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It sounds almost like an extract from a period novel, a snapshot of bygone times, but when Chris Brammall established his blacksmithing business in the tiny village of Graythwaite in the Lake District it wasn't just some halcyon dream of re-creating a cottage industry of yore.

Chris is a very much a local of the area, a region which he says still delivers so much inspiration for his work: "Surrounded by beautiful scenery, both mountains and sea; working with all the characters of the communities and the sheer variety of work that we're commissioned to undertake."

Variety is a good word to choose and the commissions Chris speaks of are a diverse and eclectic portfolio, ranging from the pure industrial to, quite frankly, incredible public realm pieces and artworks.

Working in conjunction artists, architects and engineers has afforded Chris and his team of nine staff a significant depth of knowledge with regard to art initiatives and high profile projects in prominent public spaces, and they now regularly provide a consultancy service to enable such clients develop strategies and concepts for projects from initial stages through to manufacture and installation.

The Chris Brammall team (currently fifteen in number) now work from a dedicated and self-built 750sqm workshop just on the edge of the Lakes in Ulverston, a space which enables them to tackle pretty much anything which heads their way.

The projects and schemes they undertake incorporate a variety of techniques, materials and finishes: mild and stainless steel, corten, bronze, copper, stone, timber, glass and lighting.

With much work being commissioned for public realm pieces, a practical and robust approach is taken to create pieces with longevity, low maintenance and anti-vandal considerations while at the same time being of the highest aesthetic value.

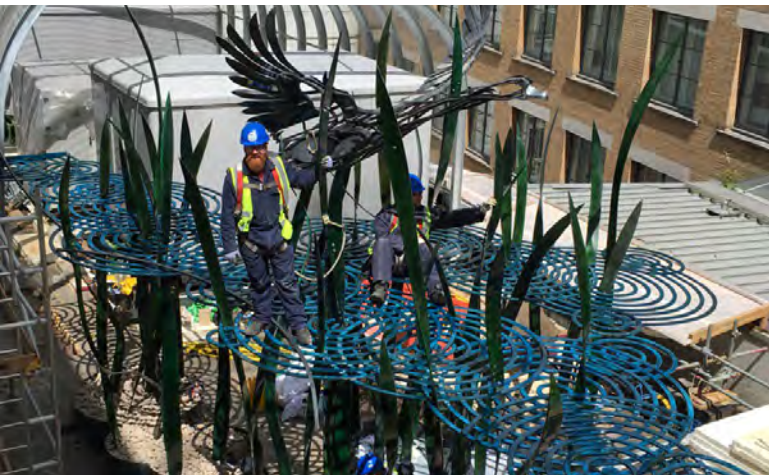
Chris is quick to point out the strengths of his team and their 'can do' approach: "We're a strong team unit and have great spirit. There's a great diversity of abilities amongst our people with some very specialist skills in-house; there needs to be to ensure a continuity of quality workmanship on each piece. We also have a strong sense of 'ownership' of each piece - everyone doing their best work means we consistently deliver to a very high standard."



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Chris is still very much hands-on and involved with every step from design and manufacture to installation and overseeing of all projects.

Highlights of the business over recent years, Chris points to the striking bandstand on the Glebe at Bowness-on-Windermere, a new footbridge in the village of Staveley as well as to projects further afield such as the entrance to the Churchill War Rooms in London.

“Working on projects in and around Lake District is always a great honour for us and being commissioned by the National Park Authority is something we’re very proud of.”



“On a more personal level the successful building and installation of every piece brings great satisfaction. Every development in our work and workshop is still a great moment for me. For example, the recent completion of our new offices, allowing a more practical work area for office staff, and the opening-up of space for workshop staff.”

Looking to the future, Chris’ plans are to continue to expand and the company has recently taken on two new members of staff, including a trainee blacksmith who is undertaking an apprenticeship.

For the future, the company is also looking to develop a range of ‘off the shelf’ public realm pieces such as benches, bollards and shelters, and expand our blacksmithing range for private residential customers as well.



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An area known globally for its astounding natural beauty and unique vibrant culture, South Lakeland is also home for a thriving and innovative business environment where companies can become established, grow and prosper.

The entrepreneurial business spirit is strongly encouraged in South Lakeland, reflected in the healthy number of fledgling enterprises setting up each year in our region, and our work also encompasses projects designed to help make the first steps to start-up as easy as possible.

The Economic Development Team at South Lakeland District Council are an inward investment service providing information and support to businesses of all sizes, covering all industry sectors, whether you are already here or are looking to locate your operations in South Lakeland.

The Economic Development Team are here to help your business uncover the exciting potential that exists here. Should you have any questions, we are on hand to assist and tell you more about the opportunities to be found in the most beautiful corner of the UK.

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