

MY BENCH

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WORKS AT: Ellissi

AGE: If I told you I would have to kill you

YEARS IN TRADE: 36

TRAINING: Apprenticeship

FIRST JOB: Gemcraft Jewellers (UK)

Favourite gemstone:

Diamonds – they are nature's perfect, timeless gift and are super cool.

Favourite metal:

I don't have one.

Favourite tool:

My hands.

Best part of job:

Communicating with my customers.

Worst part of job:

Polishing the big stuff like candlesticks. Luckily, I don't have to do that anymore!

Best tip from a jeweller:

Build your own bench and keep learning.

Best tip to a jeweller:

Have honesty and integrity in all things.

Biggest health concern on the bench:

Starting an apprentice.

Love jewellery because:

There are few jobs in the world where you can make something with your hands that will last a lifetime and beyond and make people happy in the process.

Is your work primarily custom makes or repairs?

Custom makes.

Do you buy tooling locally, overseas or a mix of both?

I source from both.

What frustrates you most about the industry?

Customers being misinformed.

My bench is always:

Messy, because I am always way too busy.

Favourite sport:

MotoGP.

