

You can frame anything at J & K Gallery

Six years ago, local couple Jayne and Kester Cocking made a decision to move to Crowborough after falling in love with the area and the people. Their dogs are just mad about their walks in the Ashdown Forest and Jayne and Kester are now having a fantastic time running their high street business, J&K Gallery on Croft Road.



Initially opened in October 2010 at their first location on London Road, and moving to their current location on Croft Road in October 2011, it has been non-stop for Jayne and Kester who are planning on staying a long time having actually purchased the building and are making plans to expand the business in the future.

Jayne has always been creative with an interest in art (even though her degree is in garden design) and it was the mutual love of art that brought her and Kester together. Kester is a self taught framer and has been framing for over 25 years after being inspired to learn the trade after having a picture framed. He ended up with a number of shops and galleries in the

North of England before selling up and moving South.

All the mounting and framing is done onsite by Kester while Jayne carries out the client consultations and manages the gallery. J&K stock mounts and mouldings by the main manufacturers and suppliers so there is a huge selection to choose from. There are



also different types of glass - standard, non-reflective, acrylic and speciality glass (museum quality invisible glass that blocks out 98% of damaging UV light).

Did you know it's possible to frame pretty much anything? To date they have had requests to frame historic medals, clothing, guns, and hats. They are also specialists in framing and hand lacing needlework to Fine Art Trade Guild Standards.

Kester also work closely with a fully qualified Paper Conservator and Restorer, an Oil Conservator and Restorer and a Frame Restorer so if you have any old documents or pictures that have been ruined over the years, they can be made to look like new again and J&K will not charge a handling fee for any work they pass onto these connections.

As well as a framing service, you'll find a good selection of paintings, prints (mounted and unmounted), frames and limited edition prints for sale. These are mainly from South East based artists. As well as all of that, they can even arrange commissions for portraits (including animals).

Many of their clients are repeat customers and they also get referrals from clients' friends who have seen their framing work hanging on a wall. I recently had a photo framed here and the quality has been admired by all who have seen it.



Whatever you need framing, have a chat with Jayne and Kester and they will certainly be able to advise you on the best solution for what you're looking for. Call them on 01892 610 770, pop into the gallery at 33 Croft Road or visit their website - www.jkgallery.co.uk.

