



PAPAL VISIT COMMEMORATIVE SEATING AREA CASE STUDY

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Location: Bellahouston Park, South Side, Glasgow

Dates: June – August 2011-09-08

Client: Glasgow City Council

Main Contractor: Covanburn Contracts

Project Background:

The commemorative seating area is located on the south side of Bellahouston Park, Glasgow and was established to commemorate the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the city in September 2010. The spot is close to where he celebrated mass in front of tens of thousands of pilgrims. Glasgow city council commissioned the projects as a permanent reminder of the historic day.

Tender Process:

GHM Masonry received a copy of the council's enquiry from Covanburn contracts who were the main contractor on the project. Covanburn required us to supply stone carved with an inscription. GHM Masonry submitted our costs and a programme of works to Covanburn and we were awarded the contract.



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Specification:

1. Cut 20no yorkstone slabs into curved shapes to form a ring around the seating area and engrave with the text " Pope Benedict XVI – Bellahouston Park – 16 September 2010 – St Ninian's Day"
2. Engrave 4no yorkstone slabs, to be placed on a bed of mortar to form a cube in the centre of the seating area with the text "God's peace and blessing to you all. God surround you and may God bless the people of Scotland" In English and Gaelic
3. Carefully pallet and wrap the 8 pieces of stone for transporting to the park for installation by Covanburn
4. Complete all works to schedule to allow installation before the official opening on 19th August 2011

Description of Works:

1. Cost and programme submission
2. Procurement of stone as per the detailed specification of Glasgow City Council
3. Design and produce scale template to be used for the carving of the inscriptions
4. Carving 20no York stone slabs into equally curved shapes and polishing the edges
5. Cutting the 4 pieces of slab to specified size and polishing the edges
6. Carving the inscriptions to a depth of 2.5mm onto each section of stone
7. Pallet each stone individually using bubble wrap to protect ready for transportation

Summary:

The commemorative seating area enjoys a fantastic vantage point over the park. GHM Masonry is delighted to have been able to contribute to the permanent space marking the Pope's visit to the city. We have been especially pleased to hear the fantastic comments made by those who attended the official opening by Archbishop Conti and Lord Provost of Glasgow, Bob Winter.