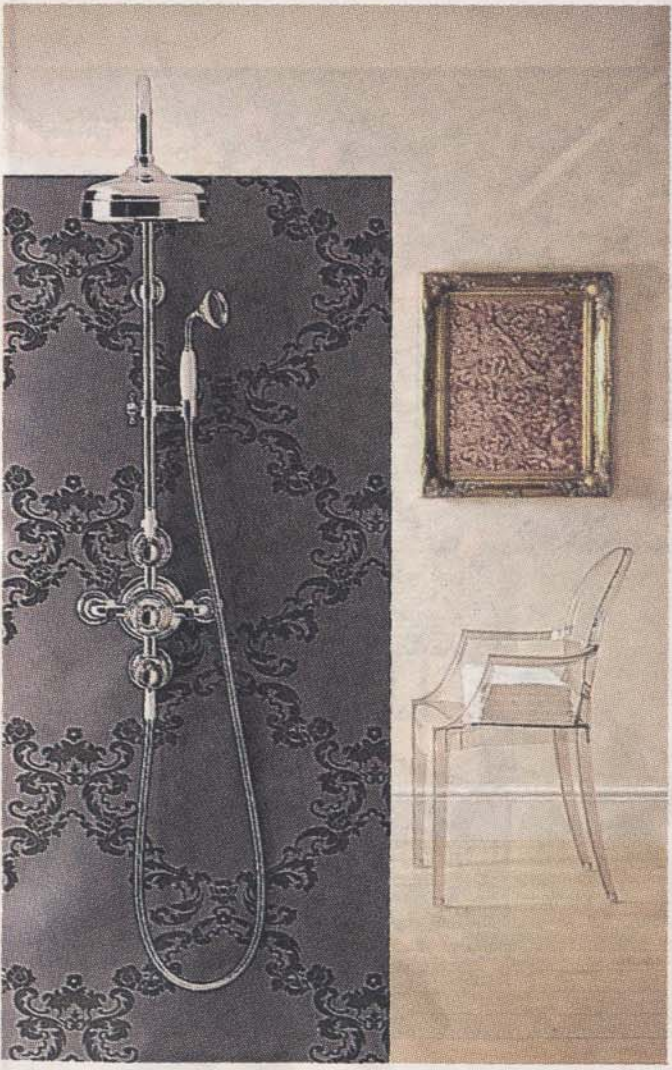


Creative minds



Water & Stone creates luxury bathrooms and bedrooms

A group of forward thinking Interiors companies has joined forces to launch a new decorative trail. **LUCY PARFORD** found out more

WITHIN the Stroud valleys there has always been a wealth of creative talent.

It is also emerging as being home to a collection of interesting workshops and showrooms which offer everything from fabric and wallpaper to flooring, paints, bathrooms, curtains and soft furnishings. Eight of these businesses have joined together to launch The Stroud Valleys Decorative Trail which is holding its first open day today. Within a three-mile radius people can source everything they need for a new interior project.



Woodchester Cabinet Makers

The website www.strouddecorativetrail.co.uk even includes suggestions of where to go for lunch.

Stephen Lewis, managing director of fabric and wallpaper company Lewis & Wood, says: "This area of the Cotswolds is packed with craftsmen and shops that are making and supplying beautiful things for the home from a set of curtains to a handcrafted kitchen.

"The trail is designed to bring together a group of the very best local companies and attract people who are interested in interiors in every shape and form to this three mile triangle for a great day out."

Lewis & Wood is based at Woodchester Mill and has 300 fabrics and wallpapers

displayed in its showroom.

The other participating companies include Bailey Paints and Scumble Goosie at the Griffin Mill Estate in Stroud, Cotswold Curtains & Interiors in Lightpill, Eagle Mill Carpets in Bowbridge, Precious Stone in Bath Road, Stroud, Water & Stone at Woodchester Mill and Woodchester Cabinet Makers in the Inchbrook Trading Estate.

Jon Madeley, founder of Scumble Goosie, explains: "We realised that our customer base had a lot in common with Lewis & Wood.

"We don't compete with each other and our customers are looking for similar things.



Scumble Goosie makes beautiful furniture

"We started to think there might be other factors of the decorative process that could be included. People who come to our premises often go to Bailey Paints or we send them there. We've got a very symbiotic relationship."

Jon founded Scumble Goosie 20 years ago which specialises in bespoke French and Gustavian style furniture.

"We don't make it here anymore but we still design and manufacture furniture," he says.

"We've had our busiest time ever the past couple of years. The furniture industry generally has been quite hard hit by the recession but we've had exactly the opposite effect."

To publicise the trail a brochure has been designed which features a specially commissioned map (pictured below) by a local

artist which has details of all eight companies and where to have a break too, including William's Fish Market and Foodhall in Nailsworth as well as The Old Lodge, The Old Fleece and The Britannia which are all decorated by artist and owner Christophe Coquoin and his business partner Nick Beardsley.

It is hoped other companies might join the trail too eventually and there are plans to hold inspiring courses and interiors demonstrations.

"There seems to be quite a lot of interest in the whole thing," says Jon.

"I think people realise it's not just a gimmick but is quite helpful for them to know about other businesses in the same area."

For more details, see the website www.strouddecorativetrail.co.uk



The showroom at Lewis & Wood

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