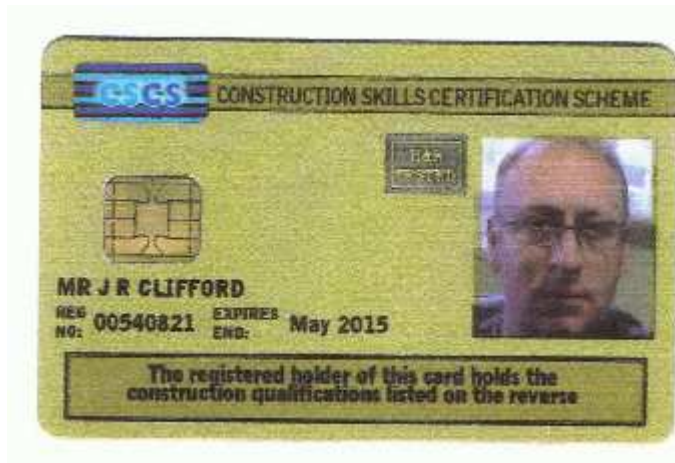


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ORNATE INTERIORS TEAM SHOWN THEIR CARDS! May 2010

A team of specialist plasterers, based in Pudsey, Yorkshire, have got the gold mark of quality after becoming some of the first craftsmen in the region to gain their CSCS cards in Heritage Skills.



Ronnie Clifford (pictured), Iain Clifford, Steve Waterhouse, Ray McCartney and Shaun Chamberlain are just 5 of 8 plasterers at Ornate Interiors to have got their cards and MD Ronnie Clifford, one of its initial proponents and most vocal advocates, is delighted: "This is a positive step forward for ourselves, the industry and the wider heritage skills sector!"



"We work on and in many beloved architectural landmarks that capture our history and it's vital that we all know how to protect, preserve and respect our construction heritage to the highest of standards," added Ronnie.

The cards have been developed by ConstructionSkills with the

support of English Heritage, the Government's principle advisory body on matters relating to the historic environment. This is partly in response to the acknowledged shortage of heritage craft skills, which the cards will help to alleviate by encouraging more people to gain the skills through training, qualification and experience.

Sophie Norton, Regional Heritage Skills Co-ordinator, commented: "Organisations such as English Heritage, the National Trust and British Waterways are already seeking to ensure that their staff hold the card if they are involved in working on historic buildings.

"A number of excellent private companies are also committed to qualifying their workforce so that they can show their high level of skill when asked.

"Ornate Interiors were among the first companies in Yorkshire & the Humber to encourage their staff to apply for the card, and can be proud that a large proportion of their workforce is fully qualified," added Sophie.

Ornate Interiors Ltd carries out lime plastering and manufactures and installs highly decorative fibrous plaster mouldings principally for stately homes, listed buildings,

hotels, churches, homes and theatres across the UK, Ireland and mainland Europe and recently picked up the leading industry award, the Humber Silver Salver, for its work on a new Metro station in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The company also works on behalf of municipal bodies, architects, contractors and surveyors in compiling restoration surveys of buildings that require repairs and is also currently recruiting for a range of plastering courses to be run over the next year.

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