

## Memorial Seat Information

**Thank you for your query regarding a Memorial Bench.**

**Donations to cover the costs of placing seats within the following Parks, Greenspaces, Play Areas, Countryside Sites and Cemeteries/Churchyards are welcome by Aberdeen City Council**

**Parks** – Currently, there are no spaces available for seats within the city’s main Parks but there are spaces available at Westfield Park, Allan Park, Stewart Park, Bon Accord Terrace Gardens and Queens Links / Beach Esplanade.

**Greenspaces** - Most green spaces can accommodate a seat. *(please be aware an additional cost may apply to install a concrete base)*

**Play Areas** - A play area with no provision of seating at present will be favoured.

**Countryside Sites** - Deeside Line Walkway, Danestone Countryside Park, Woodside Countryside Park, Den of Maidencraig, Hazlehead Woods, Tullos Hill, Walker Dam, Brimmond Hill, Auchmill Community Woodland, Fernielea Walk, Hilton Woods.

**Note:** The choice of seat will be limited in some locations to retain continuity with existing furniture.

### Seat styles available:

#### **Phoenix Jubilee seat - 1.9 m**

*(Preferred at the Beach, Greenspaces or Countryside sites)*

Combines environmental awareness and aesthetics. The seat offers superb strength with minimal maintenance. Black Enviropol® material seat ends are standard and the slats are available in dark brown. Enviropol® material or Timberpol® material. The seat frame is manufactured in mild steel with an Armortec® corrosion-resistant coating to give added protection and a long service life.



**Plaques** - A stainless steel commemorative plaque can be supplied with the seat. Up to 5 lines of inscription with no more than 35 characters per line. The lettering is laser-etched permanently onto the surface. Manufactured from stainless steel, and therefore minimizing any maintenance needed, this plaque is ideal for outdoor environments and will keep its appearance for many years. Standard size 50 x 150mm

## **Plymouth Seat – 2.2m**

### ***(Preferred at The Beach)***

Organically curved, with a hint of tradition about it, this attractive seat has been designed for contemporary environments and is our preferred seat to be located at Queens Link / Beach Esplanade – the section of the beach will dictate which colour the seat will be.



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## **Cavendish seat - 1.8 m for Parks 1.5 m for Cemeteries**

A heavyweight seat having substantial timber sections that give increased strength, whilst retaining the inherent elegance of this traditional design. This seat type is principally intended for parks and cemeteries. The particularly deep main rails shorten the length of the back slats which are a generous 16mm thick.



Plaques - Engraved stainless steel plaque – Up to 5 lines of inscription with no more than 36 characters per line. It is in heavy gauge stainless steel and is flush mounted into the seat board. It is retained by two M10 stainless steel tamper resistant screws, which neatly hold the plaque from the rear. Standard size 63 x 152 mm.

## **Clarendon seat – 1.8 m**

### ***(preferred for Parks)***

These all steel fully welded designs have tubular legs attached by tamper resistant bolts. The seat is a comfortable shape. The seat will have pedestal legs and be bolted to the ground.

Plaques – An engraved Stainless Steel Plaque can be supplied. It is heavy gauge stainless steel and surface mounted, but still secured from the rear. Any length of inscription is possible with these plaques, though at more than 200 characters, the inscription becomes harder to read.

Standard size 63 x 152mm, non-standard 63 x 228mm

Characters infilled and stove enameled in black.



## **Installation**

The seat will be placed in a suitable area to be agreed between yourself and the Council. All seats will be bolted to hard surfaces in most situations.

## **Cost**

The cost for 2023-24 is £1800 and includes the seat, plaque and installation on existing hard surfacing. If the preferred location is in grass or other soft ground, a concrete foundation will be required at an additional charge of £550.

## **Timescale**

Benches can take a minimum of 12 weeks to order and install.

## **Payment**

An invoice will be sent. Please provide the following details:

Full Name and Address

Telephone Number

How and where to pay by invoice:

All details are on the reverse of the invoice and includes information on how to pay online, telephone, in person etc.

## **Contact**

Please state your preferred location and preference of seat when contacting us.

Email address: **[benches@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:benches@aberdeencity.gov.uk)**

## **Maintenance**

The maintenance of the seat will rest with the donor/sponsor and not Aberdeen City Council. The donor /sponsor may carry out maintenance work following consultation with the Council.

It may be necessary to remove a bench from a site due to its condition, or if the bench is deemed to be damaged beyond repair particularly with regards to safety issues for the public.

Officers will endeavour to contact the donor of the bench to inform of the removal/impending removal of the bench, to allow the donor to arrange suitable repairs in a timely manner and as agreed with Council Officers. Please ensure that the Council is kept up to date with any changes of address.

We decommission benches when they reach the end of their life which can be up to 20 years. Council officers will be the sole judge of when a bench has reached this stage. The bench and plaque will be stored for 12 months. The donor will be contacted where possible and offered the opportunity to purchase a new seat. The original plaque will be returned to the donor should they wish. If contact cannot be established and the donor or any other associated person does not respond or contact the Council within this time, the seat is decommissioned, and salvageable parts recycled.

## **Tributes**

We request that floral or other tributes are not left or attached to memorial benches as this impedes the use of the bench.