



Thomas Lyte Silver preserves British heritage

Thomas Lyte Silver one of the largest silver workshops' in London, specialises in bespoke and exquisite silver work. The team have a wealth of extraordinary skills, which have been past down from generations and clients range from Royal Palaces to The Ryder Cup.

The heyday of British silversmith trade dates back to the 1700's and the UK is considered to be the best in the world for silversmith craftsmanship. The English silversmith craft has become a dying art, with the closure of the majority of large companies from the 1960s onwards. Now only individual and small workshops remain.

Founder and CEO of Thomas Lyte, **Kevin Baker** has over 15 years experience in the luxury industry which included several years in an international marketing role at Alfred Dunhill.

Passionate about English craftsmanship, Kevin Baker commented: "Thomas Lyte Silver's aim is to build international recognition for English luxury, and we intend to use our considerable management expertise to re-build the silversmith craft and develop it into a profitable business.

Thomas Lyte Silver has designed a five-year business plan which includes creating an apprenticeship program over the course of the next two years. Building and expanding English silver is also central to Thomas Lyte's philosophy of supporting English manufacturing, design and craftsmanship whilst ensuring the longevity of a traditional English industry.

Currently Thomas Lyte Silver undertakes special commissions, repair, and restoration work for numerous high profile organisations and private individuals. The Football Association who retains Thomas Lyte Silver to carry out repair and restoration work on their broad range of trophies including one of the worlds most elite trophies, The FA Cup. The workshop has also undertaken special commissions for Royal Palaces across the globe, a bespoke commission for Sir Richard Branson – the Bishops Rock Lighthouse Trophy, and this year are creating the replicas for The Ryder Cup.

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