



Oxford Oak

# Aftercare

## Street furniture

Our street furniture has been built to minimise maintenance, through the use of naturally durable oak, generously proportioned beams, and details which help shed rain water.

Oak is a naturally durable hardwood, so it doesn't require any protective treatments. Over time, our street furniture will naturally weather to an attractive silver grey colour.

### Storage

All our oak products should be stored covered, in shade outdoors, whilst awaiting installation.

### Cleaning

We recommend an annual clean with water and a stiff brush or nylon scouring pad to remove any dirt and debris. **Do not** use a jet wash or wire wool as this will damage the oak. Graffiti can normally be removed by careful sanding when the timber is dry.

### Splinters

The oak is seasoned specifically to suit outdoor use. However, as a natural material, it may be affected by seasonal variations in humidity, causing shrinking and expansion, which can result in small cracks or splinters.

Check seats for any cracks or splinters. Remove any splinters, and sand with 100 grit sandpaper to leave a smooth finish.

### Bolts and Screws

Seasonal variations in humidity can make bolts and screws come loose. We therefore recommend annually checking fixings on our all benches that use these.

### Steel components

Steel bench bases should require no maintenance other than a yearly check on condition.

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