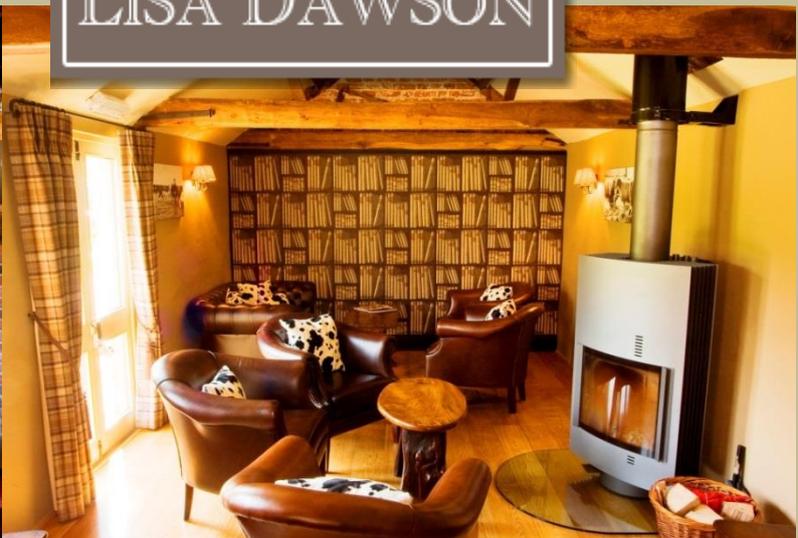


Refurbishment of Norfolk country pub

LISA DAWSON



Lisa Dawson Interior Design carried out a complete refurbishment of a Norfolk country pub giving this traditional local landmark a welcoming, comfortable and atmospheric interior. With a proven track record of successfully completing commercial projects, Lisa understood the need to maintain the local character of this popular gastro pub and most importantly was able to use the company's extensive experience, reliable portfolio of suppliers and dedicated team to complete the job within the designated time of just four weeks.

The key to success for the Walpole Arms was in the creation of a light, open and inviting interior for summer and lunchtime guests whilst still giving winter and evening guests the warm, cosy welcome they have come to expect from this well-know and much loved pub. The objectives were well-achieved, according to the owner.

Lisa Dawson was tasked with the overhaul of the whole pub, including the bar with seating, dining room, corridor and facilities. The team found inspiration for the design from the bare 'bones' of the 18th century building: from the expanse of the warm dark oak that had developed a lovely smooth patina with age, and the exposed red brick walls to its soulful structure. Lisa Dawson presented a design that both enlivened the building and delivered on the owner's vision.

Mr Michael Harrold, local farmer and new landlord said: "I had no doubt that Lisa Dawson could deliver a high quality refurbishment of the Walpole Arms, creating a beautiful interior for our guests. She and her colleagues really understand the hospitality sector, which was vital to my team and the timely delivery. They are a pleasure to work with and are knowledgeable professionals."

The company decorated the bar and seating area windows with blinds using printed William Morris linen. This print gives a calm feel and complements the dark oak beams. Abraham moon wool checks were chosen for the squabs and chair seat pads, picking out the stone, red and green colours from the William Morris design. A muted rust red contract carpet with a stone coloured fleck was used for the floor and Little Greene's 'Stone Dark Warm' was applied to the walls with 'Bath Stone' for the woodwork. The wall behind the bar was painted in 'Baked Cherry' to make this area the focal point of

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the room. ***Little Greene paints were chosen for their chalky finish and their excellent green credentials.***

The dining room played an important part in the refurbishment. The challenge was to transform a long, cold and narrow room into an inviting modern meets country-look interior. To create a sense of flow and continuity this room was painted in the same chalky Little Greene's 'Stone Dark Warm' and fitted with the wrought iron lights and silk shades.

Cole and Sons' fabulous Ex Libris wallpaper was applied to the end wall to give the sense of an old library and to visually 'shorten' the room. Old chesterfields and a large log burner give the room a wonderfully warm feel in the winter. A few quirky cow hide cushions remind visitors that the pub is located right in the centre of a farming community. Finally, a local photographer was commissioned to capture black and white images from the farms that would be supplying the pub. These were blown up onto large canvases and add points of interest to the walls. The finished project is 'tickling' many people's senses for years to come.

Lisa Dawson also carried out a complete overhaul of the Buckinghamshire Arms, which is right next to National Trust estate Blicking Hall.

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Communication with our clients is the most important element of the design process. We offer on-site visits to our clients throughout Norfolk and Suffolk and we are happy to guide you through all the stages of interior decoration whether you are embarking on full refurbishment or simply need existing furnishings altered.