

Luke Hughes & Company's response to these issues has been to provide three product ranges which address all these issues:

CHARTERHOUSE

stacking, removable pews



ASSEMBLY

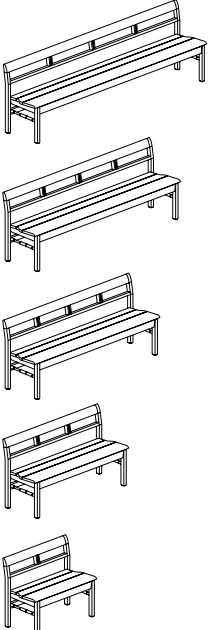
solid oak stacking, linking chairs

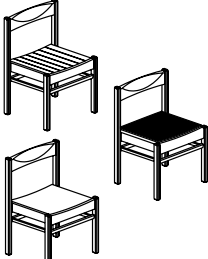



HOWE 40/4

wire-frame and timber ply shell



CHARTERHOUSE	FEATURES	BENEFITS
<p>Stacking, removable bench / pew, best suited for parish churches, school chapels, movable choir areas</p> 		Congregations can bunch up; an average 300-seat church with benches (rather than chairs) can accommodate 15-20% more people, <i>in extremis</i> ; very useful for clearing a nave or choir; ideal for churches that must be rearranged or cleared for concerts, plays or other community functions
	Restrained appearance with exceptional detailing	Minimal impact on interior architecture; particularly well suited for sensitive architectural settings
	Looks good when stacked	No need to hide them when stored in side aisles etc.
	Favoured by SPAB, English Heritage, Georgian Group, Victorian Society and other conservation groups	Less likely to be contentious in DAC Faculty applications when seeking to remove pews
	Solid oak	Patinates gracefully; compatible with most church furnishings; highly resistant to rot or insect attack; virtually maintenance free
	Links	Optional - but not strictly necessary; congregation can sit over the join
	Ergonomic	Much more comfortable than conventional pews; lower rails allow elderly and disabled to get their weight over their feet when standing up; rounded edges minimise scuffing and are pleasant to touch
	Stacks 5/6 high	Economic storage
	Optional shelf for hymn-book and hassocks	No hooks or clutter; shelf does not interfere with stacking facility
	5 standard sizes, but other sizes also possible	Enables the benches to be made to fit a particular aisle width
	Modifications possible to colour, size or detail	Adaptable for sensitive church interiors of any age
	Storage trolleys available	For ease of storage

ASSEMBLY	FEATURES	BENEFITS
<p>Solid oak stacking chairs best suited for chancel areas, side chapels, chapter-houses, parish churches</p> 	Restrained appearance with refined modelling	As above; particularly good for side chapels but aesthetically well suited to large naves too
	Looks good when stacked	As above
	Solid oak	As above
	Links	Optional
	Comfortable	As above, but even more so
	Stacks 5/6 high	As above
	Optional shelf for hymn-book and hassocks	As above
	Modifications possible to colour	As above
	Storage trolleys available	As above
30-50 year life expectancy	Good medium-term investment	

HOWE 40/4	FEATURES	BENEFITS
<p>Galvanised steel frame & ply seat shell seats best suited for cathedrals or particularly large naves, modern church interiors</p> 	Exceptional stacking capacity (40 high)	Ideal for buildings with a high 'churn' rate
	Light - physically	Individually easy to manoeuvre
	Light - visually	Low impact on interior (viz. use in St Paul's, Ely, Salisbury cathedrals)
	Linked rows up to 5 can be stacked when still linked together	Very easy to clear a cathedral nave, for instance
	Trolleys available	40, up to 160 chairs
	20-30 year life expectancy	Very reasonable medium-term investment