

Barnshaws put their hands into work: stainless steel tube bending for 'Working Hands' sculpture

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A 7ft high stainless steel sculpture has been unveiled at Merryton Roundabout to mark the regeneration of Larkhall. The 'Working Hands' sculpture, which is made of stainless steel and Caithness stone, comprises two raised hands in outline with wrapped-in threads rising to form a lark.

Due to previous successful architectural projects, Barnshaws Metal Bending (<http://www.barnshaws.com>) was awarded with the job. Barnshaws formed tubes for the structure, which involved bending of 1" NB. and 20 DIA stainless steel tube around the 'hands'.

Alan Potter said: 'Larkhall is taking off with new developments. Now we have a magnificent sculpture that symbolizes the future.'

Third-year pupil Rachel Boyd's idea of the Working Hands celebrating the weaving industry inspired Alan's final design.

Provost Russell Clearie, professional artist Alan Potter, Larkhall Academy pupils, local councilors and community representatives, attended the official unveiling. The project gave pupils real-life practical experience in researching and designing a public art project.

At the official ceremony, Provost Clearie said: 'Alan has told us all about the hard work and dedication that has gone into making this magnificent sculpture which I am sure will be talked about for a long time to come. Public art is a great way of expressing the community spirit of an area.'

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Note to editors

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