

A precious RESOURCE

Furniture maker Alasdair Kilpatrick is sharing his love of wood at unique Devon workshops

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LOVE what you do and you'll never do another day of work in your life - words that many aspire to, yet seldom manage to conquer.

But for Alasdair Kilpatrick, 'living the dream' has become a reality since moving to Devon with his family and setting up Little Acorn Furniture near Dunsford on Dartmoor.

He explains: "When my wife was pregnant with our first child, I decided to make a chair. It took me exactly nine months to make - so my wife made a baby and I made a chair! Then I just thought to myself, why not give it a go?"

A lot of Alasdair's work is commissioned bespoke items that include beautifully crafted chairs, coffee tables, dining table sets, handmade gates and arches, and kitchen worktops.

Alasdair also offers children's workshops and family fun days; as well a two-day stool-making course, and will soon do birthday parties for children.

He says: "The last family day I did they made a coffee table and coat rack. The coffee table has pride of place in their living room. The reason I do coat racks is so each member of the family turns their own peg, which means it's as unique as they are.

"Furniture is like a family, they've got the same parents and you can tell they're from the same place but they're as different as your children will be."

Alasdair also runs a series of two-day courses where people can have a go on a pole lathe - a medieval way of turning wood

