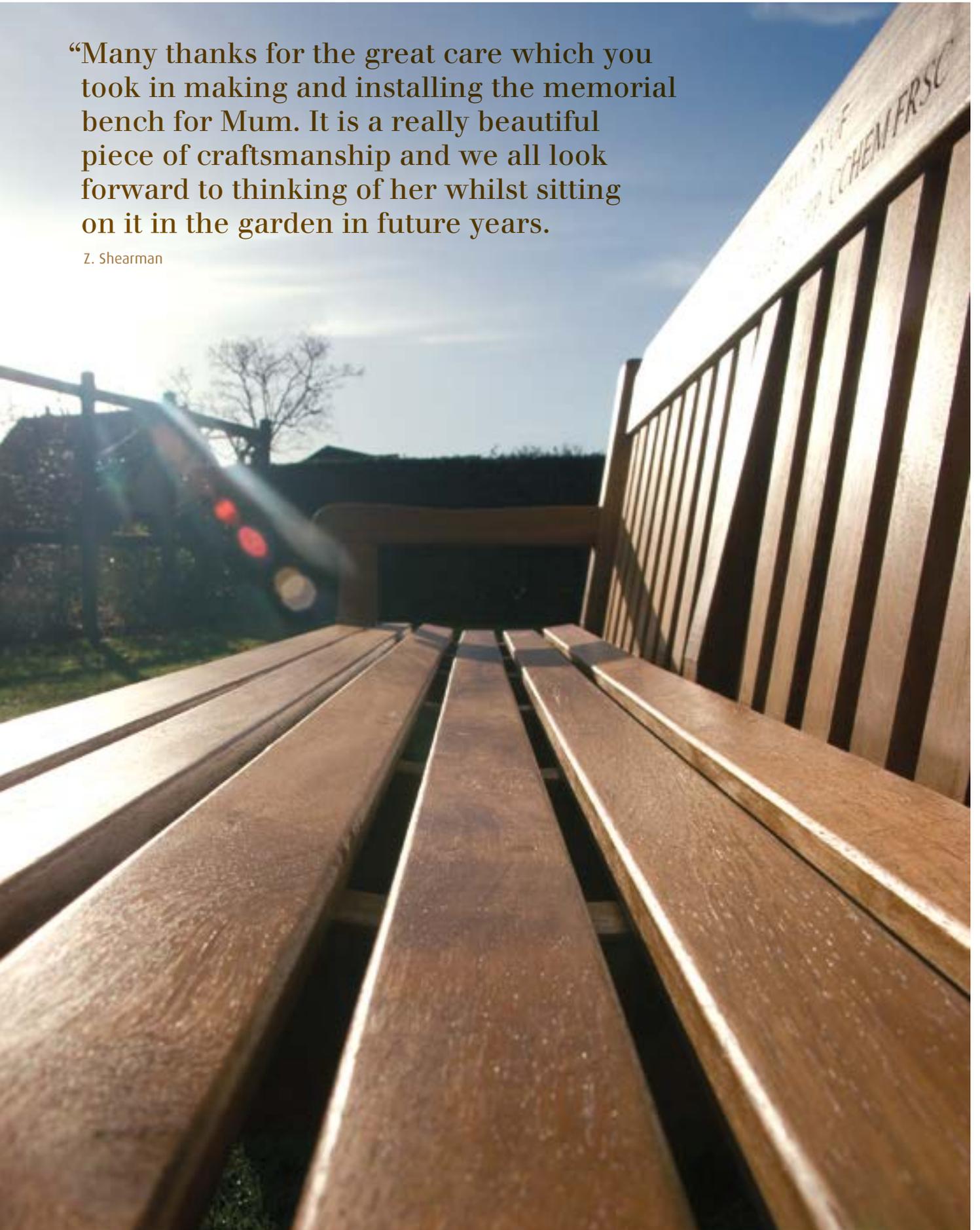


OXFORD MEMORIAL BENCHES
A complete and personal service



“Many thanks for the great care which you took in making and installing the memorial bench for Mum. It is a really beautiful piece of craftsmanship and we all look forward to thinking of her whilst sitting on it in the garden in future years.

Z. Shearman





A handsome and durable tribute to the memory of someone special

We specialise in the manufacture of top quality hardwood Memorial Benches, their delivery and installation to anywhere in the UK. Our company is family owned and we take great pride in all aspects of our business. Memorial bench manufacture (plus delivery and installation) is our only business activity.

All our benches are designed to provide a handsome and durable tribute to the memory of someone special. We use either Iroko or European Oak; both of which are strong, durable and stable hardwoods.

We manufacture 3 ranges of benches using Iroko and 2 ranges using Oak. Our benches vary in length from 1.2m to 2.4m and with two arm & leg designs and three back styles. They are designed to suit different locations, requirements and budgets.

We are able to hand carve inscriptions, pictures and motifs into the bench. A hand carved inscription makes the bench look much more special than just having a plaque fitted. An inscription is also a valuable security aid, it cannot be removed as can a plaque.

All benches are individually made to a specification and not down to a price, this gives all benches a maximum service life. The benches come fully assembled, which ensures a solid and strong structure.



The Oxford Range

The Oxford range is the heaviest of our Iroko benches and well up to heavy public use. It should be chosen when the bench is to be located in either a remote location and little or no maintenance will be carried out, or it may be subjected to heavy use. Many clients choose a bench from this range purely because they like the 'substantial' look.

The Oxford range is the heaviest range of benches that we manufacture in Iroko. These are suitable for situations that require the heaviest duty timber bench; if the budget is available then we always recommend you choose from this range.

The bench is constructed using 75mm timbers for the legs and arms, 50mm timbers for the three main rails, 50mm thick supports for the seat slats, larger screws to secure the supports to the rails, larger leg/rail braces and more substantial back slats. As a result they are approximately 30% heavier than the equivalent Woodstock bench.

This range of bench is available with the following features:

- Straight or shaped backs and standard or curved arms
- Sizes of 1.2/1.5/1.8/2.1m with 4 legs
- 2.4m in length with 6 legs.

They are well able to take abuse and neglect and should still be giving service in at least 30 years time.

This bench has been developed as result of working with public authorities.

Above: 1.8m Oxford Bench with shaped back and curved arms

Below: Straight Back/Standard Arm design
Bottom: Shaped Back/Standard Arm design



“Just to say thank you for your speedy and efficient service this morning. I am delighted with the bench and hope it will be enjoyed for many years to come by those who visit the churchyard.”

S. Johnson



Above: 1.5m Oxford Bench with scalloped back and curved arms and wide centre slat option.
 Left: Scalloped Back/Standard Arm design
 Middle left: Straight Back/Curved Arm design
 Bottom left: Shaped Back/Curved Arm design



When you order a 2.1m or a 2.4m bench with a high or shaped back, we will shape the back rail (as shown on the cover photo and above). This enhances the benches proportions and presents the script better, particularly when there are two lines of script. This shaping option can also be chosen for other sizes.

Sizes and Weights

- The 1.2m size weighs 38kg (84lb)
- The 1.5m size weighs 46kg (100lb)
- The 1.8m size weighs 54kg (119lb)
- The 2.1m size weighs 62kg (136lb)
- The 2.4m size weighs 74kg (163lb)

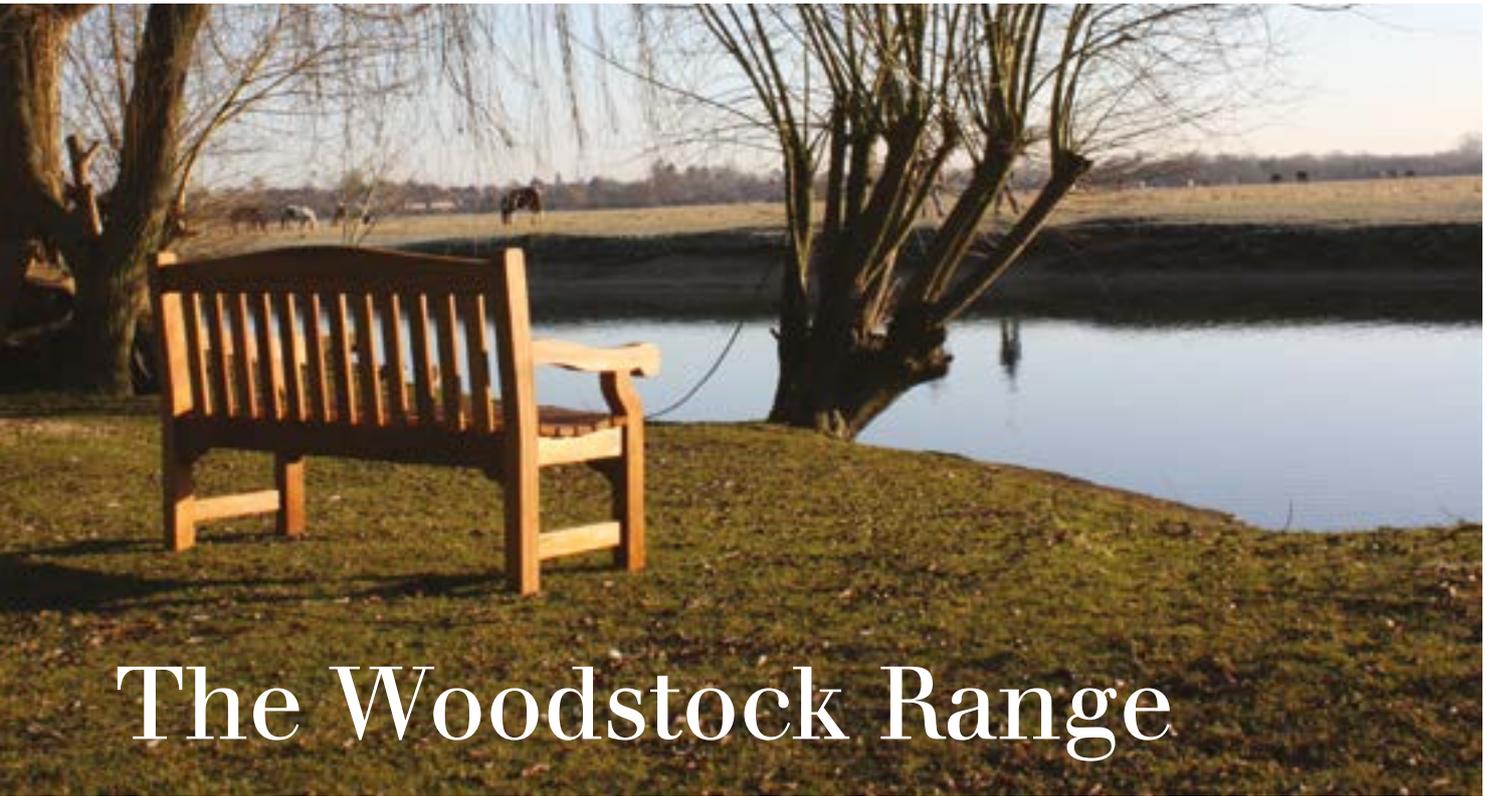


“I’ve been to see the bench and was very pleased with it, you have made an excellent job and it has been installed beautifully, thank you very much”

L. Webb

Oxford Range Price List

	Straight Back Standard Arms	Shaped Back Standard Arms	Straight Back Curved Arms	Shaped Back Curved Arms
Single Seat	£525	£540	£600	£620
1.2m (4ft)	£620	£645	£695	£715
1.5m (5ft)	£700	£725	£770	£795
1.8m (6ft)	£775	£800	£835	£860
2.1m (7ft)	£870	£905	£935	£970
2.4m (8ft) 6 legs	£1,255	£1,275	£1,330	£1,375



The Woodstock Range

The Woodstock range of Iroko benches has been manufactured since 1993 and we have delivered and installed to all parts of the UK.

This is our original range of Iroko benches and should be chosen if your budget falls short of a bench from the Oxford range, or you want a slightly lighter looking bench. These benches are well suited for installation in churchyards and similar locations.

We use 63mm timbers for the legs & arms and 37mm thick timbers for the main horizontal rails.

The seat and back slats are machined from 25mm timbers and the seat supports are from 37mm timbers.

This bench range is available in:

- Straight or shaped backs and standard or curved arms
- Sizes of 1.2/1.5/1.8m

Note:

- The 1.2m size weighs 32kg (70lb)
- The 1.5m size weighs 35kg (77lb)
- The 1.8m size weighs 38kg (84lb)

Woodstock Range Price List

	Straight Back Standard Arms	Shaped Back Standard Arms	Straight Back Curved Arms	Shaped Back Curved Arms
Single Seat	£480	£505	£565	£585
1.2m (4ft)	£565	£590	£645	£670
1.5m (5ft)	£640	£670	£715	£740
1.8m (6ft)	£720	£750	£795	£815

Above: 1.5m Woodstock Bench with shaped back and curved arms

Below: Shaped Back/Curved Arm design
Middle: Straight Back/Standard Arm design
Bottom: Shaped Back/Standard Arm design





The Burford Range

The Burford range of Iroko benches is the lightest currently on offer although with 50mm leg timbers it is still well specified.

Benches from this range are commonly used in care homes, primary schools or gardens. The 1.5m Burford bench weighs 26kg (56lbs), and yet is not too much trouble to move around.

These benches are made using 50mm timbers for the legs and arms and are made to the same exacting standards as the heavier benches.

We have made many of these benches and to date all are still giving good service, including those located in church yards, schools and museum grounds.

This bench range is available in:

- Straight or shaped back and standard arm designs
- 1.2m and 1.5m sizes

Note:

- The 1.2m size weighs 24kg (53lb)
- The 1.5m size weighs 26kg (57lb)

Above: 1.5m Burford Bench with shaped back and standard arms

Below: Straight Back/Standard Arm design
Bottom: Shaped Back/Standard Arm design



Burford Range Price List

	Straight Back / Standard Arms	Shaped Back / Standard Arms
Single Seat	£435	£450
1.2m (4ft)	£520	£550
1.5m (5ft)	£565	£595
Child Size 1.0m (long) x 0.67m (high): £380		



The Oak Range

Above: 2.4m Heavy-weight Oak with standard arm and straight back

We use only the best quality prime grade timber that has FSC[®] certification. This specification timber is much more expensive than the Iroko timber used in our standard range of benches.

Oak is a traditional timber for the construction of benches having a very high natural durability. The timber will darken initially and then mature to a beautiful silvery colour. The benches have a potential service life of at least 40 years and require only minimal maintenance.

Please be aware that Oak will stain slabs brown after rain – this will reduce when the timber has matured.

We have supplied a number of Oak benches to discerning and returning clients (English Heritage/National Trust) since 2005.

* FSC certified forest products are verified from the forest of origin through the supply chain. The FSC label ensures that the forest products used are from responsibly harvested and verified sources. Visit www.fsc.org for more information

The Heavy-weight Oak Bench

The heavy-weight range of Oak benches are suitable for the most extreme conditions. The material thicknesses are the same as in the Oxford range of Iroko benches and the designs and options are identical.

Many clients choose a heavy-weight Oak bench on the basis of its “chunky” appearance. We use 80mm timber for the arms and legs, 50mm for main horizontal rails and seat supports and 25mm timber for the seat slats.

“Thanks once again for the great service and all the last minute changes. You have been great to deal with especially when a subject can be so emotive.”

C.Morris

Heavy-weight Oak Price List

	Straight Back Standard Arms	Shaped Back Standard Arms	Straight Back Curved Arms	Shaped Back Curved Arms
1.2m (4ft)	£760	£790	£845	£875
1.5m (5ft)	£860	£895	£940	£995
1.8m (6ft)	£960	£1,000	£1,045	£1,100
2.1m (7ft)	£1,090	£1,135	£1,185	£1,235
2.4m (8ft) 6 legs	£1,505	£1,570	£1,605	£1,665



Above: 2.1m Heavy-weight Oak with standard arm and scalloped back

The Medium-weight Oak Bench

The general comments made about the heavy-weight Oak bench are applicable to the medium-weight range; the difference being only in the thicknesses of timber used in the construction.

The medium weight range has the same material thicknesses and design options as the Woodstock range of Iroko benches and are very suitable for use in public places.

We use 63mm timbers for the legs and arms, 40 and 32mm for the main horizontal rails and 25mm timbers for the seat slats.

Top right: 1.8m Medium-weight Oak with straight back standard arm
Right: 1.5m Medium-weight Oak with shaped back and standard arm

Medium-weight Oak Price List

	Straight Back Standard Arms	Shaped Back Standard Arms	Straight Back Curved Arms	Shaped Back Curved Arms
1.2m (4ft)	£700	£725	£790	£815
1.5m (5ft)	£790	£825	£885	£895
1.8m (6ft)	£865	£905	£970	£995



A.Hunter and Family





Hand carved inscriptions

For that special touch, we hand carve all our inscriptions using traditional hand tools. We also provide engraved plaques to accompany or instead of a carved message.

Hand carved inscriptions convey more meaning and are more personal than plaques.

We hand carve all inscriptions in Roman style script and in upper case only – this traditional style carves well, is very clear and the characters are durable.

The characters of the main inscription are usually 25mm in height and if a supporting text is required then we usually advise 23mm characters. A carved inscription cannot be removed as can a plaque and is thus a valuable anti-theft measure, also the inscription does not deteriorate over time.

All carving is carried out by ourselves using traditional hand tools, we have carved inscriptions for many years and have been professionally trained by a master carver.

We layout the inscription manually and thus have full control over positioning, sizing and the overall look and balance of the inscription/motif.

Please note that two or three lines of script always require a shaped or high back. If the upper script is long then it will be necessary to shape the top rail as per the 2.4m bench shown on the cover of the brochure. This is necessary to avoid the script getting too close to the edge of the top rail.

We can also carve motifs into the bench if required (for example, a butterfly or a fish), please supply an image or artwork to base our carving on. We will then supply you with a design to approve.

Across our bench range we are able to substitute the two middle back slats for one wide slat (approx 180mm in width), on which we can carve a large subject or a centre cut-out (a heart, for example).

Please ensure that all names, dates etc are correct when requesting carved script; this is particularly important if you are handling the affair on behalf of another party. It is not possible to rectify an error in carved script.

Hand carved inscriptions are charged at £4.50 per character.



“It is beautifully crafted and of such pleasing design – it’s exactly what we wanted as a memorial to my late husband.”

D Burton



Above: 1.5m Woodstock bench with shaped back and curved arms

Plaques

We can supply traditional solid brass, stainless steel or a very durable brass effect acrylic laminate that is UV stable.

All plaques are fitted into a machined recess and held in place with screws or stainless steel pins. At times when a particularly long sentiment is required, a combination of a hand carved inscription and a plaque can be used (see top right image).

We select a size that best suits the amount of script required as well as the size and design of bench. All script is finished in black unless otherwise requested. Please be aware that brass and bronze plaques will tarnish and regular polishing will remove the black infill of the lettering.

We are also happy to fit a plaque supplied by yourself (charge of £25 if fitted into machined recess). If the plaque is carrying a sentiment or acknowledgement that is secondary to the main carved inscription, then this is often best placed centrally on the front lower rail (the longitudinal rail under the knees when seated) – this leaves the main inscription uncluttered.

Please ensure that all aspects of the engraving are correct when ordering a plaque. This is particularly important if you are handling the affair on behalf of another party.



Top: Brass Plaque
Middle and Bottom: Stainless Steel Plaque

Plaques Price List

Plaques 150 x 50mm approx for up to 50 characters (for extra characters please add £0.30 per character)

Brass / Bronze	£55
Stainless Steel	£75



“I didn’t want any old bench, I wanted the best, and that is what I got.”

Kath

Timber Care and Maintenance

Weathering

Both Iroko and Oak are rated as being very durable. Our benches can be left outside all year round with periodic cleaning being advised to remove algae and lichen buildup.

In service the weathering process will lead to cracks developing in the timbers, especially in the end grain – this is unavoidable and does not affect the strength or durability. All timbers reacts this way and it is particularly obvious in hot and dry conditions.

The very attractive coloration of freshly machined Iroko and Oak will change to a silvery colour over time.

Please be aware that initially new benches in both Oak and Iroko will show water stains after rain. Additionally Oak will stain patio slabs etc a dark brown colour after rain; this is called iron stain and is caused by the very high level of tannin present in Oak. If this is not acceptable choose an Iroko bench.

Treatment

In order to minimize the rate at which lichens build up we recommend that the bench be treated with clear preservative. This will also enhance the life of the bench. Clear preservative will not reduce water staining of the bench after rain. This treatment is suitable for both Iroko and Oak and will allow the bench to mature naturally.

It is also possible to treat an Iroko bench with a stain such as “Iroko Protector”. This enhances Iroko’s natural coloration and in addition partly seals the timber which will reduce the cracking that will occur due to weathering.

The stain we use is a low build water based stain and we have found that it enhances the appearance of the bench without looking false as occurs when a high build stain is used.

Please be aware that any stain such as “Iroko Protector” will require reapplication within a few months to maintain the finish.

We do not recommend treating an Oak bench with anything other than clear preservative as the high tannin content of Oak throws off any stain or paint.

Whilst we take great care in applying any finish we give no guarantee of its durability.

Treatment Price List

	3 coats of Iroko Protector	2 coats of Clear Preservative
Single Seat	£65	£40
Child Bench	£75	£40
1.2m Bench	£85	£55
1.5m Bench	£90	£60
1.8m Bench	£100	£65
2.1m Bench	£105	£70
2.4m Bench	£120	£75



Above: 1.8m Oxford Bench with shaped back and curved arms plus small version

Installation

We provide a delivery and installation service, or we can deliver/supply you with an installation kit so that a local contractor can carry out the work. The bench can be installed directly into a grassed area, it can be secured to slabs in a grassed area or can be secured to a plinth.

In all cases we use specially made galvanised steel brackets/anchors and stainless steel screws. Securing to a specially made plinth or onto slabs keeps the bench clear of the ground and will ensure maximum life of the bench.

A properly constructed plinth should be at least 300mm longer than the bench and be a minimum of 1200mm front to back and 75mm

thick – this ensures maximum comfort and that the foot area does not become muddy; if you want a plinth then you must arrange this locally, we cannot provide.

When choosing a location for the bench try to select an area that is reasonably flat and not too close to trees as the roots will cause problems.

Our installation kits consist of high quality steel brackets/anchors that have been drilled and then hot dip/spun galvanised to ISO1461 which gives an expected maintenance-free life of at least 50 years; the screws and anti theft nuts used are stainless steel and the shield anchors are zinc plated.



Above: Installation onto a plinth
Middle: Installation onto slabs
Below: Installation into a grassed/open area

Installation Kits Price List

Installation kit (onto plinth/into grass/against wall)	£45 (4 legs)	£68 (6 legs)
Installation kit plus 2 off concrete slabs	£75 (4 legs)	£112 (6 legs)
Concrete slab (600 x 300 x 50mm)	£15 each	

Installation Labour Price List

Secure bench to existing hardstand or against wall	£50 (4 legs)	£75 (6 legs)
Dig holes and cement anchors into grassed areas	£95 (4 legs)	£130 (6 legs)
Lay 2 off concrete slabs / bed onto cement and secure using above kit	£95 (4 legs)	£130 (6 legs)

“It’s now about a year since you installed three benches at St Michael & All Angels Church in Chiswick, London. You will be pleased to know that I have heard nothing but praise about them; they look lovely and are standing up well to very tough wear and tear.”

Alan T



Delivery

Our charge for delivery is based on the mileage and will usually be based on us being able to combine a number of deliveries. We deliver using our own transport whenever possible – this minimises the risk of damage during transit and also we are then able to offer an installation service.

When it is not practical or too expensive to deliver using our own transport we can send the bench on a pallet. The bench is fully protected using bubble wrap and cardboard and is clamped onto the pallet; the maximum size that can be sent on a pallet is 1.8m.

Warranty

Our benches are guaranteed to be free of defects in material or workmanship for 12 months from date of delivery; by defect we mean any aspect of material or workmanship that will prevent the bench being suitable for the purpose for which it was sold. This excludes the cracking that will occur due to drying out of the timber caused by the sun – this is unavoidable and occurs with any timber left outside. Treatment of the timber with a stain (as we offer) or an oil will reduce this.

It is not possible for us to give any guarantee on the treatment. Whilst we take great care to apply our finishes, the durability of the treatment is dependent on each individual situation.



Ordering and Payment Procedure

Please use our online form to place an order or make an enquiry or you can call us on 01993 881464. All our benches are made to order and sometimes our lead-time increases to 18 weeks. However, we will always try our best to accommodate urgent orders.

Important ordering information

Make sure that you have obtained permission for the bench to be installed in your chosen location and also that the method of securing/installing the bench is approved.

When you order we will send you a letter of confirmation detailing the exact specification and send you an invoice for the deposit.

Payment

We require a deposit of approximately 25% in order to confirm an order, with the balance payable on delivery or collection by yourself. Alternatively you can pay the entire amount when placing an order if that is more convenient.

All payment is to be made by cheque or by BACS transfer. (if you bank via the internet).

We do not accept payment by debit/credit card.

VAT

All prices stated in this brochure are inclusive of VAT.

“I visited Peters bench this weekend which you installed at Woodland Waters. It is lovely, and I am sure that many of his family and friends will sit and look at the Lake and imagine Peter fishing there as I did. Thank you.”

J. Boden

Every endeavour has been made to ensure that the information contained in this document was accurate at the date of going to press May 2015. We reserve the right, whilst preserving the essential characteristics of the benches described, to introduce any modifications or specifications as may be considered necessary to improve their design, or for any other reason of a constructional nature.

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“The bench that you made and installed for us is absolutely beautiful. It’s the nicest bench I’ve seen. It’s very special as it’s right next to my mother’s ashes. All our family are very happy, and I just wanted to thank you on behalf of them. Please pass on our gratitude to your workers.”

Steve

Opening Times

Monday to Friday: **09:00 - 17:00**

Saturday: **09:00 - 13:00** (by appointment)

Sunday and Bank Holidays: **Closed**

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You are most welcome to visit us at our workshop but please ring first to make sure we will be present.