



Caring for your sculpture

1. You now have a unique piece of sculpture in your garden
2. In the first 2 years you should have to do nothing apart from remove cobwebs from the sculpture and remove any bird deposits carefully with a wet cloth or moistened old tooth brush. After removing the deposits from the bird, please wash it with clean water.
3. The driftwood in sunlight will become lighter and may turn to bleached grey. This can be brought back to the original colour by careful use of a water blaster after the stone birds have been removed. Any loose fibres created from water blasting when dry, can be burnt off with an electric hot air gun to give a smooth finish again.
4. After cleaning you may decide that you wish to retain this colour. We have found a coat of Dryden Wood Oil will enhance the natural colour. If a second coat is needed, this product needs at least a week between coats and I would recommend leaving it for a further 72 hours to thoroughly dry before refitting the birds. This will then need to be repeated annually with one coat to maintain the natural colour.



5. Depending where the sculpture is located in the garden whether in sunlight or under trees, after 3 years the birds will need retreating with a water based silicone sealant such as Cemix Ornamental Sealer. This keeps the birds white with no algal staining.
6. The first stage of retreating is to wash the bird/s and remove any deposits with an old tooth brush or use an environmental friendly cleaner or household bleach. Afterwards wash the bird/s in clean water and allow to dry. Apply the Ornamental Sealer as per the instructions on the rear of the trigger pack. I do have customers who have re-sealed their birds with anorak waterproofing solution which appears to work well.
7. If you decide to do nothing to the sculpture, it will naturally gain maturity and may have more character in the garden setting. Enjoy it.

If you have any problems with caring for your sculpture please email me on

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