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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Katie Worthington

I know Katie Worthington from working with her on the re-ordering of the church of SS. Peter & Paul, Wolverhampton, for which I was the architect. I have subsequently got to know her through our membership of the Art Workers' Guild, where she has exhibited. I understand that she served an apprenticeship in carving at York Minster, and her subsequent work has included some notable commissions including work at Westminster Abbey.

Katie was responsible for the carving of the new altar, ambo, tabernacle and credence table at Wolverhampton. All of these items were designed to enhance the Greek revival interior of this grade II* listed church. Katie sourced and procured the Sicilian Lavagnina marble, carved the pieces in her workshop (including hand carved lettering, precise mouldings and 3 dimensional modelling) and was then responsible for their safe delivery to site, installation and polishing. These tasks were completed to a tight programme to suit other works in the church. Katie was pro-active and communicative throughout. The work involved working with large stones, and Katie assembled a team of fixers to install the marble with her. The works were much admired on completion and the project won the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association President's Award in 2009, and was runner up in the Georgian Group Awards in the church category in 2011.

I look forward to seeing how her career develops in the future.

Yours faithfully, For Rodney Melville & Partners Ltd.

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