

STREET FURNITURE CASE STUDY



Hereford Cathedral – Cathedral Close

Client: C.J.Bayliss for Hereford Cathedral

Architect/Designer: Wales & Wales

Products specified: Wales & Wales CHICO bench
Bespoke memorial carving
Concealed ground fixing system

Materials & processes: FSC European oak hardwood
304 Grade stainless steel

Quantity of products: 9

Project value: £20k

Status: Completed

Project Overview: Between 2009 and 2011 Hereford Cathedral Close underwent a dramatic £5 million project to restore Cathedral Close as an important public space and setting for the Cathedral. The aim has been to re-establish the beauty and dignity of the Close at the heart of this historic city and diocese. Benchmark was asked to supply seating to this architecturally sensitive area and undertook a hectic 8-week programme manufacturing 9 large CHICO benches in FSC European oak. Funding was from donors and many of the benches were in memorial, Benchmark carved the benches with detailed inscriptions and emblems reflecting highest levels of craftsmanship. The project took a high degree of co-ordination with the Cathedral due to the complex nature of the carvings; the benches were delivered in time for the formal dedication ceremony.