

From: Martin A Smith BSc (Hons)
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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Ben Steele Joinery

I have known Ben Steele for 10 years in a professional capacity as a Joiner/ Carpenter, formerly working as an employee for Brown and Whittaker (a local builder with a reputation for high quality craftsmanship in all building trades) on School projects and since 2014 working as a self - employed Joiner/Carpenter for the School on many projects.

Ben's expert knowledge and experience has been proven to be of great value to the School in repairing, refurbishing and construction works on a variety of building projects across both of our Schools (we also own Casterton) which has some 75 buildings. Within our portfolio of buildings we have 14 x listed buildings, Ben has worked on some of our listed buildings where he has taken into consideration the legal and historic importance ensuring that any works are conducted sympathetically and in keeping with the heritage value.

The School owes a great debt to Ben as he was one of a group of local Contractors who assisted the finishing off of a building which was subject to a bankrupt contractor leaving site and leaving the School in a precarious position. Ben and another local Joiner carried out all of the final finishing Joinery work, on time, on budget and to a high standard of finish.

I would have no reservations about recommending Ben Steele for any Joinery/Carpentry works, he is polite, punctual, delivers on time, customer focused, health and safety aware and totally reliable.

Ben also understands the implications of working in a School where there are many safeguarding issues to work around. More importantly and relevant to all businesses, Ben has often provided cost effective alternative solutions to save costs for the school.

Yours faithfully

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Re: Ian Lowis Joinery

I have known Ian for 3 years in a professional capacity and in that time Ian has been employed as a self - employed Joiner/Carpenter working for the School on many projects.

Ian's expert knowledge and experience has been proven to be of great value to the School in repairing, refurbishing and construction works on a variety of building projects across both of our Schools (we also own Casterton) which has some 75 buildings. Within our portfolio of buildings we have 14 x listed buildings, Ben has worked on some of our listed buildings where he has taken into consideration the legal and historic importance ensuring that any works are conducted sympathetically and in keeping with the heritage value.

The School owes a great debt to Ian as he was one of a group of local Contractors who assisted the finishing off of a building which was subject to a bankrupt contractor leaving site and leaving the School in a precarious position. Ian and another local Joiner carried out all of the final finishing Joinery work, on time, on budget and to a high standard of finish.

I would have no reservations about recommending Ian Lowis for any Joinery/Carpentry works, he is polite, punctual, delivers on time, customer focused, health and safety aware and totally reliable.

Ian also understands the implications of working in a School where there are many safeguarding issues to work around. More importantly and relevant to all businesses, Ian has often provided cost effective alternative solutions to save costs for the school.

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