## **Bench - The Dartmouth Bench**



Produced by Lost Art Limited for a significant Heritage Lottery Fund park restoration in West Bromwich. The original benches in the park had all long since disappeared and therefore Lost Art were commissioned to reproduce the benches based solely on visual documents that remained. The original source of the benches was also unknown but was not one of the major foundries of the time, although there were many smaller foundries operating in the midlands throughout the Victorian and Edwardian eras.

The benches comprise chamfered timber slats between substantial cast iron supports that feature geometric and heraldic elements, including pierced trefoils and quatrefoils. We produced a pattern that allowed for the casting of bench spurts that either include the arm rests or can be produced without them and both styles are in evidence throughout the park. As a finishing touch, the painted supports feature highlighting in a pearlized paint finish to add further interest to the rather elegant supports.

