

# The Aircraft Bench

In 2020, how are you celebrating the Battle of Britain?



This early WWII Bristol Blenheim provides a themed resting point

**This aircraft bench is an amazing way of celebrating your WWII airfield. With an artistic interpretation of an aircraft (like this Bristol Blenheim), you will be creating an uplifting and inspiring feature to remember your airfield's unique history. Choose one of our aircraft designs or ask us to produce something specific to your site; something special, in solid, durable, local timber.**

There were hundreds of airfields across the UK in WWII. The vast majority of them have disappeared with housing and agricultural development. Let's not forget the sacrifice of our countrymen.

If you are managing or developing a greenspace, what better way to acknowledge your local history than with an aircraft bench made using sustainable English timber from our workshop?

## **British Craftsmanship**

The aircraft model you choose will be handcrafted to a scale that suits your site. Our skilled craftsmen use sustainable, English timber to make these solid benches that withstand weathering and vandalism.



Creating a Barracuda Fighter in our workshop

There are no visible fixings above the bench and the robust design is put together to give a smooth, sanded and oiled surface. With an artistic interpretation of an aircraft, the bench will capture your visitors' imaginations.

## Working with British Timber

By selecting high quality and durable timber, we are able to guarantee our benches for 10 years and expect them to be enjoyed for much longer. The wings of the aircraft benches are made from at least two-inch (50 mm) thick timbers. Due to their sizeable dimensions, any graffiti or damage can be sanded off and the bench re-oiled.



**Fairey Barracuda Fighter**

The aircraft bench can be secured to hard surfaces or lawns using a range of robust techniques. Our normal seat height is 18 inches (450 mm) above ground level.

## A Picture Bench with a view

We have a wide range of bench styles, if you are looking for a more traditional form of seating visit [www.greenspace.co.uk](http://www.greenspace.co.uk) for design ideas. For example, with our carved bench we can add a view, your local features, a view or key historic images to help you interpret your area and its unique story.



**Ellie Harrison (Countryfile presenter) with HRH Prince Charles on a carved Greenspace Designs Picture Bench**

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### It's chocks away for a new-look community garden

**FLYING HIGH** Left, Tom Hills fits the seat together and right, Jeanne Duckworth and Jilda Weir enjoy a bit of a sit down  
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A COMMUNITY garden which is being built in Wroughton is making flying progress.  
An unused patch of grass, which runs alongside the A4631 Devizes Road between Barrett Way and Wroughton Working Men's Club, is being transformed into a vibrant garden thanks to a £40,000 grant.  
Aeroplane shaped seats, which are carved out of wood, were installed this week, meaning work is almost complete. Brian Tildesley, chairman of Vision For Wroughton, said: "We decided additional seating in the garden should be sculpted out of wood to resemble an aeroplane because of Wroughton's connection with

The garden, funded through a Community Spaces Big Lottery grant, is expected to officially open in September. The area is used for the village's annual duck race but has been redesigned so it will no longer be just a drab cut-through the rest of the year.  
"Once we have got the aeroplane seats in we have just got the planting left to do," he said.  
When the garden is finished it will include flowerbeds, including a sensory bed for the visually impaired, natural seating around a garden area, butterfly and bee beds to encourage wildlife and a small number of fruit trees.  
Anyone interested in helping to

## Community Projects

We are happy to work alongside your local community to carve their designs onto your bench.



**Horsa Glider used to carry troops**

## Costs

### Aircraft bench:

- 10 ft (3 m) wingspan £2,500 plus delivery, installation & VAT
- 16 ft (5 m) wingspan £3,500 plus delivery, installation & VAT

### Picture bench:

7ft (2.2 m) long £2,450 plus delivery, installation & VAT

**Installation service:** £300 per bench plus VAT

**Delivery:** £2.20 per mile plus VAT from EX20 4HX

**Note:** timber sculptures are made from a local, sustainably produced living material that will crack and split to a minor degree as they settle into a new location. This is a natural process that does not detract from the form or the function of the product.