



WILKINSON Plc

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Earlier this year we travelled to South Carolina, America, to install a pair of 16 light chandeliers and 8 matching wall lights that we had produced.

Designed by David Wilkinson, they were based on a Victorian Perry style and adapted to suit the customer's specifications. Destined for a large ball room, scale drawings were digitally inserted into architect's plans to ensure their size was appropriate for the surroundings.

The cost for the pair and their matching wall lights was considerable due to the time and skill required to create the frosted key pattern storm shades. Each shade is made of lead crystal glass and not scientific glass (pyrex) which is conventionally used. The glass is frosted by sandblasting, then the base of each is fluted and finally the Greek key pattern is cut into the glass.

Both feature plain hollow arms and pendant Albert drops, the chandeliers are further dressed with rule drops and the wall lights include an additional central kick arm.

Photographs by Ken Crook

Interesting Fact

LED's or light-emitting diodes are extremely durable and low maintenance.

Expected to last 50,000 hours and use at least 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs, they contain no Mercury or other hazardous materials. Unfortunately a little more refinement is required when it comes to the appearance of the bulbs.



Chandelier Cleaning

Our annual Summer cleaning period has begun. We carry out cleaning and general maintenance for livery companies, private clubs and residences, during their closure or while the owners are on holiday.

We take chandeliers apart and clean them by hand; we do not spray them with solvents that can cause untold damage. Cleaning can be carried out on site and we supply all materials needed for a discreet service. Work is not restricted to chandeliers, we can clean wall lights, metal framed lighting and modern fittings.

Restoration

We are currently restoring chandeliers and lanterns for English Heritage. Following general repair, cleaning and rewiring they will be reinstalled, in addition we are making 2 lanterns that complement the style of the property

With repair, glass cutting and metalwork departments all under one roof, it allows us to restore a large variety of chandeliers. It is usually possible to replace or recreate any item that is missing or broken as well as being able to offer rewiring to British, American or any other overseas specification.

Installation

We can install chandeliers, varying in style, size, weight and location and can assist in selecting the appropriate chain, bulbs and ceiling plates for your piece.

Regularly installing throughout the UK and Europe and as far afield as North America, the Middle East and Asia.

This month our staff have been installing Adam and Osler Perry style chandeliers we produced for a private client in Kuwait.

If you would like to discuss or book for any of these services do not hesitate to contact Jodie on 01795 830000 – Ext. 204

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