

The lady with the Lampe

SARAH SHACKLETON TELLS YORKSHIRE LIVING HOW SHE DISCOVERED AN EXCITING HOME FRAGRANCE SYSTEM

s the woman behind Love Thy Interiors, the beautiful lifestyle boutiques based in York and Thirsk, Sarah Shackleton has an inspired eye.

She is expert at sourcing lovely and unusual items for her customers' homes, and that is just as true of home ambience as it is of furnishings and décor.

When Sarah enthuses about something, it's with good reason, and she is passionate about Lampe Berger, the French home fragrance experts.

Lampe Berger began life as a response to fears about health in hospitals. Pharmaceutical dispenser Maurice Berger devised a diffuser to purify the air in enclosed rooms and the system soon became popular not just in hospitals, but for household use.

Soon designers like Rene Lalique and Coco Chanel were queueing up to create lamps for Lampe Berger, and smart homes around the world were fragranced by them, as they still are today.

The beautiful glass lamps produced by Lampe Berger are available in many shapes and colours, and the fragrances they use are just as varied.

Sarah explained that Lampe Berger had approached Love Thy Interiors to be their sole stockists in Thirsk and York. "They are an exclusive brand, and they thought they would fit in well with our image," she said.

Sarah went to Paris to find out more about Lampe Berger. "They invited me to look at their glass factory, their fragrance factory and the Lampe Berger museum," she said. "I got to see how all the lamps are made with their catalytic burners, and how all the fragrances are made, and I saw all their lamps going back to 1898 - it was fascinating!"

Sarah now has no fewer than five of the lamps in her home, fragrancing her house throughout with her favourite scent, Mineral Oakmoss. "It's a really fresh, green fragrance," she says, but adds that others may choose different scents for different parts of the house. "It might be nice to

have something like lavender in your bedroom and something a little fresher in the kitchen.

"Lampe Berger is an amazing product that, as well as fragrancing your home, destroys odours of pets or cooking, instead of masking them, and there is such a great range that there are fragrances for everybody."

There is an equally stunning range of lamps, with designs ranging from clean, clear glass to ornate designs and neutrals to bright jewel shades. Both fragrances and lamps are available now at Love Thy Interiors in both York and Thirsk.

Isn't it time that your home had the Lampe Berger touch?

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