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William Morris

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BEAUTIFULLY BESPOKE FURNITURE & UPHOLSTERY FOR LIFE

**DALESBRED**



## THE DALESBRED LIFESTYLE

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Do you see a breakfast of fresh bread, local butter and Yorkshire blackcurrant jam, or are you noticing the unusual kitchen table with a silver-green Kirkstone slate centre and hand polished maple?

We suspect it's the breakfast that caught your attention first, but that's fine. At Dalesbred it delights us when our bespoke furniture and upholstery becomes the backdrop to your lifestyle.

From the heart of the Yorkshire Dales we've been creating pieces for over fifteen years that compliment our clients' tastes, passions and living requirements. We're inspired by the ethos of the Arts & Crafts movement and in particular William Morris's dictum "have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful".

This book shows you just a few of the pieces we've recently created and how they've become part of our client's lives. To talk about what we could do for your home or to arrange a visit to our Dales' showroom then call 01524 251 798.

# MEETING POINT, ALL NIGHT CASINO & THEATRE

Everyone is out walking the fields at the moment but soon this magnificent Dalesbred commission will be covered in the spoils of summer and surrounded by old friends noisily catching up. As the evening wears on, the bespoke table and seats are long enough to host a brace of different card games and sturdy enough to withstand even the biggest of stories.





Many of our commissions begin with small, bespoke items, before our client invites us back again and again to bring their interior design visions into reality. There are some homes in the British Isles where every room has a Dalesbred piece!

## BEAUTIFUL INTERIORS

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Everything we do is designed to make your home a place you love living in. There isn't a room in your house our expert craftsmen and seamstresses couldn't transform with stunning ideas, impeccable quality and obsessive attention to detail.

We design and craft free-standing kitchens, tables and chairs of all types, and cabinets for every use you can imagine. We take the sorriest of sofas and upholster them to appear as new (we can even alter their size), and we create and fit curtains and other soft furnishings.



# PIRATE SHIP, OFFICE & DREAM CATCHER

We'd like to think it's the sumptuous material we sourced for the headboard that makes this bed so popular with the owner's grandchildren, but suspect it's the pirate ship in their imaginations. And when the bed is not bouncing along oceans, our client can often be found comfortably responding to late night emails. Best of all, our creation is the backdrop to a hundred dreams. There are probably even a few pirate adventures in those as well.



## BESPOKE & HANDCRAFTED

We are about as far removed from high-street interior stores as you can imagine. The beauty of owning a Dalesbred piece is that you know it is unique and created just for you. We pride ourselves on taking time to get to know you, your tastes and the particularly requirements of your home before producing designs.

All of our furniture, upholstery and soft furnishings are handcrafted by the team in our Dales studio (each with more years of experience than perhaps they'd like to admit) and we source the finest wood and material from across the world.



Our ethos, inspired by the Victorian Arts & Crafts movement, is to produce pieces that marry practicality and beauty, use traditional handcrafting techniques and work with materials honestly. This belief means that character and features in a piece's wood are retained and acknowledged.



# THE DALES, OUR MUSE, OUR HEART & OUR HOME



# SUNDAY FRIENDS, TALKING POINT & FAIRY FORTRESS

Thick and exquisitely sewn, these curtains play a very important part in keeping the sunlight at bay when our client fancies a Sunday lie-in. Once drawn back they become a stunning feature of the room and are always commented on when guests visit. Of course the subtleties of fabric and cut are mostly lost on the nieces who run straight to this room, hop up on the sill and begin whatever it is that fairies do.





## INSPIRED BY THE DALES

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You only have to look at pages 12 and 13 of this book to see what inspires us every single day. The Yorkshire Dales are a magnificent part of the country and we feel honoured to be working from here and using local skills and traditional crafts.

The name 'Dalesbred' is taken from a breed of hardy hill sheep and Simon, our senior craftsman, was a farmer in a former life before turning his hand to working magic with wood. Our passion and understanding for the surrounding countryside means that when you visit our studio to see your commission being made (and we encourage everyone to do so) we will also recommend local walks, pubs and sights you should take time to enjoy.



# GALACTIC ROCKET, CINEMA & WINTER RETREAT

Reclaimed from an auntie's house and re-upholstered by us, this sofa has been part of family life for five years. Wide and deep enough to transport three children on an intergalactic journey (to the Horsehead Nebula of course), it's also the perfect place from which to watch a deeply moving French art-house flick (ok, ok, Hollywood's latest blockbuster). Most importantly though, it's where the owners retreat to with papers and coffee on those dark winter Sundays that never seem to get started.



## WORKING TOGETHER

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Unlike the experience of buying furniture or soft furnishings 'off the shelf', commissioning Dalesbred to create something for your home is a true collaboration.



From our first conversations we will try to understand your tastes and individual requirements as much as possible. Taking you through our early sketches and suggestions we'll be working together to design those little details that will result in something truly individual.

We encourage all of our clients to visit our studio and see their piece being made. We find it's an extra treat to be living with furniture for many years that you've seen being turned and refined by hand!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us on 01524 251 798 and we'd be happy to answer them.





PAGE 02 Circular maple dining table with inlaid silver-green Kirkstone slate centre. Beech chopping board inlaid with Dalesbred ram's head.

PAGE 04 Twelve foot English burr oak refectory table. Oak benches covered in Zoffany fabric.

PAGE 07 Free-standing maple kitchen with granite worktop. Kitchen was fitted five years ago (and still looks new) in Dalesbred owners Simon & Sally's smithy house next to the workshops. Family dog Smithers is waiting to scare the postman.

PAGE 09 King-sized tall headboard, deep-buttoned and wall mounted.

PAGE 15 Puff-topped silk-lined curtains hung from cream and gold washed wooden pole. Roman blind from same material palette.

PAGE 18 Oxenber sofa with solid beech frame covered in herringbone chenille. Feather and down stuffed cushions.

PAGE 23 The Dalesbred workshops are in a former smithy and this piece of wood was once part of the front door. The initials were burnt by the blacksmith to show farmers the quality of brands he'd made for them. The brands were used to mark ram's horns and the set of initials here are a record of the many farmers who lived and worked in the area.

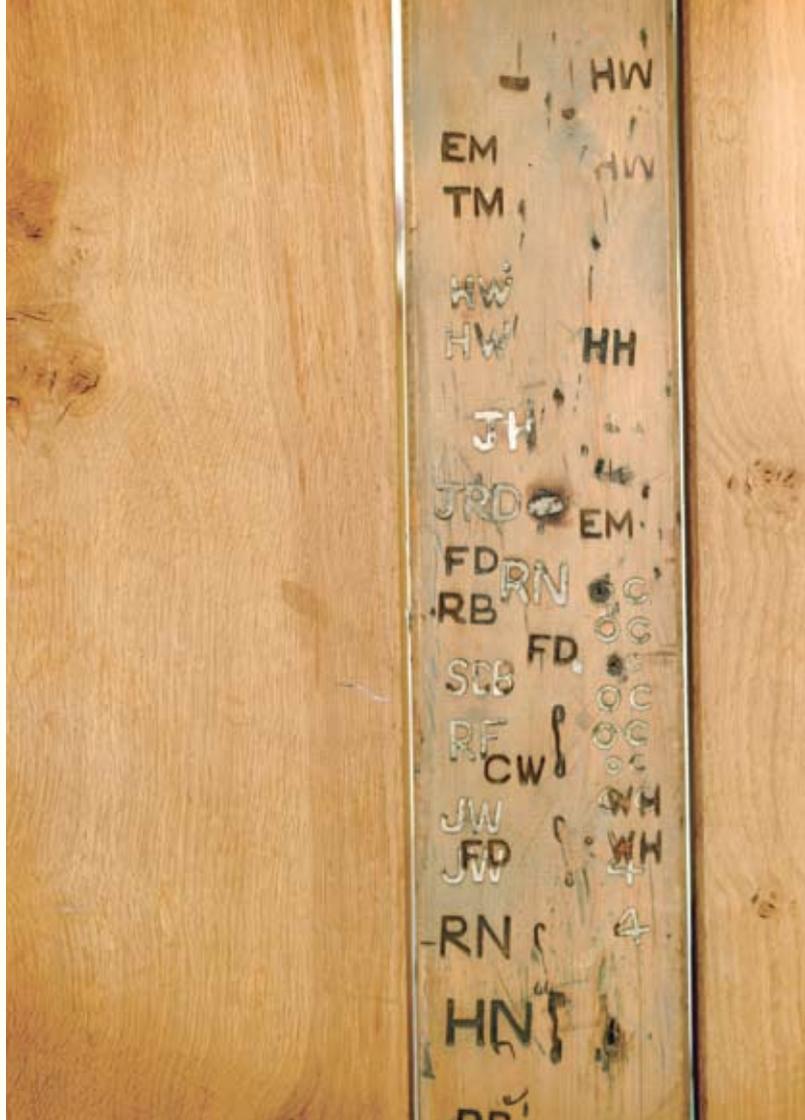
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