



HAIR SALON'S CUTTING EDGE MAKEOVER

A LEADING hair salon in Tunbridge Wells has celebrated its 14th birthday using the very best of local talent for a private-members club-style refit.

The talented team hired by award-winning colourist Leigh Roberts, whose in demand salon has won a dedicated following of local and top London clients since opening its doors on Vale Road in 2002, included some of the community's top builders, designers and local artists to achieve the salon's new look.

Talented interior designer Justine Hodgson-Barker was chosen to oversee the impressive makeover, transforming the salon's original understated look, with minimalistic white-washed walls and sleek lines, into an emporium of decadence and style reminiscent of the private members clubs in London's Shoreditch and Soho.

Tunbridge Wells artist Beth Fraser was also commissioned to create some giant paintings to grace the walls after her work was spotted in recently-shut High Street homewares store Love Inc.

With black smoked mirrors, original 1930s lamps, a bespoke metal-dipped reception desk, bottle-green tiling and the most "rock and roll toilet you'll ever see", the salon has been designed to be a visually impressive and inspiring space for its clients and staff alike.

Designer Justine said: "The salon is not just a place to come and have your hair done but a great place to hang out, somewhere inspiring with a great atmosphere and interesting one-off furniture pieces.

"Places like Shoreditch in London are inspirational in terms of design, with the trend of using striking colours like the bottle-green tiles we've used along with industrial materials, mixed with original design pieces and the vintage furniture we've sourced."

Artist Beth, whose paintings stand nearly 2-metres tall, said: "I spent a lot of time with Leigh and Justine at the salon talking through different ideas - it really grew and developed on its own. It's been such a treat working on a large scale - I love seeing them up in their new digs!"

Leigh said of his decision for the ambitious refit: "Tunbridge Wells is changing, we've had 14 amazing years in the town and we're really grateful to everyone that has supported us during that time and made us so successful.

"The best time to change is before you need to. We recognised there has been a huge shift in design and we wanted to lead from the front, to do something new, fresh and different - we think Tunbridge Wells is ready for that..

"We used a lot of local talent to get the salon exactly how we wanted it and with Justine at the helm of its design we're really excited about unveiling it to our clients."

Leigh Roberts has now re-opened following the refit.

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PENTLAND HOMES LAUNCH BRAND NEW DEVELOPMENT OF 2, 3 AND 4 BED HOMES IN HAWKINGE

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