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Q. What is your favourite place for lunch in Worcester?

A. Our favourite lunchtime venue is Mac & Jac's Café Deli on Friar Street. They have a wide range of teas and delicious cakes and pastries made in their in-house bakery. This family-run café has a great lunch menu and the deli sells a range of artisan products from local suppliers.

Q. What is your favourite independent business in the Worcester BID area?

A. We've chosen two businesses that always inspire us with their passion and creativity. Beautiful Flowers on New Street for their wonderful bouquets and attention to detail - this shop is a treasure trove of all things floral and has such unique products. We also love The Little Pink Cake Shop on Friar Street. This is such a small creative shop with a great selection of occasion cakes. Angela Veronica the owner has so much passion for her cakes that you cannot fail to be inspired.

Q. What would you recommend as a hidden gem in Worcester for visitors to discover?

A. We recently visited Greyfriars' House and Garden on Friar Street for the first time and were amazed by the beauty of this space in the centre of Worcester. The timber-framed merchant's house and garden are magical and for those interested in historical buildings this is a must-see attraction. They also hold lots of events throughout the year.

Q. Do you have a top tip for visitors to Worcester?

A. We are extremely passionate about the wonderful independent shops that Worcester has to offer and would advise visitors to venture off the High Street and to seek out the diverse range of shops, cafés and restaurants that set Worcester apart from other cities. By asking local people for recommendations on where to shop, eat or visit, they will find some of Worcester's best kept secrets.

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