

# Keith Carrier & Son

Specialists in Lock and Key Restoration and Reproduction,  
Architectural ironmongery & Plant key suppliers

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Dear Sirs

Please allow us to introduce Keith Carrier & Son.

We have over 45 years experience and have a high profile portfolio of work for customers including Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, House of Lords, various castles, churches and stately homes, the brasses on the 17ft main staircase at Longleat, bronze locks and keys at special request for Eric Clapton, antique bureau refurbishment for Aston Villa Owner Randy Lerner, and have reconditioned locks and keys for the Royal Yacht Britannia. Projects we have recently undertaken include the repair and overhaul of a 250 year old lock and furniture on the 8ft oak door of the main entrance to Aston Hall in Birmingham, and Lock repair for singer Mick Jagger. There are too many to mention, but the chances are – over the years – we have done it. Along with standard modern lock and locksmith requirements, we pride ourselves in specialist hand-crafted furniture and our work is of very high quality, as we are sure you will appreciate from the sample of assignments detailed above.

Following an apprenticeship with James Gibbons at Snowhill, Wolverhampton, the 45 years experience has revived – and keeps alive – the forgotten hand-crafted skills that we are extremely proud to promote. During this time from an early age, my son Neil, took a keen interest in the trade and later joined me in business and has now developed into an extremely skilled Craftsman, together we successfully tackle projects that have been refused elsewhere. Neil's latest tasks that spring to mind, involved taking a pattern from a 150 year old safe manufactured by E Cotterill & Co and producing a key to fit the mechanism also six keys Handmade for an E Cotterill 150 plus year old lock and small padlock made of gold and silver at a height of only 25mm with working internal parts for a jeweller in London.

In the local area of Willenhall, which is famous for its history of lock and key craftwork, we have built a reputation within the industry assisting large manufacturers such as Yale, Chubb and Squire. Over the years they have approached us to develop locking mechanisms for their security systems. In addition to design and manufacture of locks and keys, some of our most appreciated expertise lies within restoration for churches, antique furniture and safes. We are CHAS and Construction Line accredited, and are members of the Federation of Small Businesses and also teach and are members of the Master Locksmith Association

We hope that having read this overview of Keith Carrier & Son, and profile of Neil and myself, you will retain our details and allow us to assist you with future requirements. Please also bear us in mind for minor repairs, i.e broken keys in locks, locks with no keys (we can create one). We offer a complete Locksmith service and can turn our talents to pretty much anything to do with locks and keys.

Should you have any questions, or require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to speaking with you in due course, thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully

KEITH AND NEIL CARRIER  
TECHNICAL MANAGERS