

# THE MAILBOX

BIRMINGHAM B1

## BESPOKE HANDCRAFTED COPPER COATING AT THE MAILBOX

### The Challenge

To provide a bespoke elite metal finish to the sculptural folded benches, complementing the quality surroundings at The Mailbox.

Bradleys Metal Finishers, along with the artist, experienced some intense moments whilst seeking to fulfil a unique metal coating finish that was unique, outstanding and achievable.

With a pioneering approach and working 'hands-on' with the artist, we took this antique copper finish a step further into a world of its own.

### Our Solution

The bespoke benches, acknowledging the city's metal design industries, were coated in a bespoke handcrafted genuine copper coating at Bradleys, perfectly enhancing the quality surroundings.

With an element of design freedom many hours of skilled discerning hand-work went in to create this totally unique focal point and unprecedented bespoke metal coated finish.



The depth of richness within the finish is alive and creative and brings imagination from tropical plants to the sense of a velvet couch.

With these benches in The Mailbox you could almost be walking into a sculpture gallery in New York and they certainly add a unique layer to the whole centre as well as blending in seamlessly with the intended purpose of a high-class shopping centre.

### The Detail

A Royal Mail sorting office strategically situated in the Birmingham city centre was developed in to what is known as The Mailbox.

The Mailbox development has provided a designer shopping centre with luxury retailers, as well as residential and offices. It is easily accessible and even has a dedicated Waterbus service.

The mall was originally open to the elements and has more recently been enclosed to form a high-quality arcade, the perfect backdrop for these bespoke sculptural benches!

Bradleys Metal Finishers was trusted to provide metal finishing services to this outstanding project that has been awarded the RIBA West Midlands Award 2018.



## PROJECT DATA

Location	Birmingham B1
Sector	Retail & Sculpture
Completion	2015
Items Coated	Bench seat sculptures
Systems	Metalage
Durability	Internal
Finish	MTL259 - Copper Black



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