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Essex Life meets some of the successful ladies that are helping the county to be an even better place to do business



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Women in business promotion

What is your name and what do you do?

We are Julie & Holly Nicholls. We own Brightwell Interiors. Situated in a beautiful converted barn, in Ipswich. We offer a complete design service or we can help by adding the finishing touches, with purchases from our showroom.

How did you get started in your business?

Julie designed all of her own houses and has always had a keen interest in design. Holly studied interior design at London's Inchbald school of design, once graduated we started to renovate a barn on our farm, into our showroom.

What do you love about your job?

With our job you meet lots of lovely people, we both love being creative, it's a very rewarding job. To make someone feel comfortable in their own home is an amazing feeling.

What is unique about your business?

When designing our own homes, we found it very hard to source interiors, without having to go to London. We feel if someone is spending a lot of money on something you want to see it for yourself, not from a catalogue. We are quite unique. Come in and enjoy a coffee, browse at furniture, lighting, fabrics and accessories. We are the sole UK supplier of many brands we sell, so you're guaranteed to get something a bit different.

How do you relax?

Holly - going for dinner or watching a film.
Julie - a gin & tonic, and walking my dogs.

Where would you like to see the business in five years time?

Brightwell Interiors celebrates it's 1st birthday in May, We would like to have many happy customers returning, and to meet lots of new faces. We would like to be the destination in East Anglia as the stopping point for people in need of some inspiration for their home.

What luxury could you not do without?

Holly - my Iphone
Julie - my Dogs & family

How easy do you find it to combine family life and work?

Julie - sometimes you have to prioritise, luckily my children are older now, and I work alongside Holly so it's a lot easier than what it would have been a few years ago.