

Design for life

Tim Moss has been a familiar face in Muswell Hill for some time now, but his designs remain forward thinking, as Mark Kebble discovers

Just as the kitchen is the true hub of the home these days, so too has Tim Moss become something of a mainstay in Muswell Hill. His showroom has been open on Dukes Mews for nigh on a decade now, his workshop was here before that, and even the latter has a unique connection to the N10 area, being the stables where horses servicing the area were kept.

Entering the aforementioned showroom is like entering your dream kitchen: spacious, warm and inviting. 'Some people look at that kitchen and say it's too modern, others say it's too traditional,' my host smiles when I raise that point. 'Most people today want a kitchen to fall between the two, which is where I come in because it's so subjective.'

Tim's decision making appears spot on judging by his reputation in the area. His work is characterised by an understated simplicity of line, and a natural pallet of quality materials. 'It's what people are prepared to invest in now,' he says on the flourishing kitchen industry. 'It's why it has become a real space for furniture now, not some utilitarian backstage room.' Tim shows me a host of recent bespoke projects on his computer and I find myself constantly nodding my head and murmuring in appreciation.

'Bespoke is now a loose term for some kitchen makers,' he grins wryly, 'who are simply not bespoke. Here that is what we are all about. People really appreciate the fact that the workshop is here so they can see it being made.'

Being shown around said workshop is an inspiring experience, with works in progress and a real insight into the size of the Tim Moss operation. But it's not just major kitchen revamps he has become known for, as people also come to him to design particular pieces of furniture. 'I designed a chess table for one client,' he tells me. 'I really wanted to keep it, but he said it was what he had been waiting for all his life.' King of the Hill indeed.

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Home comforts

❖ How long have you been in the N10 area for now?

I have been here for 30 years. It has changed massively. There was one place to get a coffee and something that resembled food when I first moved here. Now they are clamouring to open up.

❖ Where are your favourite haunts?

Sable d'Or for a nice cup of coffee and a croissant. The cheese shop is just a delight – the owner is lovely, but it means I end up buying more cheese! Neck Line for nice clothes, and of course Martyn's to buy my coffee.



Showing off the curved design Tim is renowned for



Storage solutions in a Hampstead home



The bespoke chess table Tim created for a client



A stunning example of quality design and functionality