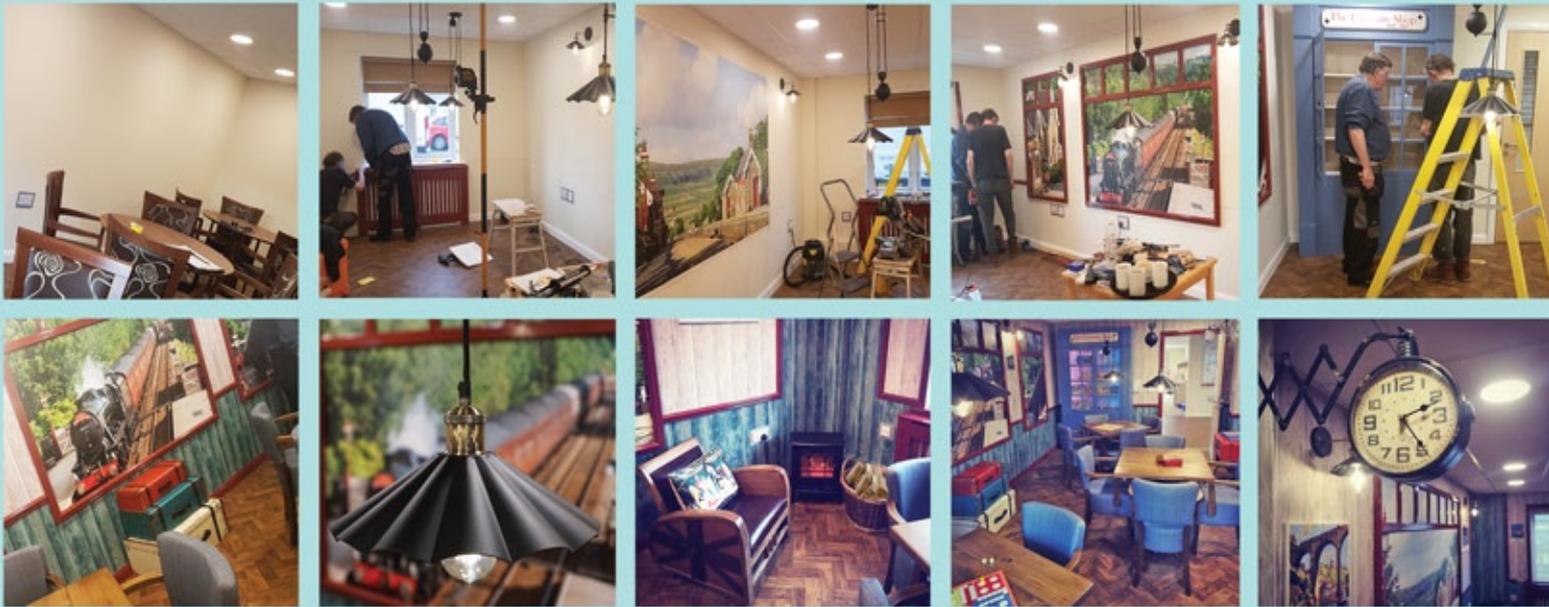




The Client - The Cuttings, 164 Station View, Harrogate



The Brief

The initial meetings

were held with the team at The Cuttings with a vision to create a unique themed activity room for their residents.

The brief was a turnkey project, starting with the production of illustrative design drawings of how we could transform their room into a Fun, Sociable and Neighbourly space for all residents to use at any time of the day.

'The Cuttings' is a new build, providing affordable apartments and communal facilities located on the original site of the Starbeck Station in 1848, so a Victorian Waiting Room was the theme chosen by all.



The Concept

To develop a themed room of 'First Class' standard

Practical task lighting and ambient pull down lamps illuminate the tables, adding drama and mood to the room.

Comfy contract armchairs with sturdy iron and plank tables bring durability without compromising style.

Suitcase accessories provide themed storage for games. An electric 'coal stove' in the corner provides a homely glow while sitting in the leather club chair reading a book. Wall decor compliments the Victorian scheme adding humour as well as creating a topic to initiate conversation.

A bespoke Curiosity 'SwapShop' was installed, complete with an audio system to recreate the sounds of a railway station from the days of steam. The touch of a Brass button plays further memorable railway sound effects from the period.



The Solution

'Tenants are whisked away to a bygone era'

Our Victorian Railway Waiting Room brings back memories to the tenants at The Cuttings, as this site was previously part of Starbeck Station in Harrogate.

The nostalgia room offers a real experience for the tenants and their loved ones to sit down and have a chat and a cuppa, play vintage games, read or just soak up the atmosphere.

The unique interactive Curiosity Shop gives the tenants a shop window to display their own memorabilia and make the room their own. The built in audio system plays sounds of the railway from times gone by and is a big hit with staff and tenants alike.

The large Victorian style windows offer a view over the sunny Yorkshire railway and countryside and becomes a great talking point for the tenants to get to know each other and make new friends.



Testimonial



"Is it possible to marry a room?"

Because we are IN LOVE with our Victorian Railway Waiting Room at The Cuttings!

The tenants are all thoroughly enjoying the space.

Visitors to the Scheme think the room is absolutely amazing. It's just spectacular! Everyone is raving about it when they enter the room.

Thank you Little Islands for transforming this room into something extremely special and personal to us! It was lovely to work with you - such a wonderful team!"

Sue Cawthray – Chief Executive & Louise Swart – Scheme Manager