



## Early Summer Catalogue 2015

We hope you enjoy this collection of our work, all of which is available for purchase.

Our classic items of furniture, each piece unique, are created individually by furniture-maker Jake Humphries, in our small workshop overlooking the Haven Estuary on the western sea-edge of Pembrokeshire, Wales. Craftsmanship, good design and the use of the finest local Welsh and British hardwoods such as oak, elm or ash, ensures that our furniture is made to last a lifetime – or two. We trust that our furniture will become the antiques and heirlooms of the future.

Feel free to contact us directly for more information, to discuss a commission or to arrange a viewing. We will be happy to help you.

The workshop is usually open Monday to Saturday, but you may wish to ring first to check.

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### A Table With A Hole

We love to use British, and particularly as we live in Wales, Welsh natively grown hardwoods for our work - and this little oak table is no exception. Many furniture-makers look for uniformity and regularity in their timber, but we do like to try to capture the real essence and character of the trees themselves and so we often deliberately choose wood with plenty of knots, burrs and grain – we actually value the ‘imperfections’ for adding to the personality of the piece! This coffee table uses our favourite dark cat’s paw oak and is densely covered in natural burry patterns. Where a knot of the wood has fallen out, we have simply incorporated....the hole! You might either love it....or hate it, for going against the rules of good craftsmanship. But we rather like it and hope you will forgive us a little bit of furniture anarchy. The oak comes from a tree which grew in Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire.

See our Featured Furniture blog at <http://www.uniqueworks.co.uk/category/blog>

Diam : 79cm

Height : 41cm

Price : £635





### A Classic Dark Welsh Oak Dining Table

Full of character, this dining table was crafted to show off the beautiful dark and grainy Welsh oak from a tree which once grew in the grounds of Picton Castle, one of Pembrokeshire's grand stately homes. The table's glorious deep colour stems from the fact that the timber has been seasoning slowly and naturally for nearly twenty years. As a dining table, it should last another two hundred! The table has contemporary styling, chunky wide-set legs and a slim rail for extra leg room. The top has been beautifully finished by hand to a high sheen. The table will comfortably seat six - eight people.

Length : 142cm

Width : 83cm

Height : 75cm

Price £1,250





### The Horse Chestnut Chest

Beautiful, panelled wooden chest, made very unusually with horse chestnut wood, from a tree which once grew in Saint Davids, Pembrokeshire. It is always sad to see a fallen tree like that, but we like to think that it can be helped to live on by turning it into a piece of furniture which may be treasured by future generations.

The grain of this horse chestnut is marvellously rippled and lustrous – Jake has carefully ‘book-matched’ it to accentuate the patterning. There is a deep cut ‘V’ shaped knot hole in one end which adds lots of character to the chest. The chestnut wood is a lovely pale colour (not conker-coloured!) – we have enhanced this with a slightly tinted wax on the panelling, which has turned it a warm golden honey.

The chest is rather elegant, yet still practical - ideal for clothes, blankets or linens. Decorative enough to place in the living room, bathroom or at the foot of the bed.

Length : 77cm

Width : 43cm

Height : 45cm

Price : £395





### The Gunshot Table

A special, generously-sized console table crafted out of a single slab of rare Welsh elm, from Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire. The wood has beautiful long streaks of green, cream and pinky-brown. The table has elegant proportions with slender legs and a thoroughly useful under-shelf.

In the lower half of the right front leg there is a secret tiny detail; clear holes and metal stains from what we think were gunshot pellets, blasted into the trunk when it was alive, and now incorporated into the history of the tree. There is still one small piece of silver metal remaining on the inner side of the leg, which we have left as a little bit of archaeology in the furniture.

Length : 117cm

Width : 35cm

Height : 75cm

Price : £595





### Contemporary Welsh Oak Coffee Table

A blend of contemporary and classic, this solid little coffee table is made with stunning Welsh oak from Llandeilo, on the edge of The Brecon Beacons National Park.

The top, made from only one wide board which Jake has carefully split into two and opened up, ('book-matched'), is gloriously figured with striking, pale golden medullary rays and darker burrs.

The table has deep, similarly marked sides and modern tapered legs.

Length : 100cm

Width : 65cm

Height : 40cm

Price : £615





### Classic Square Occasional Table

Handmade with Welsh elm from near Kidwelly Castle, Carmarthenshire.

The grain is full of beautiful swirling patterns and there is a lovely natural heart upon the lower shelf.

Length : 44cm

Width : 44cm

Height : 60cm

Price : £325





### Tall Oak Cabinet

Handsome, traditional cabinet-cupboard, crafted in Welsh oak, from Carmarthenshire. The combination of design and timber selection gives this piece of furniture a special character and feel. The wood we have chosen is rich, dark and unusually well figured with ripples and 'cat's paw' marks – we've left the quirks, burrs and even small knot holes as features. It makes a most attractive piece of furniture. The door-panels are of solid oak, carefully 'book-matched' to showcase the grain. It sits on long legs and has a useful slatted under-shelf. The cabinet is lockable.

This would make a splendid drinks cabinet....or perhaps books...blankets...china...treasures...?

Width : 82cm

Height : 162cm

Depth : 38cm

Price : £2,295





### Modern Retro Style Welsh Cherry Coffee Table

This is a smart, modern style coffee table with a stylish cross legged design. The wood we have used is an unusual, light Welsh cherry wood, full of lustrous pinks and greens in the grain, which really catch the light. The colours will only become richer as the table ages. The top of the table feels as smooth as silk and is a joy to touch.

Length : 95cm

Width : 63cm

Height : 38cm

Price : £385





### Wavy-Edged Welsh Yew Console Table

An eye-catching and unique Pembrokeshire yew wood console. This beautiful side table features the paler sapwood of the wavy edges, contrasting with the rich, amber coloured heartwood. Although intensely durable, the yew wood feels as smooth as silk to touch. Interestingly, Prime Minister David Cameron thought so too, when we talked to him and showed him the table, at a special reception hosted by Number 10 at the Celtic Manor, to thank suppliers of Welsh-made products to the NATO Summit Wales 2014.

Length : 91cm

Width : 38cm

Height : 77cm

Price : £745



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### Delightful Circular Occasional Table

A classic circular occasional table, reminiscent of the furniture of the eighteenth century. This pretty and useful little table is crafted from prime dark Carmarthenshire oak and has four splayed legs emerging from the pedestal, which has been hand turned on our lathe.

This occasional table would be perfect for an elegant living room, hallway or bedroom.

Diam : 53cm

Height : 38cm

Price : £325





### Welsh Lacewood Drop-Leaf Dining Table

Created with a certain vintage styling, this is a practical and beautiful drop-leaf table, made from marvellously rare and patterned Welsh lacewood, which is also known as the wood of the London Plane Tree - common in the capital, but only grown as an ornamental tree here in West Wales.

Otherwise called a gate-legged or Pembroke table, this style of extendable table is particularly versatile and can be opened or closed to become a full-sized dining table, a square table for four, or a slim console table. If you have surprise extra guests, simply open up the table et voila, dinner for six.

Because of the quirky character of this spalted wood, this table almost has a 'vintage' feel about it and there is a small curve in the boards, which has become a pleasing feature of the piece.

Full Length: 145cm

Width: 93cm

Height: 75cm

Price : £1,195





### Tall Dark Wood Bookcase

A classy, dark wood bookcase made from sustainably sourced sapele mahogany. There are four shelves – three are adjustable and can be simply repositioned wherever and whenever you like, to give variable shelf positions. Perfect for a stylish hallway, living room, bedroom or bathroom.

Height : 130cm

Width : 35cm

Depth : 33cm

Price : £495





### The Humbug Table

Sweet little coffee table, very modern and striped! A striking and chic piece, with a nod in style to the furniture of the late 50s and 60s. The sharp lines are created using pale honey-coloured maple wood, alternating with pieces of rich, dark sapele mahogany (sustainably grown).

This table is one of the five pieces of Uniqueworks furniture which were particularly selected by Number 10, to help represent the craftsmanship of Wales, to the assembled world leaders at the NATO Summit Wales 2014. The table was showcased in the Leaders VIP Lounge at Celtic Manor during the Summit.

Length: 83cm

Width : 47cm

Height : 38cm

Price : £395





### Classic Oak Desk

An appealing little desk, made in Welsh oak. The single wide drawer has proper hand-cut dovetail joints. The legs are slender and mirror the symmetry in the grain.

Use as a work station, a writing desk, or as an elegant ladies dressing table.

Length : 79cm

Width : 50cm

Height : 77cm

Price : £575





### Welsh Beech Kitchen Table

The wood for this table came from a large beech tree that grew near Carmarthen. We seasoned and air-dried the planks carefully for two and a half years before creating this pretty little table. A high gloss polish reveals the beautiful semi-spalted grain and protects the table from wear and tear.

Beech wood is an excellent choice for kitchen and dining furniture as it is hard-wearing and also benefits from having natural antibacterial and anti-fungal properties.

Length : 122cm

Width : 76cm

Height : 76cm

Price : £650





### A Sapele Mahogany Chest

This is a beautiful dark wood storage chest, made from sustainably sourced sapele mahogany. It stays open for easy access by means of a brass chain fastening.

It is handsome and roomy, ideal for clothes, blankets, toys or treasure! Sturdy enough to double up as a seat. Decorative enough to place in the living room, bathroom or at the foot of the bed.

Length : 83cm

Width : 45cm

Height : 50cm

Price: £375





### English Pear Wood Coffee Table

Our chunky pear wood coffee table has strong clean lines. This lovely and unusual British fruitwood is naturally amber-coloured and it positively glows in the sunlight of late afternoon. It is a heavy and solid coffee table of a generous size.

Length : 122cm

Width : 68cm

Height : 38cm

Price : £495





### Gourmet Trays – For Food Presentation With Style!

We are really pleased with these, our own Uniqueworks signature design Gourmet Trays. These have proved immensely popular with our customers. They are as effortlessly stylish as they are versatile and can be used for any great food and drink presentation; impress your guests serving canapés at a party, breads and cheeses at lunch, dessert and fruit at dinner. Brilliant for tapas, dips, crudites, olives, petits-fours..... Perfect for Christmas entertaining....mince pies, mulled wine, espressos..... Or how about just a tv dinner for one? They can even be used as a great laptop rest on your knee.

Contemporary AND Classic , the Gourmet Trays are always created with gloriously beautiful British woods, which we polish to a water-resistant finish. Styled with chic metal handles. The usual size is about 30 x 50 cm.

Sizes and wood types vary as they become available. Email us or see our online shops for details  
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### Welsh Wooden Columns

Our Welsh wooden columns are made from sturdy, seasoned and polished pieces of the finest and most beautiful chunks of local timber such as elm, spalted beech and oak. Eco design at its simplest and finest, they bring cool nature into the home. Great for big church candles, for going either side of the fireplace, for resting a glass of wine as you lounge on the armchair, for displaying that exquisite little piece of sculpture....

What would you do with your's ?!

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### Welsh Wood Food Boards

Did you know we also make rather good food boards, made with lovely locally sourced wood? We call our range of homewares 'It's Natural' - because it is! We like to use beech and sycamore because the wood has its own natural antibacterial qualities. But we also use Welsh cherry, elm, ash and oak wood, because it's beautiful to look at and a joy to have in the kitchen.

Our boards are not just for chopping - with their attractive grain and natural bark edges, they look great for serving food and drinks, on the table or handing round at a party. Try them with breads and cheeses, cocktails and canapés, coffee and chocolates, dips and munchies...

If woody food boards are good enough for Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall at River Cottage...then we like them too. ps..we didn't make Hugh's ones - it just gives you an idea of how you can use them.

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### Chunky Candleholders

Create an atmosphere with our natural wood candleholders. Made from local Welsh and selected woods, they look modern and chunky and can be used singly or arranged in cosy groups. An elegant addition to a well-dressed dining table.

Perfect for holding tea-lights, these make lovely presents.

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## Welsh Wood Coasters



Every home should have them! Maybe you don't need a new table – but how about some of our snazzy natural wood coasters to jazz up your old one? We make all sorts of coasters using the stunning local wood which can be found here in West Wales. Some of our favourite trees to use have been, spalted beech, elm and yew wood.

Packs of four tied up with raffia - makes an excellent gift.

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## Welsh Wood Kitchen Spatulas



Our natural wood spatulas, crafted individually from local Welsh wood are pleasing *and* practical.

They make nice little gifts, and are functional and sturdy enough to give a lifetime's worth of use in the kitchen!

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