* is a traditional 3:1 ratio (aggregate to lime) mix that is gauged by volume. The aggregates used are a blend of sharp and soft sands to improve workability and colour.

### Aggregate grading

BS Sieve	% of sand retained	
	Sonning Sharp	Runfold Soft
>5mm	0.98	0
<5mm >2.36mm	12.75	0.35
<2.36mm >1.18mm	14.86	0.50
<1.18mm >600µ	14.70	0.98
<600µ >300µ	39.55	38.53
<300µ >150µ	14.53	53.80
<150µ >75µ	2.48	5.20
<75µ	0.15	0.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 1.3 General Advantages

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* offers several mix advantages:

- Consistent mix proportions
- Consistent quality of mortar
- Correct choice of sands
- Ideal for the repair of historic buildings
- Can be re-worked up to the point of set
- Will keep indefinitely as long as the container is air tight and evaporation of moisture does not occur
- Is pre-mixed so there is little or no need to re-mix or add water
- Is breathable and enables moisture to evaporate

## 2. Description

### 2.1 Manufacture

Raw materials and end products are subject to regular quality control procedures.

The materials are batched by volume.

### 2.2 Mortar applications

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* is particularly relevant for the repair of historic buildings. This includes laying and re-pointing of brickwork, repair and plastering of internal walls (as a backing of finishing coat) and the repair or rendering of external walls. *Old House Store Coarse Stuff* is also highly compatible with soft building materials such as earth (cobb, shuttered earth, clay block, pisé, witchert), wood, straw bale, coppiced wood and soft brick.

The above is a guide only; if you wish to discuss a specific application in further depth please call our sales office or speak to an authorised distributor.

### 2.3 Performance

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* is more flexible than Portland cement based mortars, which means that expansion joints are not always necessary.

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* offers excellent vapour permeability, which enables the building to "breathe".

### 3. Sitework

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* can be delivered to site either in either 1 tonne or ½ tonne IBC's and 25kg bags or tubs.

*Old House Store Coarse Stuff* is a pre-mixed wet mortar. Generally there should be no need for the addition of water to the mix however; if the mortar is particularly dry then a small amount of water can be added but should be controlled to ensure that the mix does not become saturated. As the mortar is pre-mixed, only a little additional mixing may be required for the mortar to become fully "workable". A quick check can be carried out by placing an even spread of mortar onto the reverse side of a trowel, when the trowel is turned over (with the reverse face and mortar facing the ground), the mortar should stick to the underside and not fall away. Additional mixing can be undertaken using a conventional drum mixer, spade or hand trowel.

Traditional lime (putty) based mortars are slow setting and are therefore susceptible to frost damage during the early stages of set. Historically, work to the exterior of a building was only carried out during the spring and summer months and work during the winter months was confined to the interior of the building.

Setting times are temperature and moisture dependent. Practitioners should not be unduly worried if a "full set" takes weeks to achieve.

Protection should be given against frost, wind, rain and direct sunlight during the early setting period – Hessian and/or plastic sheeting may be required.

### 5. Coverage (approximations only)

Coarse Stuff	Laying bricks	Pointing	Backing or floating coat render/plaster
25kg	0.5m <sup>2</sup>	2.9m <sup>2</sup>	1.25m <sup>2</sup>
½ tonne	10m <sup>2</sup>	58.3m <sup>2</sup>	25m <sup>2</sup>
1 tonne	20m <sup>2</sup>	116.6m <sup>2</sup>	50m <sup>2</sup>

### 6. Health and Safety

Lime based mortars are classified as an irritant and are alkaline in nature (see Health and Safety Datasheet for more details).