



Helpful information from Laurel Bank Antiques: York's Grandfather Clock Specialists

Furniture Cleaning

We believe the best way to protect your antique furniture, is to use a good quality beeswax polish. This should be applied three or four times a year. The wax should be applied sparingly with a soft cloth and then polished off with clean piece of cloth; a good finish comes with rubbing rather than lots of layers of wax. Try to avoid using silicon based sprays as they leave a film between the layers of wax that can be very hard to remove. Oils can also be a problem as they attract dirt and may darken the wood. Be careful when using a feather duster as they may scratch the surface with damaged quills and can also snag on loose veneers and metalwork. Intricate areas such as mouldings and carvings should be cleaned with a soft brush. We also provide a professional antique furniture cleaning service that is carried out in our restoration workshop or in your own home.

Furniture Care

Don't display furniture near direct heat sources as this can cause shrinkage, it may loosen joints and veneers and cause the wood to twist over a period of time. Direct sunlight can fade furniture so can high intensity artificial light, use blinds or curtains to reduce light levels. Before moving furniture, remove drawers and lock doors so they don't open accidentally, Furniture should be padded and covered for transport, lifting your antiques should be done with care. Check for loose areas, when lifting tables carry by the aprons or the legs rather than the top, which could come off. Chairs should be lifted (not dragged) by the seat rather than the arms or backs

Restoration Services

Laurel Bank is highly accredited in a wide range of antique restoration services to revitalise your own valued items. We use restoration skills and specialist knowledge of furniture history to provide appropriate and sympathetic conservation and restoration treatments for historically important furniture and interior woodwork in the North of England. We are leading specialists in 18th, 19th and 20th Century furniture restoration and renovation, and would love to hear from you regarding any valued piece of furniture you would like restoring:

Delivery

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