

The table sits at the centre of any important occasion. It's a place to laugh and congregate as a household. When that table is crafted with love and supports a great cause, it's even more special.

This year, The House has teamed up with The Woodworks Project to bring you a beautifully illustrated Christmas tale. We hope that it lights up your winter and shines a light on the great work The Woodworks Project do.

The Woodworks Project run furniture and upholstery workshop projects designed to help those who have faced difficulties through mental or physical illness or a history of addiction. Learning to make and restore furniture helps people move forward in their lives in a friendly, relaxed and supportive environment.

The House will be helping The Woodworks Project raise its profile in 2016. If you would like to show your support, please donate any solid wood furniture so that it - and its restorer - can be given a new lease of life. Cash donations are also welcome, and the charity's public upholstery courses make an excellent Christmas gift.

www.thewoodworksproject.com





'Twas the week before Christmas, As we start this fable, Where alongside the tree, Stood a brand new table.





The family's old diner, Scuffed and unloved wood, Was considered a cast off, When it could still do some good. So the family thought better, And drove through the snow, The table hoisted high, And only one place to go.





The Woodworks Project were grateful, Festive spirit was rife, Ready to give that old table, A new lease of life! Back in the workshop, The table's lovingly restored, Ready to join another family, And there to be adored.



The table is finished, And it shines like the moon, Ready to take pride of place, In a new dining room.



A family wander in, To shelter from the snow, And spot the twinkling table, That's now proudly on show.



"We'll take that table, If we may be so bold It's perfect for us" And the tag said 'SOLD'.



A special delivery, Placed inside, good as new, A table with love, From The Woodworks Project crew.



It's now Christmas Day, And the turkey lunch beckons, The table stands proud, As they all head for seconds...



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Merry Christmas from everyone at The House

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Established in 2014, The Woodworks Project run furniture and upholstery workshops, designed to help those who have faced mental or physical health difficulties or have a history of addiction. Everyone within The Woodworks Project work on making, renovating and upholstering furniture, in a non-pressured environment which will later be sold in The Woodworks Project shop. Along the way everyone within the Project will learn all the skills needed to produce work to a high standard from a range of expert tutors.

If you would like to learn more about The Woodworks Project, donate your unwanted solid wood furniture or fancy picking up one of their beautifully crafted pieces, you can find out more by visiting www.thewoodworksproject.com

