

# BENNINGTON METAL *furniture*

Handmade, stylish, contemporary furniture that will add a touch of equestrian sophistication to any home or garden

Anyone already familiar with Bennington Metal Furniture will win no prizes for guessing the inspiration behind this new equestrian range.

Wendy Palfrey, whose previous career includes Harrods, Laura Ashley, Austin Reed and Country Casuals, now runs Bennington Furniture. Whilst sister Sue runs the family's other business – the royal warrant holding Bennington Carriages alongside with their Driving Academy.

As children Wendy and Sue's Shetland ponies, Dusty and Fusty, showed little interest

in being ridden so their father Michael used his engineering expertise to develop a carriage so the girls could drive them safely instead.

During the 1970's Bennington became synonymous with innovative design, exceptional quality and outstanding customer service, manufacturing carriages for the British monarchy, The Sultan of Brunei and The Disney Corporation as well as to driving enthusiasts the world over.

In 2005 Wendy returned to the family business to develop Bennington Furniture. For her this was a

natural progression to use her buying skills and eye for design, fabrics and colour to create unique bespoke items, traditional and contemporary designs for kitchens, conservatories and dining rooms. Today's furniture features the finest metals, contemporary paint finishes and an extensive range of British-made designer fabrics.

Today the sisters are both still passionate about horses, and together as driver and backstepper represented GB in World Championship Horse Driving Trials.

As Wendy says "The

Equestrian range is inspired by two things: our love of horses and our love of elegant furniture". The result is a range of handmade, stylish, contemporary furniture that will add a touch of equestrian sophistication to any contemporary home or garden.

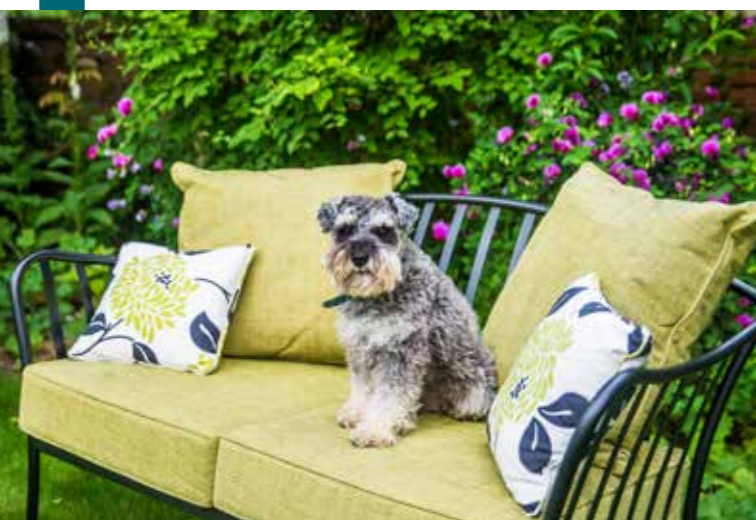
And as all the furniture is made to order by skilled craftsmen at their workshop in Nottinghamshire, customers can be assured that no request is too small – or too complex! If you need a dining table to seat six or sixteen they can adjust a design to do that. Or if you want to stretch a

conservatory sofa, or make it into an armchair, they can do that too. Wendy is also happy to help you design your own completely bespoke piece. For instance, if you want to incorporate a favourite horse's bit into a design, or would like a specifically sized bench, which features your particular mount or turnout, they will be happy to oblige.

They recently delivered a coffee table for a customer in Hampshire using his own flagstone as the top. Of Bennington he says, "I have been most impressed with

them, not only for the quality of their work but also because they were a delight to do business with and provided a personal service that inspired confidence."

To find out more, or to arrange a visit the showroom at Long Bennington, (just off the A1 south of Newark), to view the ranges and to experience for yourself the love and craftsmanship that goes into every piece of Bennington Metal Furniture call them on 01400 281280 or visit [www.benningtonmetalfurniture.co.uk](http://www.benningtonmetalfurniture.co.uk)



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